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By E-mail clerk@hamilton.ca

City Hall 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Attention: Ms. Andrea Holland, City Clerk, City of Hamilton

Dear Ms. Holland:

Re: 66-68 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton Notice of Intention to Designate Commenting Letter from 1333609 Ontario Ltd.

We are counsel to 1333609 Ontario Ltd., the registered owner of the property municipally known as 66-68 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton (the "**Property**"). The Property contains two former single-detached 2.5-storey dwellings that have been vacant for the past three years. Our client is exploring the redevelopment of the Property for residential purposes. To facilitate this redevelopment, on October 13 and 17, 2022, our client submitted applications to demolish the buildings on the Property.

Our client has since received the City's Notice of Intention to Designate the Property as being of cultural heritage value, which is dated December 14, 2022. Pursuant to subsection 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, we are writing to provide our client's comments regarding the proposed heritage designation of the Property.

It is important to note that the buildings on the Property are in a state of significant disrepair—they have been vacant for the past three years, and there is visual evidence of vandalism and deterioration, leading to concerns regarding potential safety hazards. Our client's heritage consultants, ERA Architects Inc., have been commissioned to undertake a condition assessment and evaluation of the Property. However, due to our client and consultant team's lack of availability during the holiday period, it has not been possible to conduct this assessment within the 30-day commenting period triggered by the City's Notice of Intention to Designate.

Our client and consultant team look forward to working with City staff to resolve issues surrounding these potentially hazardous buildings, particularly in the context of the redevelopment of the Property.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours truly,

Calvin Lantz

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