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**Subject:** re: Importance of 759 Elizabeth St (Carling Cottage)

I am writing to you today in support of saving the cottage at 759 Elizabeth St from demolition.

This small but significant part of London's history shouldn't be overlooked just for the sake of progress. Too often London has ignored its history and an example such as this cottage shouldn't be overlooked. I understand that we can't save all of London's built heritage, but this situation is a unique opportunity to save a link to London's past that will be lost if you allow demolition to occur. The Carling cottage is a link to a time when life in London was simpler and London was still finding its identity. It has stood the test of time and has seen the entire neighbourhood around it change.

The fact that John Carling was an owner of this cottage for a while should have great influence in your decision, as he has played a big part in London's history - an important businessman, the owner of Carling Brewery in London, he was associated with the establishment of Wolseley Barracks across the road from this cottage, and was influential in federal politics serving as an MP for many years. He also helped ensure the Great Western Railway, the London and Port Stanley Railway, and the London, Huron and Bruce Railway passed through the city. In later years, he was knighted by Queen Victoria for his many years of public service.

This cottage even though it is small compared to other heritage buildings in London, is an important part of London's cultural heritage. I urge you to support saving this building and having it designated a recognized heritage property.

**History is but a moment in time - Whether large or small it still matters**

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