

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 93-95 Dufferin

I vehemently OPPOSE the demolition of 93-95 Dufferin Ave.

History keeps repeating itself. Why do we not learn from our mistakes?

The City of London bequeathed the gift of a heritage designation to the above said properties in exchange for allowing the destruction of Camden Terrace, a historically important and architecturally unique building from London's early days.

I personally participated in the conversation during the development of the London Plan for the sole purpose of ensuring that the integrity of our heritage buildings would be protected and honoured as we continue to grow and develop our city. At the time, it felt as though voices like mine were heard, yet here we go, around the mulberry bush, again. Oak Park should not even be given the ear of council to cry the blues about why 93 and 95 Dufferin should be demolished. Old Oak bought the buildings and have a responsibility to restore them. This is where the story needs to end.

City Hall sits on the corner of Dufferin and Wellington in a building that itself served to erase one of the most beautiful corners in our downtown core. That corner was once home to gorgeous mansions that graced the edges of Victoria Park. Everyday should be a reminder of a colossal error on the City's part.

Those of us who live in heritage homes, are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of our properties. Old Oak should be held to the same accord.

Stop erasing our history. Learn from the past in an effort to move forward.

DO NOT allow the demolition of 93-95 Dufferin.

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