

September 15, 2016

The Chair and Members of the
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Heritage Properties – Property Standards By-law

The preservation of heritage properties in the city continues to be a priority for Municipal Council. Members of the public have consistently expressed concern that properties may be left by the property owner to deteriorate resulting in “demolition by neglect”. The City’s Property Standards By-law CP16 does contain regulations requiring owners to maintain properties that are designated and/or are located within a Heritage District under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. There however appears to be no additional protection provided for those properties that are listed on the City’s Inventory of Heritage Resources that are not designated and/or are not located within a Heritage District.

In order to recognize the importance of all heritage properties in the City and to ensure that properties are not left to deteriorate, I am seeking support of the following recommendation:

“That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review and report back with regulations that could be put in place, including, but not limited to amendments to By-law CP-16, A by-law prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property (Property Standards By-law) that would require owners of properties that are listed on the City’s Inventory of Heritage Resources, regardless of whether or not they are located within a Heritage District, to be maintained in a similar manner that is currently required for those properties that are designated and/or are located within a Heritage District under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.”

Respectfully submitted,

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