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Ms. Heather Lysnyski
Committee Secretary
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London, Ontario

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Housing

445-2235
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Re: Agenda Item for July 16th, 2018
House at 172 Central Avenue
London, Ontario

Human Resources

445-2223
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The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Six Nations of the Grand River urge the City of London to preserve the house located at 172 Central Avenue as a heritage building. We urge the City to strongly consider the historic importance of this house which was built by Dr. Oronhyatekha (Peter Martin) in 1882 and where he resided until 1889.

Lands/Membership

445-4613
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Dr. Oronhyatekha is a person of national historic significance who became the Supreme Chief Ranger (CEO) of the Independent Order of Foresters in 1881. This is a position which he held for 26 years, and as such, resided in London, Ontario, while he built the organization into an international entity. His significant duties finally called him to reside in Toronto and he moved there in 1889. (See Link - <http://www.mbg-tmt.org/assets/Nation%20Building/DrObrochure.pdf>).

Lands & Resources

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Dr. Oronhyatekha was a Physician and was the first Indigenous Person to attain such training and certification, having studied at Oxford in England. He was born on the Six Nations Reserve and was baptized Peter Martin. He later married Ellen Hill (Deyoronseh) from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte at Tyendinaga Reserve.

Parks & Recreation

445-4311
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In addition to being highly regarded in international circles for his accomplishments, Dr. Oronhyatekha's legacy is cherished by both the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Public Works

445-4242
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It would be in order to suggest that the City of London should likewise be proud to have had this important citizen who, while he resided in your City, was the architect of a significant international organization named The Foresters. His stately home is a testament to his accomplishments and you should take the utmost care to preserve this historic building.

Social Services

445-0232
(f) 445-1783

Welfare

445-2084
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Should you have any questions or require a meeting to further discuss this issue, we would be pleased to accommodate you.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,



Ava Hill
Chief
Six Nations of the Grand River

Cc: Chief Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
Cc: Paula Whitlow, Woodland Cultural Centre



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CULTURAL CENTRE

6 July 2018

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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cc. Tanya Park, Ward Councillor

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