

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Lysynski, Heather <hlysynsk@London.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ontario Heritage Act

Hello Ms Lysynski,

I would appreciate if this letter was added to the public agenda for the July 26, 2021 Planning and Environment Committee for item 2.10 - Proclamation of Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Regulation 385/21. and Draft Ontario Heritage Toolkit.

I do not know yet if I can be present for this meeting but will ask for delegation status by 9am Monday if I can.

Dear Members of the Planning and Environment Committee,

Residents of North Talbot have for many years campaigned to have their neighbourhood recognized as a Heritage Conservation District and the City is moving forward with this review. The Kent Brewery at 197 Ann Street and the homes of the brewmasters, John and his son Joseph Hamilton at 183 and 179 Ann Street tell a complete story of the history of the Kent Brewery and segue into the broader industrial history of North Talbot and Carling Creek and the importance of the CPR rail line. Thankfully much of this history remains intact along Ann Street and Richmond Street.

Amendments to the Heritage Act are in part meant to push municipalities to decide heritage value in advance of a 'prescribed event' and provide more certainty to residents and developers. Given the length of time needed to research and evaluate these properties, Council needs to issue a Notice of Intent prior to receiving a planning application to being the process.

The new amendments are applicable to the new application that will be submitted by York development and I encourage you to be upfront with your intentions to designate. Leaving the decision for review at the same time as a review of a planning application confuses the evaluation and pits heritage value against development.

Sincerely,

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