

Myers, Jeanie

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Submission re: Variance Application #B-2002-0003 - Second Review

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Hello Ms. Myers,

I know that I'm a few hours late with this submission, but have sent it anyways in the hopes that it may still be included in the comments for the committee to review.

Thank you,
Sarah Maniscalco

I am a homeowner at 29 David St and a Brampton resident since I was a child. I am asking you to deny this variance application in order to help preserve the character of this historic downtown neighbourhood and the incredible community that is flourishing on David St.

I love everything about my downtown neighbourhood. David St, where I live, has many beautiful historic homes, each one different from its neighbours. That character, which carries so much of Brampton's history, will be eroded by this variance, which would divide the existing property into two lots each less than 2/3s of the currently required width. These too-small new lots 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 historic neighbourhood that we and our neighbours are working hard to preserve around them.

David St is a community of welcoming and thoughtful neighbours who share freely (tools, expertise, garden produce, right-of-ways to tire swings and backyard toboggan hills, hand-me-down kids' clothes, and more). I believe this variance, if approved, will compromise the underlying structure that makes our neighbourhood the warm and inviting place it is for everyone who moves here.

My children and I pass 43 David Street many times a day as they race along the sidewalk exploring the yards, gardens, and porches of the historic homes our friends and neighbours take great pride in maintaining. Squeezing *two* new homes into a space just 3 meters wider than what is required by law for one will change this walk significantly -- adding more asphalt, removing trees, bringing the homes up tight to the sidewalk, and crowding the neighbours on both sides.

Additionally, all our homes on David Street are built on the path of the old river, as we see every spring when our own back yard fills with ankle-deep water that takes weeks to dissipate. The construction of these two new homes, given the grade where they are located, is likely to bring destructive flooding to many of the houses along the street, causing damage that will be expensive and difficult to repair.

I'm not unsympathetic to the challenges of living in an historic home. We have had more than our share of water and other damages and challenges since we moved in and I expect 43 David St is similarly in need of significant work. But that work can and should be done within the by-laws and character that already exist for this

neighbourhood. Any investment in 43 David St that is truly intended as an investment in downtown Brampton and this community would take both of those 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