

January 23, 2020 via email pec@london.ca

Mayor and Members of Council City of London, City Clerk's Office 300 Dufferin Ave London ON N6A 4L9

Re: 247 Halls Mill Road – Proposed Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act

I have recently been retained by the owners of 247 Halls Mill Road to assist them with respect to the City's proposed designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. I have reviewed the materials that were before PEC at the public participation meeting on January 20, 2020. I understand PEC is recommending that notice be given under the *Ontario Heritage Act* of Council's intention to designate the property at 247 Halls Mill Road. I have also reviewed the list of reasons for the proposed designation in Appendix E to the report prepared by Mr. Barrett.

I am writing to request that Council defer a decision on proceeding with designation of this property and on the demolition request for a short period of time in order to allow the Owners to meet with staff to discuss the scope of the proposed designation, including the heritage attributes. As set out in the staff report, the barn was the subject of a demolition permit in 2008. There are several layers to this matter, including an Order to Make Safe and an Order to Comply issued by the City that may also be resolved through discussions. This matter is understandably of great importance to my Clients and could have tremendous financial impacts.

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The Owners undertake not to carry out any demolition activities or alterations on the property pending discussions with staff, which should alleviate any concerns on the part of the City regarding the structures on the property. Furthermore, if Council defers this matter, my Clients will withdraw their request to demolish the barn for the time being, in order to remove the concern that the City needs to proceed with designation within 60 days or it will be deemed to consent. In my view, additional discussion with the benefit of representation for the Owners could avoid lengthy and costly appeals.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours Truly, **BAROUDI LAW** 

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