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**From:** Devyn T [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 24, 2024 9:29 PM  
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**Subject:** Hamilton Heritage Committee - Designation of 84 York Boulevard

## Re: item 8.3

Dear Heritage Committee Members,

There are only two landmark buildings remaining on York Boulevard, Copley and Philpott. The rest have been destroyed and demolished. Therefore, I am writing in support of the staff recommended heritage designation of the Philpott Memorial Church at 84 York Boulevard which will be heard at the Hamilton Heritage Committee January 26th, 2024. I am disappointed with the lack of heritage retention coming from the proposal which is recommending demolition with salvage and commemoration of heritage elements. I would like to see adaptive reuse of this building

One thing that stood out in the reports from the developer is that it repeatedly states reusing Philpott and addressing the cladding is not feasible. There is no detailed explanation as to why it's not feasible, nor is there a dollar value attached to cost involved. On a landmark like this it could be worth it. As per the report it seems the new owner was initially open to retention.

Over the next 10 years all the properties to the west of the church will most likely be developed and demolished. It's disappointing that the only heritage asset in Philpott Church that is between Bay and Park Street North could be fully demolished. In the grand scheme of things this is a small corner pocket that can have lasting cultural heritage value while developing housing on the rear of the land. In my opinion, every effort should be made to repurpose this Charles Mills building in the new entertainment district planned for this area. James Street Baptist remains in shambles, All Saints Church was demolished in Ward 2 and St. Giles Church in Ward 3 is in danger of demolition. The only option with these landmark heritage buildings like this should be reuse. It could remain a landmark in the new development. As you know, two registered heritage buildings were demolished on King Street for the new Philpott building and now the landmark on York Boulevard is on the chopping block.

I would ask that serious consideration be taken towards protecting this heritage asset. Hamilton Heritage staff have identified this building meets 8/9 criteria for designation and protection. Why must the community have to rally constantly to save Hamilton heritage? As shared, I would like to see a win-win in this development and not just a few commemorative pieces saved.

Devyn