

May 13, 2024

Diana Rusnov, City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
300 City Centre Drive, 2nd Floor
Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1

Dear Ms. Rusnov,

I have received the Notice of Intention to Designate my parent's property at 2470 Jarvis Street dated April 11, 2024. I am writing on behalf of my parents, John and Elizabeth MacDonald. Please accept this letter as notice of their objection to the proposed designation. My parents are opposed to the heritage designation for the following reasons.

1. **The building has been altered and does not possess the heritage value that the City's report states.** My parents purchased the property in 1980 and have lived in the house ever since. Over that time there have been multiple changes including replacement of all windows and replacements of the cedar shake roof with Asphalt shingles.

As noted in the staff report, the house was moved to this location and therefore does not maintain its original orientation to the street or the views of the Credit River. The three-car garage was added after the relocation. The City's description of the heritage value of the house and the list of heritage attributes are not correct and as a result I think the City's proposed designation is in error.

2. **Should the property be designated, my parents and I are extremely concerned about the costs and time delays of any future work and maintenance due to the Heritage Act requirements and approvals.** Although my parents do not plan on making major alterations to the house, I am concerned that the designation restricts our ability to make changes or make them in a timely fashion. For example, as my parents age, there may be need for accessibility ramps or other changes. If so, we don't want to have to wait for approval from the City. I truly believe a designation would hinder my family from maintaining the property in the way we always have.
3. **I am concerned about the impact of designation if we have to sell the property.** I understand that the City says that that designation shouldn't affect property value, but I know as a homeowner, and after talking to multiple investors, that they would not touch a heritage property with a 10ft pole for all the reasons above.
4. **Lastly, the house is not in danger of demolition or change.** There is no threat that the house will be demolished. My parents have lived in the house for 44 years and plan to continue. Should my parents no longer live at the house, it will remain in our family. We have no intention of demolishing our family home. I ask that you trust us, the property owners who have cared for and maintained the house for over 40 years, to continue to maintain this

beautiful house into the future. A heritage designation and oversight by the City is not needed to ensure this happens.

In conclusion, for the reasons stated above, my parents and I object to the proposed heritage designation of my parent's property. I ask that you please consider the opinions and information provided above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. MacDonald', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter MacDonald