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Subject: Osler House, 30 South Street, Dundas

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Cc: Janice Brown Gary Fincham

Subject: Osler House, 30 South Street, Dundas

Dear Loren and Alissa,

Please forward the following letter to both Inventory and Research and Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee.

December 5 2022

Dear Mayor Andrea Horwath and Hamilton City Councillors,

The Osler House at 30 South Street in Dundas has been through the various steps leading towards designation, and is being put forward to designate at the Council Meeting of December 7. The Planning Committee voted 12 to 0 to designate the property at the meeting on November 29. At the same time it was removed from being a High Priority property because the ownership was secure. It has now been established that the circumstances for the house have changed, and it is no longer protected. I am asking that it be put back on the High Priority list and that it be designated on December 7.

The Osler House at 30 South Street in Dundas is an 1840s house on a beautiful property. It was meticulously restored by Gary Fincham and Sara Burnette Smith over a 13 year period from 2006 to 2020.

In 2020 the owners approached McMasterUniversity Health as it was the home of William Osler, a physician who developed the residency program for training of physicians, as well as one of the four founding members of John Hopkins Hospital. The house was sold to McMaster at a considerably reduced price simply to assure that the house would be protected. The university took possession on November 6.

Last week, McMaster University announced that they will be putting the Osler House back on the market.

The house is a significant property both stylistically and historically. It is important in the context of its surroundings, and is an example of exquisite craftsmanship. Please make sure that this property is preserved for future generations.

Sincerely,,
Shannon Kyles