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**Subject:** 15 Church Street Objection

Good morning Councillor Ferguson and Mr. Veloce,

I live in the Maywood neighbourhood and have participated in the past two Zoom meetings regarding 15 Church.

Last week I questioned Mr. Veloce on what, if any, due diligence was done on the home when you purchased it in April 2019. Mr. Veloce mentioned that a structural engineer was not consulted on the integrity of the home. Therefore, it became clear to me that there was never any intention to try and salvage this home and the sole purpose was to tear it down.

Had any reports been presented from a qualified third party stating that this home is no longer salvageable I would be far more sympathetic to your efforts.

I had also mentioned that I spoke to the previous owners of the home who owned it when the fire occurred. She mentioned that after the fire, the whole house was water-logged and all walls, flooring etc needed to be torn out. Their insurance company compensated them for the cost to renovate the home. They felt they weren't up to the task of a full renovation and sold it to Mr. Veloce. I am not an insurance adjuster but if common sense prevails I would assume that if the home was not salvageable, the insurance company would have torn it down because it is a major liability at that point.

None of this passes the smell test.

Mr. Veloce, you have built some truly remarkable homes in Ancaster. I have read about you and there is every indication that you are the type of person that residents of Ancaster can point to and say that man is a leader: Husband, father, businessman, Olympian and community builder. You have an extraordinary opportunity here to demonstrate your leadership and recognize the community does not want this project and you can restore 15 Church Street to a beacon of the Village again. Money only lasts so long, but goodwill can last forever.

Councillor Ferguson, I have always been an ardent supporter of you and voted for you every single municipal election that I have participated in. Your leadership in the community on projects like the Memorial Arts Center is inspiring. I understand your position that you must pick your battles, but this is certainly one that you should be fighting for. I implore you and your Council colleagues to critically evaluate what message is being sent by allowing this project to move forward.

Best regards,

Brad Davis

