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Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Lysynski, Heather
Subject: 1656 Hyde Park Road - Do Not Destroy This Property

Attention: Committee Secretary
Re: Request for Demolition of Heritage Resource property at 1656 Hyde Park Road, London, ON

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter / e-mail regarding the Request for Demolition of 1656 Hyde Park Road, London. This property is on the Inventory of Heritage Resources.

I completely know in my heart and soul that this property needs to be protected and saved and honoured as a heritage property.

I grew up living in this house and home and since that time it has been totally neglected - I have seen this house destroyed more and more each year. The garage was torn down. The front porch destroyed etc. etc.

My parents purchased this property from the 2nd owner and she chose our family from a list of buyers as she knew this home needed to go to our family. Our Family owned the Gifford Farm Market stores in London, St. Thomas, and Port Stanley and due to some reorganizing my parents had to sell this home in the late 80's.

I am now an International Multi Award Winning Singer/Songwriter and I write music to inspire and promote global love and kindness.

This past year, I released my 5th International album which is in partnership with New York Times Best Selling Author Anita Moorjani who's world-wide-best-selling-book has been optioned by Ridley Scott. Just two weeks ago Anita was on the Dr. Oz Show.

I share this information with you, because it was this very home - 1656 Hyde Park Road where I took my first piano lessons and found out I had been accepted to the very wonderful school of St. Mary's Choir and Orchestra Program to study music in the enriched music program that has allowed me to become the public person I am that expands love each day in hearts around the world.

I became public with my music career in 2011 after my Father's tragic suicide in hope of helping people with kind conscious music - since that time, my music is shared more and more around the world - each and every day my music grows more fans. I was actually just in Toronto with my Award Winning Producer this past week bringing a new song to life to help endangered species, and to promote world kindness through helping the children.

Let's face it, London is known for strip malls and box stores. Is that all we are?

We have a responsibility to protect some of our history here in this forest city which is why we have this heritage protection in place. What sort of precedent are we setting for the future if we destroy what we are suppose to protect? I don't understand why it is even up for debate - but that is your job to navigate and discern not mine.

I completely "on record" oppose destroying and demolishing this house.

The owner should not be allowed to demolish this heritage property and as a Londoner that is 39 years old, I know we need to keep some of the old buildings that built this city to what we know it to be today in order to keep some historical culture alive for future generations to come.

Imagine if Europe demolished everything for the sake of progress. That is not even something I can fathom. I have travelled Europe extensively and I cherish our rich human culture that we keep alive for all people to enjoy. The fact is, this is your job - and I humbly ask you to save this precious historical property with all your might!

Hyde Park has nothing really left from when I was a child and the history of this spot is rich with love. I have seen farm after farm destroyed that I played on as a child. The farm where we boarded our horse is totally gone - that home and barn demolished - that land now sits vacant

waiting for "progress". What is progress to me I know is definitely not destroying history or culture that helped us to become what we are.

I respectfully speak out, requesting that this building be preserved as part of our city's Heritage, and that this structure, be restored to its former beauty for the enjoyment of many future generations. I would really love to tell my children that the city of London protected the heritage home where their Daddy grew up.

Thank you for considering my request.
Respectfully and in full grace and gratitude,
Paul Luftenegger

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