

Hi, My name is Grethe Welsh until recently my husband and I had lived in Lambeth for over 60 years but have lived on Broadway Ave. , beside the former McEacheren School for 40 years. We have seen it deteriorate after it was closed down. Our question is, why didn't the city deem it heritage while it was owned by the TVSB. We feel, if it had been looked after properly BEFORE it was sold then there might have been something left now worth deeming heritage. My husband's father ,my husband and his children all went to McEacheren and even my husband's children say," it's time to let go."

The majority of people we have spoken to feel that McEacheren School has done it's duty for the community. In the fall of 2016, after the public but before a pre-hearing, my husband and our neighbour went door to door in the surrounding school area and collected over (100) signatures in a short period of 10 days. If the weather hadn't changed that figure would have exceeded by a lot more. There are a lot of people that we have spoken to that would like to be at these meetings but people have told us, the timing, transportation and parking facilities make that very difficult for them to attend.

Last winter at the meeting of the hearing in January 2017, we arrived at City Hall where the hearing was to be held and the sign said (NO PARKING AVAILABLE) so we had to park over two blocks away on Clarence St. and my husband had to push me in the wheelchair over bumpy icy sidewalks just so we could attend the meeting.

Now for the heritage part of the school, we feel that there could possibly be options opened to incorporate different types of memorabilia into the decor of a new modern facility, for future generations to look at and read up on it's history. Lambeth is unique, we will not forget what this school has meant for many of us! GO FORWARD NOW!

Our community, as well as other areas around us, would greatly benefit from a modern medical facility to facilitate all the modern technology that we also deserve out in our area of the City of London. As many of you already know, there is a problem with our transit system in our area. So many people who don't have transportation or drive have no way to accommodate appointments as they are dealt out to them. A new medical building in our area could help a lot of us. We also have many seniors in these areas, so we need a multi faceted medical building in our area and it has already been delayed enough.

So we can move forward, before the council makes a decision about the designation of McEachren, we ask you to PLEASE contact Lambeth Health Organization and ask to have a walk through to see the deterioration we are talking about. Then you can see for yourselves the deterioration we are talking about and keeping in mind, you are trying to keep heritage in a building that does not show a lot of the original building anymore. If you do go see for yourselves, please notice that the front entrance is bricked in by TVDSB from its original appearance, as well as most of the windows on the sides and you are asking to designate this building heritage. This is only a few of the changes.

WHAT KIND OF HERITAGE IS THE CITY TRYING TO KEEP WHEN THERE IS VERY LITTLE PART OF THE ORIGINAL BUILDING LEFT?