



Chair, Built and Natural Environment Committee
City of London
300 Dundas Street,
London, ON

September 8, 2011

Re: 129 Wellington Street

Dear Chair and Committee Members

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Pathways Skill Development and Heritage London Foundation we would commend the staff recommendation to you.

The building, know as the Red Antiquities Building, at 129 Welling street is one of the oldest surviving wooden building in London. Built with a rare form of wide board wooden construction, it is also one of the oldest wood frame commercial residential side by side buildings.

The entire building has been raised and new foundation dug. The exterior siding has been removed and restored. The project has 18 unemployed workers gaining valuable experience and skills in order to return to work.

The building has is an icon in the SOHO community and strategic in the community improvement plan. It has become a metaphor for the rejuvenation of a neighbourhood. It will serve as the offices for several small non profits in the future.

To date renovations excluding purchase of the building have cost \$287,000. In addition there has been in kind product donation of \$40 000 and the labour of the workers is covered by MTCU job creation grant.

It is anticipated that the restoration will be complete in late spring of 2012. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any further questions arise.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Culford".

Larry Culford
Chair, Pathways

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Manness".

John Manness
Chair, Heritage Foundation London