

Hello Jerri,

I understand that it is possible to add some information relative to 759 Elizabeth Street for the upcoming Council meeting relative the decision made by the Committee of Council last night [2 November 2015]

As may be noted to Council, I was commissioned to review the subject building to determine its age and provenance relative to the Ontario Heritage Act. Staff had recommended Heritage Designation of the property. I testified yesterday evening relative to my findings relative to the merits of Designation of the subject property.

My on-site review and review of records indicates that the property at 759 Elizabeth Street does NOT merit Designation as a historic property under the Ontario Heritage Act. My review of the information that was put forth by staff is that many of the assumptions in the staff report are not factual, including a statement that this is an early example of a Regency cottage. In fact, the building has little or no characteristics of a Regency cottage – it has been renovated in relatively recent years to appear to be an historic Regency cottage.

In order to merit designation under the Ontario Heritage Act, a property must meet one or more of a number of criteria put forth by the government of Ontario. Attached is a listing of those criteria, and a description as to whether or not the criterion is, in fact, met.

I am a certified heritage professional by the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals. And I stand by both my research and the report submitted to the Committee of Council. I understand that I would not be permitted to address Council directly, so please accept this email and its attachment as a statement to Council relative to this issue.

Regards,

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