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Subject: Vote re: heritage designation for the former St. Giles United Church, 85 Holton Ave. S.

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To: Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Vote re: heritage designation for the former St. Giles United Church, 85 Holton Ave. S.

Dear Councillor Pearson,

I am contacting you as a member of New Vision United Church Council and Board of Trustees, and a resident of your ward. I also have the perspective of a volunteer who, along with a dedicated group of individuals, has worked on plans for this property over the past 6 years. Outwardly, the building could be seen by some as being stagnant, or New Vision not moving forward with plans for the property. However, behind the scenes are countless meetings, developing an RFP for possible developers, and working with a succession of several developers for months, only to have them walk away from the project. We are confident we now have the right partner, UPRC (United Property Resource Corporation), for bringing our vision to fruition.

It was good to hear your stated support of Councillor Nann's initiative at your Planning Committee meeting last week. I am asking for your continued support at the City Council meeting on Apr 14 to have our church's efforts to develop affordable housing at the former St. Giles site at 85 Holton Ave. S. receive more consideration by the public and the City Planning Department before deciding on the motion to designate the site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

It has been three years since City Council chose not to designate the site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. To jog your memory of the context of my request and Councillor Nann's initiative, I am attaching a link to the speaking notes used by our church's delegation to the Planning Committee in July 2018 in which the Planning Committee chose not to give the site designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

For your convenience, I am attaching a link to the presentation our development partner, UPRC, gave to the Planning Committee on April 6 2021 explaining the affordable housing it is proposing for the site.

I would also ask you to access the letter UPRC sent to City Council through the City Clerk on Monday, Apr 12 in which UPRC clarifies facts and corrects misrepresentations given at the April 6 2021 Planning Committee meeting before Council entertains the Planning Committee's recommendation to designate the site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Thank you for your diligence in reviewing my reasons for my request. I prayerfully hope that you will give Councillor Nann your support in this matter at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

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Sincerely,

Helen Bradley