To the Development and Planning Committee:

Our property, 13489 Winston Churchill Drive, was bought with the intent of using the land for a place to build our new home. This was a plan that was in the work for over seven years. It takes time to save money to make this dream a possibility. Five years ago, we found 13489 Winston Churchill Drive and bought it to build our new home. Four years later, we finally were ready and began the beginning stages of the project. We were then notified that the dwelling was listed as a potential heritage property (not designated).

The possibility of a designated home on the property greatly impacts the plans of our project. We have conducted a heritage assessment and the report shows that the building itself is not significant or good enough to keep. The exterior of the house has been altered as the wood paneling around the house is not from the original dwelling, the door was also replaced (it does resemble the original, but it is not authentic).

In the heritage committee meeting, mentioned, such as documenting the property. Our Heritage Consultant has many pictures of the house that were submitted to the city's heritage committee as documentation of the property. We are open to salvaging the heritage-like components of the house such as the door etc.

We do not wish to add an extension to the original dwelling or keep as an axillary unit, as that does not correspond to our original plan. It would also cause us to spend additional savings that we cannot afford to lose. This house is not fit or sufficient to hold seven people; and if we have the possibility to live more comfortably, why can't we choose to do so?

Having the original dwelling would be an extra expense when maintaining the property. The monthly gas expense is ~\$900-\$1000 per month (see attached). Since the house is not well insulated the heat keeps escaping. Also, if no one is going to use the property, then there is no point in maintaining it. Paying the property tax for two houses is another expense that we don't want to be forcibly required to do. Once again, the property is not going to be used and thus our money is being spent on stuff which is not necessary.

We moved into this house around one year ago and have faced numerous problems while living in this house. There is an occasional issue of water leaking into the basement, a consistent war with mice and squirrels within the house, and the beams in the basements are shown to be crumbling (see video). We can hear the animals running in the walls at night, which also disrupts our sleep. We don't wish to deal with these difficulties anymore, as it is a consistent headache to keep "resolving" them, only for them to pop up once again. Furthermore, we find it pointless to be spending so much money on a house to be fixed when it isn't going to be used for anything.

Our engineer reviewed and performed a building condition assessment, it is confirmed the house is passed it usefulness and it is not practical to be repurposed as a functional secondary unit home.

We were disappointed with the Heritage Committee's decision as we believe the home was not properly assessed. We felt there was overlooking on the report and the circumstances surrounding the house. We have attached some of these facts as evidence as mentioned throughout the letter and report.

We have already invested a lot of money into this project and have already done the necessary MDS Survey to ensure the placement of the new home. We don't want our efforts to go to waste, and we really wish to progress with our plan. Furthermore, we are willing to cooperate.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Manjit & Harjinder Sekhon

## Attachments:

## Gas Bill:



## Pictures of Deteriorating Walls:



Sealing tape around windows to prevent heat loss:

