



August 23, 2018

Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Hamilton City Hall
2nd floor - 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Re: Gage Park

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

My name is Karl Stensson and I represent Sheridan Nurseries, a 105-year-old Ontario company originally founded by Howard and Lorrie Dunnington-Grubb.

The Grubb's were pioneers in the field of landscape architecture in Canada and their works are represented in various areas of Ontario including the Oaks Garden Theatre in Niagara Falls, Casa Loma and University Avenue in Toronto, Parkwood estate (formerly owned by Colonel Sam McLaughlin of General Motors fame) and of course Gage Park in Hamilton.

We were extremely pleased to be a part of the ceremony unveiling the memorial to the Grubbs and Gage Park during our company centennial and were thrilled to see the complete restoration of their work in the park.

It is now my understanding that part of the historical garden is proposed to be changed to accommodate a memorial to firefighters. While I certainly support the firefighter's monument and am aware of the great sacrifices they make to ensure our safety, I urge you to reconsider having this monument as part of the historic formal gardens.

The Grubb's works are **historical** and not many are left, and none have been as well preserved and refurbished as Gage Park. Just as homes are declared valuable heritage sites, so should Gage Park as it is a huge part of the history of Landscape Architecture in our province and indeed Canada.

While I am not a citizen of Hamilton, I am envious of how you have treated the restoration of Gage Park and I would hate to see a regression by destroying even a small part of this valuable National treasure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl E. Stensson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karl E. Stensson
Vice Executive Chairman
Director of Brand Integrity