

Myers, Jeanie

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Written Submission and Request to attend virtually - Committee of Adjustment

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Hello Ms. Myers,

I would like to be included among the virtual attendees at the upcoming Committee of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, March 28th. My interest is regarding the property at 43 David St and the variance applications associated with it (applications B-2022-0003, A-2022-0047 & A-2022-0048).

Below are my comments for the committee's consideration:

Submission to the Committee of Adjustment re: applications B-2022-0003, A-2022-0047 & A-2022-0048

I am a homeowner at 29 David St, just a few doors down from the property in question. I am asking you to deny this variance application in order to help preserve the character of our historic downtown, our beautiful streetscape, the legacy of the Etobicoke Creek and its tributaries in our neighbourhood, and the incredible community that is flourishing on David St.

The historic character of both downtown Brampton and David St would be eroded by this variance, as the Heritage Impact Assessment makes clear, noting the home was built in 1885 and is a stalwart example of its vintage. Allowing the lot to be severed and this classic home to be demolished will result in too-small new lots that interrupt the feel and flow of our street and which will require the construction of similarly compact new homes that will eat up their entire frontage, stand within feet of each other, and in no way match the beautiful neighbourhood that we and our neighbours are working hard to preserve around them. David Street would move another step further from the historic downtown development that is celebrated on dedicated signage nearby at Mill St and Market St, just a few steps away. Allow this demolition and severance and our neighbourhood will lose a connection to its past, along with the beautiful millwork of the home's verandah, the brightly coloured glass of the Queen Anne bay window that looks out on the street, and the mature trees that have the pinkest leaves in the entire neighbourhood come October.

As the HIA also noted, all our homes on this section of David Street are built on the shores or the path of an old Etobicoke Creek tributary, as more than one of our neighbours loves to remind us every spring when our back yard invariably fills with ankle-deep water. These neighbours can (and will!) tell stories of previous floods and of the development and construction that eventually changed the water's course and made way for our street. Given the extreme grading on the site this variance, and the construction of these two new homes, is likely to bring devastating flooding to many of the houses

along our street, causing damage that will be expensive and difficult to repair. As the HIA also notes, the potential archaeological losses would be irreplaceable.

I'm not unsympathetic to the challenges of living in a very old home. We have had more than our share of water and other damages and challenges since we moved in and the pictures from the HIA show that 43 David St is similarly in need of significant work. But that work can and should be done in accordance with the HIA recommendations and within the by-laws and character that already exist in our neighbourhood. Any investment in 43 David St that is truly intended as an investment in downtown Brampton and this community would take all of these to heart.

Again, I urge you to deny this variance and to instead encourage true investment in our historic downtown neighbourhoods and the character that makes them so wonderful.

Sincerely,
Sarah Maniscalco
29 David St