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PEC Committee
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Dear Councillor Hubert and members of the Planning and Environment Committee,

The London branch of Architectural Conservancy Ontario is unequivocally against the applied for demolition of the building at 183 King Street.

First and foremost, the building is in a Heritage Conservation District. Allowing demolition of any building within an HCD would be precedent setting and should not be permitted under any circumstances.

Second, this is an important building, listed as a Priority 1 in the City's 2006 Inventory of Heritage Resources. It is an outstanding example of the Second Empire style of architecture in the city's downtown, and fits beautifully within a compatible streetscape. Built circa 1892, it was the Fraser House hotel and later a YWCA and headquarters of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; thus it is an important vestige of our city's history.

Demolishing a building within a designated Heritage Conservation District should not be allowed to happen. We respectfully ask that your committee consider the long term consequences of approving a demolition permit for this building and vote to deny the request.

Yours truly,

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