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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

How is it possible that the Planning Committee today voted 4-3 today to allow the **180 year old Marr-Philippo House** to be moved on the amendment (of the original motion) moved by Councillor Ferguson.?

Marr-Philippo House is one of the very few remaining buildings on Wilson Street dating from the early era when Ancaster Village was first established, beginning at the end of the 18th century. It is a crucial link with the historic origins of Ancaster. Beside it until recently there had been a contemporaneous frame building, the Marr House - dated similarly to the Marr-Philippo House and closely associated with it - which was suddenly demolished without notice and without acknowledgment of its value to the Village by these same developers.

It is doubtful the Marr-Philippo house will survive the move. Does the developer need to sign a bond and pay a **hefty penalty** if the building is "accidentally" demolished in the move? And if not, I ask WHY?

Please explain to me that once a heritage-designated building is moved, **it loses its heritage-designated building status and associated protection**. This is the reason the developer asked for it to be moved in the first place. I am not against intensification, I embrace it, but we need to stand up to developers and protect our heritage buildings! I implore you, Mayor Eisenberger, to intercede and ensure the heritage designation is maintained on this building!

**This is another step in the destruction of Ancaster's unique position as the second earliest established village in Upper Canada.**

Sandra Starr

Ancaster Resident