

February 15, 2018

**Attn: The Honourable Catherine McKenna, MP**  
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**Re: Support of Federal Action on the Conservation of Heritage Properties**

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Dear Minister McKenna,

On behalf of the Municipal Heritage Committee of Hamilton, Ontario, we write to you in support of the recommendations put forward by the Federal House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, contained in report 10, regarding "*Preserving Canada's Heritage: The Foundation for Tomorrow*".

This report contains seventeen (17) Committee recommendations focused on positive ways to promote the preservation of our most vulnerable properties. These recommendations address methods to reduce demolition by neglect, support Truth and Reconciliation for Indigenous groups, encourage investment and request the creation of new heritage related policy and legislation. The implementation of these Committee recommendations will not only help conserve federally owned heritage properties, but will assist in the conservation of privately owned heritage properties across the country.

Of great significance, is recommendation number eleven (11); which proposes a tax credit for restoration and preservation work on buildings listed in the Canadian Register of Historic Places. This recommendation offers a means to achieving success in conserving Canada's heritage properties while at the same time generating substantial economic development stimulus.

We strongly support the federal government's role in conserving Canada's heritage and encourage the government to pursue this role through the implementation of the Standing Committee's recommendations.

Sincerest regards,

Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor

Alissa Denham-Robinson, Chair  
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee