

July 7, 2022

Hamilton City Council,  
Hamilton City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 71 Main St West  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Re: Notice of Intent to Demolish Two Heritage Registered (non-Designated) Commercial Buildings

Dear Members of Council,

I write as the Chair of the Building Committee of Philpott Memorial Church, and am authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Church with respect to our proposed new building.

In September 2021, Philpott Memorial Church purchased three contiguous properties fronting King St E in downtown Hamilton, namely 160 King St E., built in 1971 as an Odeon Theatre and converted into the Lincoln Alexander Centre a decade or more ago, 164 King St E and 168 King St E, both of which were previously commercial businesses. The desire of the church is to move from its existing site on the north-west corner of York Blvd and Park St N where it has been for over 120 years to this new location where it can continue to serve downtown Hamilton. The existing building at 160 King St E will be maintained with some internal renovations; the upper level theatre will be used as the primary Place of Worship. Additional space is required to meet all the ministries of the church, including its many educational and social activities, and demolition of the adjacent buildings at 164 and 168 King St E will provide the space needed to erect a new 4-storey building linked to the existing 160 King St E.

The existing buildings at 164 and 168 King St cannot be repurposed to meet the needs of the church. The structures are in a state of serious disrepair, their internal configuration is inappropriate for our intended use, and the floor levels do not match those of 160 King St E. In consultation with our architect, we have examined the possibility of retaining or rebuilding the existing street facades of these buildings, but have likewise determined this is not feasible in that the resulting loss of floor space does not allow adequate area for our many activities.

The church is committed to remaining in the central core of Hamilton, and this site with its existing and proposed new building will provide us with the space and location to serve the needs of the local community and the city for decades to come. Demolition of the buildings at 164 and 168 King St E. will allow us to erect a fully functional building attached to the retained building at 160 King St E. Our architect has developed schematics of a new façade which will be consistent with other buildings in the area and provide a unifying concept to the 160-164-168 location.

Sincerely,



Malcolm R Sears  
Chair, Building Committee,  
Philpott Memorial Church.