



September 14, 2023

Mr. John O'Reilly
Planner II – Heritage Community Planning
City of Burlington
426 Brant Street
Burlington, ON L7R 2H4

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Opposition to Heritage Designation – 518 Brant Street, Burlington, Ontario

Thank you for the information you have provided to date in respect to the Downton Heritage Study.

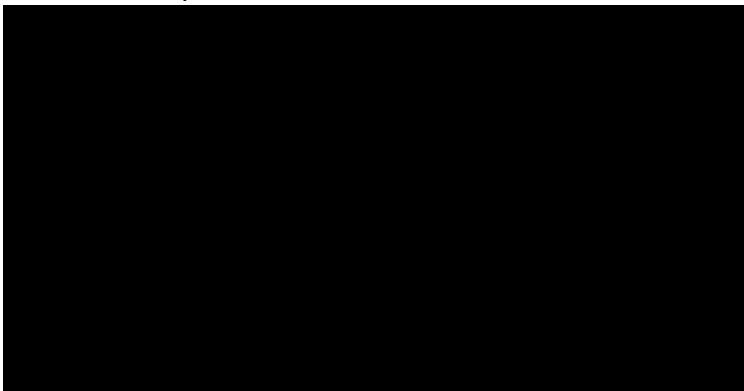
I am sending this letter as formal notice that I am in opposition to my building at 518 Brant Street becoming designated a heritage property. Although I have no plans to sell or redevelop my property a heritage designation would adversely effect its value.

I happen to have had a recent conversation with Doug Vickers who is a faculty member of Willowbank College which is considered "Canada's premier heritage conversation school." In his opinion "this house should not be considered for heritage designation." I have attached his assessment of our building.

I have also retained Kathy Stacey of KSA Architectural Solutions Inc. Dundas, ON., who will assist in representing our interests moving forward.

If you could confirm receipt of this information it would be appreciated.

Yours truly,



Heritage Assessment

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This is a well-built brick house, built around 1900. Though it is attractive, it has no specific historic significance. The exterior facade has been completely changed over the years, stripping the house of its original historic attributes. The original single pane windows with decorative grills have been replaced with double pane modern glass openings. The original single front door has been reconstructed to accommodate a contemporary double door also with modern glass openings with a contemporary awning installed above. There is an outline on the front exterior brick of where the original front porch once sat, but it has since been torn off and replaced by a smaller modern porch. The roof and siding shingles have been replaced over time as well, with modern materials. The vinyl siding addition on the back is not sympathetic to the design of the house, taking away the historic form of the house. It also leads to the conclusion that anything that once originally was built back there has been removed and replaced.

I have been working in historic carpentry restoration for over 40 years, specializing on exterior wooden features. Other than the original brick, no built features are left to be considered historically significant. Leading me to suggest that this house should not be considered for designation.

Sincerely,
Doug Vickers of Vickers Restoration

House Information

Built: early 1900

House Address: 518 Brant St. Burlington, ON, L7R2G7

Home Owner: [REDACTED]

House Front



House Back

