

Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

We received your notice stating that 380 Brant Street is being recommended to be studied for heritage designation. We want to remind you that this building, the former Hotel Raymond, has been reviewed for heritage designation twice before by the City of Burlington, and both times it was found that the building does not hold heritage value.

In 2004, when applying for a demolition permit, L.A.C.A.C. decided that the building did not have heritage value because of the many alterations to the building over the years. As such, the demolition permit was granted. In its decision, L.A.C.A.C. stated, "... Over the years there have been additions and alterations to the structure to the extend that there is little recognizable from the original historic building." (See Appendix A.)

In 2009, Emshih Developments requested for the property to removed from the Heritage Register, and Council approved the request. (See Appendix B.)

We believe it will be a waste of resources for the city to study 380 Brant Street a third time because, since Council's 2009 decision:

1. There have been more alterations to the building, thereby further decreasing the building's heritage value as per L.A.C.A.C.'s reasoning; and,
2. The criteria for determining cultural heritage value have been increased by the Province from one heritage designation criterion to two.

If the building was not considered to have heritage value when it had fewer alterations and only relied on one heritage designation criterion, then it absolutely does not have heritage value now.

The heritage status of 380 Brant Street was already decided in 2004 and 2009, and nothing has occurred to warrant an additional review of the building. If the City pursues a study of this building, it will be harassment towards the property owner, Emshih Developments. We will hold the City responsible for any future costs incurred by Emshih for contesting the process.

Please advise if you intend to proceed on studying 380 Brant Street heritage designation. Additionally, please advise if the City intends to remove properties from the Heritage Register prior to the required date of January 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

Emshih Developments

James Liddycoat, Planner