



North Talbot Neighbourhood Assoc.

Dear Dr. Dent,

We live in the North Talbot Community, the oldest and most historically significant community in London. Many of us have been waiting patiently to have our community recognized as a Heritage Conservation District only to have it bypassed for heritage designation over and over again.

While we wait, we lose more and more buildings of historical value undermining its very history. We are once again fighting to preserve some of the most significant heritage buildings that define not only this neighbourhood but London's history as a significant industrial area.

We support the heritage designation of 197 Ann St. the site of the last remaining brewery in North Talbot - Kent Brewery. We also support the heritage designation of 179 and 183 Ann St. - the homes of John Hamilton (183 Ann St.) and his son Joseph Hamilton (179 Ann St.) - owners of Kent Brewery.

This end of North Talbot was home to Carling Brewery and Kent Brewery as well as a host of other mills along Carling Creek. The creek and adjacent pond provided both a source of energy, water and waste disposal for these industries - hence the street Mill St.

Just south and west of this area were the mansions of these entrepreneurs and south of this site were the homes of the many employees of these industries.

The entire area tells a complete story and we no longer support preserving a tiny remnant of history here and there. Instead we want complete histories preserved so people can place faces to places and spark a true appreciation for the history of the city. We want the whole story told and preserved.

It is unique that the Hamilton Family lived next door to their business, whereas many other entrepreneurs chose to live in more affluent neighbourhoods. It is noteworthy that the "History of the County of Middlesex" first published in 1889 by Goodspeed states:

**W. A. & C. L. GOODSPEED, PUBLISHERS.
p. 373
says of Kent Brewery**

"The premises form one of the oldest landmarks in the city, and are located on Ann Street."

That comment was made in 1889. Therefore in 1889 Kent Brewery was already considered a historical landmark.

https://archive.org/stream/historyofcountyo00torouoft/historyofcountyo00torouoft_djvu.txt

Residents of North Talbot want the history of the community preserved as a whole. Time is running out.

Sincerely,

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