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Sent: August 24, 2022 11:07 AM

Subject: Re: heritage designation Kent Brewery

Dear Neighbour,

The Planning and Environment Committee narrowly approved heritage designation for the Kent Brewery at 197 Ann St. and the home of its brewmaster, John Hamilton at 183 Ann St. It is important to note that the heritage designation does not protect these buildings from demolition if a request to demolish was brought forward to Council. That's why the staff recommendation was adopted, because demolition is still on the table.

York development brought an objection forward against heritage designation because they likely know that they would not win if they appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal. The Kent Brewery and the home of John Hamilton is so unique that an independent impartial govt. body would likely uphold its heritage designation.

Councillor Shawn Lewis and Steve Hillier opposed and it is anticipated the Ward 13 Councillor John Fyfe-Millar will also oppose heritage designation as he has acted shamelessly on behalf of York Development all along, and spoken condescendingly to residents expressing real concerns regarding heritage preservation, and massing of the proposed development.

The zoning amendment approved by Council which allows for two massive towers and a commercial zone to be build without any green space for the neighbourhood - no trees, no green space for residents - just a giant block of a building - has been appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Staff report: <https://pub-london.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=94249>

Councillor John Fyfe-Millar receives donations from York Development and Mayor Ed Holder receives thousands of dollars from York Development. Election donations are on the public record and can be viewed by anyone.

But what is so important, is that while John Fyfe-Millar may have rich business friends, there are far more everyday people that feel they lack representation and resent being rolled over by big money.

Thank You for anyone that signed onto the community letter supporting heritage designation. We will be doing this again for Council.

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