

To Members of City Council, London Ont.

This letter is in regard to the regular City Hall meeting this coming Tuesday 25, 2017. Specifically, the vote on designating all three barns located at 660 Sunningdale Road East onto the Heritage List.

At the planning and Development meeting on July 17, 2017, it was agreed that heritage partners should be engaged in all levels of the planning process.

Designating these three buildings at this time would allow breathing room for Planning and Heritage partners to fully establish the heritage significance of these buildings. The property history, location, and build. All of the uniqueness that is part of the heritage formula.

The owner of the property asked an employee of City Hall if he “needed a permit to demolish a BARN”, when he knew the heritage designations already in place. I believe this to be an unfortunate circumvention of responsible process.

Ms. Cassidy, Councillor for Ward 5, was also surprised that in previous discussions on the property, no mention was made of the heritage designation of the buildings.

At the LACH meeting on July 10, 2017, the owner of the property, lead every member of the committee to believe that the barn was going to be faithfully reconstructed at another location. Some members of committee were also swayed by the damage already done by the owner at its present location. Even with this information, the vote was not unanimous. Further information has suggested that the owner was aware reconstruction, other than the roof, was impossible.

This series of events has led to a need to scrutinize the situation by various levels to establish damage, reconstruction possibilities and responsibility.

You have a responsibility to the past, present and future.

Please consider voting for this designation to allow time for various investigations.

Thank you for your consideration,

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