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Cc: [Summers, John](#)
Subject: HMHC, January 29th: Ancaster Inventory - Owner Opposition to 259 Filman Road
Date: January 21, 2021 3:28:50 PM
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Hi Loren,

Please add the email below outlining the owner opposition to 259 Filman Road, Ancaster to the HMHC agenda next Friday.

Thanks,

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From: Doug Dunford [REDACTED]
Sent: January 21, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Golden, Alissa <Alissa.Golden@hamilton.ca>
Cc: Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; Bishop, Kathy <Kathy.Bishop@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Please do not put 259 Filman Rd on the Municipal Heritage Register (submission for the next Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Meeting on January 29, 2021)

21 January 2021

Hi Alissa: thank you again for your prompt, knowledgeable and articulate responses to both my phone call and email.... I can see why you are an excellent choice for your position!

RE: placing 259 Filman Rd, Ancaster, ON L9G 3K9 on the Pre-Confederation Registry (Municipal Heritage Register).

259 Filman is definitely a historical site and I understand the Ancaster Pre-Confederation Inventory Project's concerns regarding the possibility of registering it as such on the Municipal Heritage Register.

With respect, I would strongly oppose this.

Being on the inventory itself, however, makes perfect sense.

I grew up in the house at 259 Filman with a father who had a Masters Degree in History from Columbia University and was an executive member of LACHAC, a former local architectural conservatory organization, that has since merged with other similar groups such as the Ancaster Village Heritage Community so I both understand and support the reasoning behind historical preservation.

At the same time, I am now retired and will need to sell my house (hopefully not for several decades) some time in the future to finance whatever my wife and I will need as our next steps in our life. Any challenge to this process would be troubling to us.

259 Filman Rd, Ancaster is already under the restrictions of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. If more restrictions are placed on the property by the Municipal Heritage Register, I would be concerned that this could very well place too many institutional bureaucratic impediments in the way of selling our house, and as a result make 259 Filman an undesirable property.

Please note that the Niagara Escarpment Commission already contains provisions regarding any proposed demolition of the property with a concomitant approval process regarding rebuilding. So another scrutinized process would also, I suspect, be redundant and simultaneously potentially off-putting to any future interested purchaser of 259 Filman.

Finally, my intention has always been, when the time comes to sell the house, to seek a buyer who would appreciate both the house and the garden. Both my parents (who bought 259 Filman in 1953) and my own immediate family who have lived there since the early 1990s have extensively renovated the house as it was at one time in danger of falling in and transforming the garden. My understanding is that there is a growing even if presently a small group of buyers who would be interested in continuing a legacy such as this and not demolish the house and garden upon purchase. A member of that group would be my first choice when it came time for any prospective sale.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective

Yours sincerely,

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