

Chair and Members, Planning and Environment Committee
c/o Heather Lysynski
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Hello Heather,

It seems to me that I haven't had many occasions to contact you. The last time being when I made you aware that George Goodlet was our representative to be nominated for the Historical sector (Dec., 19, 2011) for LACH.

I now find reason to contact you of greater significance overall, that being the Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project.

Shamara Baidoobonso contacted us recently, therefore we discussed our intentions at our last Executive meeting. The outcome was that we support the FSCPP.

We were unsure exactly what the best method of support for their endeavor was until recently April 10th when Shamara contacted me again requesting a letter of support. Due to the fact that we have our Executive meeting every month at month's end I have surveyed the Executive as to their opinions that should be included in our letter of support to you.

The following are their direct comments:

"Being on the LACH, I fully support the designation of the original portion of the former church and its removal to the Grey St. site. I also support an archeological investigation of the property at 275 Thames St. (the site of the former Fugitive Slave Chapel) and the adjoining properties, i.e. 277 and 281 Thames St.

Ditto as a member of the LMHS and a student of London's history."

Dan

Dan Brock, past past president LMHS, historian and celebrated author of London history.

"I agree with Dan that we should support the preservation and documentation of this important site even if tricky to gather data for pre 1860s"

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Theresa

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“I strongly support sending along a letter of endorsement from the Society.”

Marvin

Marvin Simner, Education, Promotion, Museum London Chair, LMHS, Professor UWO, historian and celebrated author of London history

“We support sending a letter too.”

Catherine and Elizabeth

Catherine McEwen Past Publication Chair LMHS, historian and celebrated author of London History and Elizabeth Smith Treasurer LMHS

“You've got my vote too.”

Jennifer

Jennifer Grainger Vice President of LMHS, historian and celebrated author of London History

“I 100% agree also, great that it will be used as a community gathering spot and next to property already owned by those vested in its success.

I think it would be great if the donation info could be shared at the next few upcoming meetings as well.”

Thanks,

Roxanne

Roxanne Lutz, Publication Chair LMHS, Board Member Eldon House.

“At the last Executive meeting we decided to wait to see what this committee required. Now we know, an appropriate letter should be sent as requested.”

Thanks Steve

Steven Liggett Past President LMHS

As you can see we entirely support the FSCPP. This is a historically significant building not only as a refuge for people as a house of Worship but also perhaps as an accomplice in the Civil War insurgence.

Please enter our letter into your record to be a part of the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Thanking you kindly in advance for consideration of our opinions,

Sandy McRae

President

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