

February 24, 2020

**RE: Clarification regarding Ontario Heritage Trust**

Your worship Mayor Fred and councillors,

Please receive my thanks for the support both council and staff have shown for Cardus's Balfour heritage restoration proposal over the last year.

After our February 19, 2020 presentation, we saw the Ontario Heritage Trust's communication dated same, and we'd like to respond to it here.

Simply put, we do not see any surprises in the OHT letter.

1. We do understand that the OHT wishes to deal primarily with City representatives. Cardus expected this, and has noted repeatedly we will cover any costs to the city over and above the regular duties of city staff with respect to the OHT discussions.
2. Cardus will quickly proceed to prepare all the information requested by the Ontario Heritage Trust.
3. Cardus does not expect the City of Hamilton to do the work required on matters of building code, fire code, accessibility, and heritage protections. Our consultants will put these concerns to rest, and will conduct this work at our cost.
4. We do not assume that we will negotiate a sub lease agreement with the Ontario Heritage Trust. We fully anticipate this sub lease agreement to be negotiated via a memorandum of understanding with the City of Hamilton, as articulated in section (e) of the recommendations passed last week by GIC.
5. We are confident that we can satisfy the requirements noted by the Ontario Heritage Trust without placing any undue obligations on City of Hamilton staff.

Thank you for your commitment to the restoration and reopening of Balfour/Chedoke. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me.

Respectfully,



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