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Dear Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Councillor Lloyd Ferguson and Hamilton City Councillors:

I tuned in to watch and listen to the Wednesday, October 6, 2021 City Planning meeting to watch and listen to the discussion about the plans to move the heritage building, the Marr House. The Marr House is a very important part of the Ancaster Heritage, and as you know it is designated. This move will be a risky venture as the house is very fragile and may crumble with a move of this magnitude thereby destroying its Heritage Designation.

Lloyd, you and three of your colleagues APPROVED it's move.

The process that was used to approve the move of this heritage house was done with very scant information, as you mentioned, is 1 page, with 3 paragraphs!

This certainly does not demonstrate that the Council did any type of Due Diligence in making such an important decision. For example is there any evidence of contaminated soil under the foundation of this building and if there is what other options are there to remediating the soil without moving the Marr House?

It appears that this Developer is applying for building approvals in a piece-meal fashion, in an attempt to extend Lorne Street.. This will require another Council Meeting and perhaps By-Law changes and then more Council Meetings to discuss the building plans of the new building whatever it may be. This Developer needs to submit the complete plan for this site to allow Council and Ancaster Residents to provide feedback. This does not appear to be happening in "our town"! We are the residents, and taxpayers and we deserve Hamilton City Council's respect.

We realize that there needs to be new development and we welcome it provided it does not destroy our heritage buildings and increase pollution while at the same time providing upgraded and updated infrastructure that is safe and capable of handling the demands of the new buildings.

I am requesting that you change your vote and DENY this proposal at this time to move the Marr House to Lorne Street. We need to keep it on Wilson Street to assist in preserving Ancaster Village Core Heritage.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Davis