

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I am not in favor of the Melville St heritage district for the following reasons.

The proposed area is painted with a wide brush that would apply restrictions to houses that do not offer legitimate historical significance aside from being old.

The community feedback details in section 5.2.4.5 represents only 38 contributors out of the 424 parcels within the study area. This is only 8.9 percent engagement. 71% of the 38 contributors are supportive, which is only 27 people. Out of the 424 parcels **you only have 6% confirmed support.**

I am not convinced that the inhabitants have been sufficiently engaged and informed of potential consequences of living in a heritage district, primarily:

- The list of modifications that residents would be required to get a heritage permit for. Has this been explained to everyone in the area? Do they understand what they will need to ask permission for?
- The potential impact on value and/or saleability of a house (restrictions could be a deterrent to future buyers)

New buildings can provide character to a neighborhood in their own way, and can represent contemporary architectural styles and trends. Why would we want to prevent this?

Old homes with poor build quality and materials should be replaced with new ones that are more energy efficient and constructed with updated building codes and materials.

Not all building were made to last forever. For some, it just plain makes more sense to replace them.

Regards

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