



Letter of Support

April 14, 2013

Chair and Members, Planning and Environment Committee
c/o Heather Lysynski
City Clerk's Office
London City Hall
300 Dufferin Street
London, Ontario N6A 4L9

Dear Heather Lysynski,

It is my pleasure as a Board of Director of the African Canadian Federation of London and Area (ACFOLA) to write a letter in support of the Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project (FSCPP); a community-based effort to save the former African Methodist Episcopal Church that was known as the "fugitive slave chapel."

The building at 275 Thames Street is very important to our heritage not just as Africans or Black Canadians but to all Canadians as it is part of our Canadian history. We must be proud that London has such a landmark that sheltered many slaves. It was instrumental in the fight against slavery and the Civil War and that is why ACFOLA believes it is worth saving.

In addition, this project will help ACFOLA to educate our members about their African heritage here in Canada's London and give back to the community as proud African Canadians.

We would also like to kindly ask you to enter this letter of support of the FSCPP into your records.

Thank you kindly,

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