



101, Windermere Road West, London, ON N6G 2J4

Councillor Paul Hubert
Chair, Planning & Environment Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Ave.
London ON

October 15, 2015

Re: The recent request for demolition of the Ontario cottage at 759 Elizabeth Street

Dear Mr. Hubert and Members of the Planning & Environment Committee

I am writing once again as Chair Heritage London Foundation, to request that the City deny the request for demolition of another significant historic building, and I hope very much you are able to give our request serious consideration.

This small house on a large lot is, of course, a tempting target for redevelopment, and the current owners have to be credited with doing their due diligence and ascertaining whether or not the property had "heritage credentials". I can understand their frustration in finding out that 759 Elizabeth Street's listing on the heritage inventory had slipped off, and therefore did not register with them when they searched for it.

Nevertheless the fact remains that the house had indeed been considered important enough to be placed on a previous version of the inventory, and this is what should take precedence in deciding this matter. Nothing changes the fact that this is an extremely important example of early building in London, and a technical or bureaucratic error should not be the cause of its destruction. It is to be hoped that the owners are encouraged to recoup their investment and sell the building to someone who will value it precisely because of its age, its unique place in London's architectural history, and for its own interesting story.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

Susan Bentley

Susan Bentley (Mrs.)
Chair: Heritage London Foundation