

November 2, 2015

Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee

Re: Properties Located at 275 Thames St.

As it is spoken to in the agenda, 275 Thames Street played a significant role in both our national and local history. 275 Thames Street was the former home of the Fugitive Slave Chapel, which was a point of access to a new and free life for many individuals escaping the shackles of slavery.

Both Councillor Harold Usher and I have been involved in the Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project which moved the chapel to its new home next to Beth Emanuel Church on Grey St. This was a significant undertaking for a group of dedicated volunteers who are committed to preserving this piece of our national heritage.

It is my request that the Planning and Environment Committee recommend to Municipal Council that the Civic Administration be requested to report back with possible options as to how the neighbourhood located on Thames Street between Stanley Street and Horton Street can be formerly recognized as "The Hollow" and in doing so, not hinder any future development of the area. This recognition may take form of naming the neighbourhood.

Regards,

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