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Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee / Heritage Permit Review Sub Committee
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Dear Members of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee & Heritage Permit Review Sub Committee:

I am writing to express my concerns and staunch opposition to the proposed demolition of the historic Tivoli Theatre a symbol of our city's rich cultural heritage, which is slowly being destroyed.

Should you recommend approval to City Council, you would be consenting to **Demolition By Neglect!**

The Tivoli Auditorium, with its intricate interior architectural interior and historical significance, offers a tangible connection to our city's rich history. Its demolition would mean the loss of a cultural treasure, one that future generations deserve to witness and appreciate. Instead, by approving Demolition by Neglect, your actions will be rewarding negligence of developers, and mismanagement of Councils and Staff the past few decades. In my view, the disregard and neglect, whether intentional or not, which has caused conditions as a basis for requesting demolition should not be rewarded by approval, particularly when the structure is also an important community historic resource This architectural gem will be lost to the greed of developers and mismanagement over the decades by previous Councils and Staff.

I also understand that without the Tivoli Theatre, there can be no residential component? I have no faith in promises and intentions made by developers based on my experiences. I am just reminded of the Eaton Centre debacle, James Street Baptist, St Giles, 54 Hess Street South, 66-68 Charlton Ave. W. and today the collapse of a heritage building opposite Gore Park.

For your consideration and review:

Does the Tivoli proposed for demolition have architectural and/or historical significance?

What would be the effect on surrounding buildings of demolition?

What would be the effect on safeguarding the heritage of the City of the

demolition ?

What has been the impact of any previous inappropriate alterations, demolition on the architectural significance of the Tivoli?

Have the property owner(s) protected the historic Tivoli in stasis to prevent deterioration or the potential loss of important elements?

Have Councils and City Staff responsible for the managing and celebrating the historic Tivoli prevented the deterioration and potential loss of important heritage attributes?

Does your mandate include the economic financial gain of the developer(s)?

All applicable provincial and municipal policies require the conservation of heritage properties. The demolition of the structure on the designated property at 108 James Street North would result in the irrevocable loss of the designated property's cultural heritage value and interest and is not conservation

I hope you will consider the profound impact of this decision and choose to protect this irreplaceable piece of our history. Your mandate is not the economic financial gain of the developer(s)?

I appreciate your efforts and anticipated consideration to safeguard the architectural heritage of the Tivoli Auditorium by denying the application for **Demolition by Neglect** and ultimately respecting the very important role you play in preserving Hamilton's heritage!

Respectfully submitted,

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