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Via Email

Heather Lysynski
Committee Secretary
For inclusion on the
Planning & Environment Committee Agenda on July 16, 2018.

RE: 172 Central Avenue, London Ontario

We have recently become aware of the proposed demotion of 172 Central Avenue. We understand this to be the former residence of a member of Six Nations of the Grand River and person of national significance, Dr. Oronhyatekha.

We write to express our objection to this action as it is associated within a designated heritage district with intrinsic characteristics that reflect the prominent life and lifestyle of Dr. O.

Considering the lack of information on Indigenous content within the school system and the general public, preserving the home has the potential to be a teachable moment.

Rather than work toward demolition, our desire is to seek out a resolution of designation of 172 Central Avenue in association with Mohawk leader and trail-blazer, Dr. Oronhyatekha.

To quote Dr. O, "*there are a thousand Peter Martins (his baptized name) but there is only one Oronhyatekha*". As such, there is only one 172 Central Avenue that reflect his Victorian values and Mohawk ideals.

Kind regards,

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