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Subject: Marr-Phillipo House

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I am writing to express my objection to, and profound disappointment with, the recent narrow majority ruling by the Planning Committee which would potentially allow the relocation of the Marr-Phillipo house in Ancaster.

I do not live in the village core, so this is not NIMBY-ism.

Rather, I believe it is the responsibility of city staff, Council, developers, and citizens to adhere to all requirements pertaining to designated buildings - including that they remain in situ once designated. To do otherwise makes a mockery of the regulations and sets a dangerous precedent.

I understand that the justification for the removal and relocation is said to be provided in a letter dated April 30, 2021 from the Developers' paid lobbyists/engineers/architects.

Newspaper coverage and quotes from Planning staff describe a "lack of evidence supporting a move" in the letter package.

A local hydrogeologist and environmental consultant has stated - in writing - that the relocation proposal has the weakest evidentiary support he has ever seen over the course of a 35 year career. He notes the absence of any hydrogeological data.

Local press has also reported that relocation is 'a must if development is to proceed'. This is apparently a quote from one of the principals representing the developers so it appears there is some hostage-taking going on here.

While I'm sure it would be desirable for this vacant lot to be developed, we all know that any reputable developer is well able to incorporate historically significant architecture into their design if they really want to. They are already expecting to receive several significant variances. Please don't allow them to move this heritage building!

Janice Currie