



North Talbot Neighbourhood Assoc.

Regarding Heritage Designation of 197, 183 and 179 Ann Street.

Dear Members of the Planning and Environment Committee

I am asking that you please support the recommendation brought forward by London's Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) to designate 197 and 183 Ann St. as heritage properties in the North Talbot Community.

I am also asking that you please go further and award heritage designation to the property at 179 Ann St. too because it was the home of Joseph Hamilton, the son of John Hamilton who ran Kent Brewery after his father's death. He was as important in the story and history of the Kent Brewery as his father.

It was the North Talbot Community that originally approached LACH members to consider heritage designation for 197 and 183 Ann St. and requested that these properties be reviewed by the Stewardship Sub-Committee. We are grateful to the members LACH and the sub-committee for accepting our request and their hard work. At the time of our request we were unaware that we could also extend the review to 179 Ann St., the home of Joseph Hamilton.

I am encouraging the committee to preserve complete stories of the local history. These buildings, especially the residences of the Hamilton Family, retain the original architecture but more importantly they tell a family story and contribute to the broader industrial history of the entire area. The LACH report describes some of this history as an entrepreneurial business 'hub'.

Enduring family business, even today, are considered admirable. It is important to celebrate those successful businesses even if they occurred 150 years ago. Finally, I am asking this committee to raise the bar for development proposals, such that they must incorporate and preserve original heritage sites in their original forms. These challenges often produce the most creative, innovative and original designs, something we all desire in architectural and living spaces.

Sincerely,

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