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Re: Heritage Recommendation for 223 Governor's Road, Dundas (Ward 13)

Hello Hamilton Municipal Heritage and Planning Committee,

This letter is in response to the letter of recommendation to list our home, **223 Governor's Road, Dundas** on the Municipal Heritage Register.

We agree and would like to see it included on the register as we intend on preserving the original features of the home. We purchased the home six years ago as we fell in love with the Victorian features and this was a landmark for Michael growing up. Driving in on Governor's Road from the West towards Creighton, this house was the "The Governor's House on the Hill" that he and all of his friends would daydream about living there one day. And now that this dream has come true, we share it's unique positioning and interior design with our wonderful neighbours to give everyone a glimpse into living in the 1800s.

We were astonished when we went to Dundurn castle where the original chandeliers from 223 Governor's (Parlour & Drawing Rooms) now live as historical relics in the lobby showcasing the beauty of the era. We were also surprised to see similar architecture from our home to Dundurn castle as they were both built around the same time by entrepreneurial magnets and have many similar features inside and out.

We understand that there is the request to develop a multi-storey building on the former Blackadar property that exceeds the current bylaws of a max four story building. We believe that we can work together to preserve the unobstructed view of our home given that it is unique in its west facing position while still meeting the objectives of developing the area. The home is the only one we know of in Dundas that was built specifically this way, its bay windows and front yard facing the sunset and not towards the road, it truly is an enigma architecturally and

historically in the region. We understand the need to develop in the area but also feel there is a way of doing it without sacrificing the beauty and historical significance.

We would also like to start the Heritage Designation Process since it aligns with our intentions to preserve and restore as much of the original features as possible.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you in preserving buildings like 223 Governors while advancing development in Hamilton in a sustainable way that honors its storied history.

Best Regards,

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