

To the Members of Council of the Township of Wellington North;

As a member of the Cultural Roundtable of the Township of Wellington North since it was established over a decade ago, I've seen the general subject of "Heritage" arise many times in the context of valued Cultural Assets. There's considerable passion around a goal of preserving, to the extent possible, the heritage look and feel of our community.

My note is simply in support of township leadership exploring the feasibility of adopting a public position that encourages the protection of those historical downtown buildings which are unique to the character of our towns.

So many communities are becoming indistinguishable from each other through commercialism. The downtown cores are the last best chance to express the uniqueness, personality and history of a community. The township is the only authority to be the guardian of these cultural attributes. It was one of the Guiding Assumptions of the 2013 Municipal Cultural Plan (November 2013) that "history and culture is a source of identity for individual communities and Wellington North as a whole".

Many thanks for the opportunity to express support for a feasibility study of a by-law regarding historical façade preservation.

Respectfully;
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