

Mr. Russ Powers,
City of Hamilton
Ward-13 Councillor
Town Hall
Dundas, Ontario

Dear Mr. Powers,

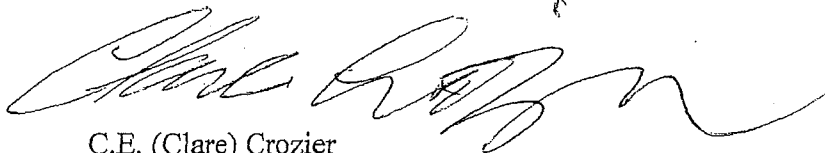
Thanks to a recently announced \$1.225-million provincial government infrastructure stimulus funding grant, the Dundas Museum & Archives is in a position to move forward with the renovation and refurbishment of our museum complex. This is part of the successful Dundas Arts Community Community 'Heart of Dundas Campaign' to raise financial support, through the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government, for the benefit of the three members of the Dundas heritage and arts community. To date the DACF has raised \$7.35-million

Dundas Valley School of Art @ \$4.90-million (\$2.45-million from the City of Hamilton)
Dundas Museum & Archives @ \$1.225-million
Carnegie Gallery @ \$1.225-million.

As part of the museum's expansion plans we are seeking a City of Hamilton re-zoning permit which will allow a change in the designation of the adjoining heritage cottage from a rental income property to an intricate part of the day-to-day operation of the museum. Once the permit is received it is our intention to immediately move forward in converting the house to museum use. The building is to be used for much needed space to accommodate the museum's offices, archives and collections storage area. As discussed with Hamilton officials, these changes will not reflect on the exterior heritage design of the building. Our tenants have advised us they have found suitable accommodations elsewhere and will be leaving the home at the end of September 2011.

In speaking to City Hall officials we have been advised our permit application is of a 'complex nature' and as such the fee to change the designation of the building is \$11,540 (\$11,540 - \$320). As a not-for-profit organization we are simply not in a position to cover these costs. We are asking that these changes be dropped or at the very least significantly reduced.. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Warmest regards,



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