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To: Matthew Gauthier and the Municipal Heritage Committee

Re: Melville Street Conservation District Study

I live at the above address and have had an active interest in this study and the preservation of the streetscape in this area of Dundas.

This letter will indicate my support of the recommendation of the study to include the area outlined in Option One found in Figure 37 on page 115 of the report.

Schedule "E" of the city's Official Plan suggests that in areas such as the old town of Dundas that steps be taken to " provide guidance to ensure that new development or redevelopment in these areas is done in a manner that is appropriate and respectful to historic build form and character of the area..."

In the Melville HCD study, section "5.3.9 Contemporary Infill" reports that "...the overall Study Area has not yet been heavily impacted by contemporary infill as only 21 properties were identified as being constructed after 1983 which constitute approximately 6% of the overall study area (see Figure 32)..."

There was a petition collected in the neighbourhood and presented to council, that reflects that many of the residents of the area wish to maintain the architectural nature of this area. The present charm of the housing found on Melville is one of the reasons that people purchase property here and desire to live on this street.

Anything that the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee can do in their upcoming August 19, 2024 meeting to support the streetscape and architectural integrity of Melville Street in old town Dundas will be greatly appreciated.

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