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Thomas, Cameron

From: Becky Thomas
Sent: Saturday, August 25, 2012 12:27 PM
To: Powers, Russ
Cc: Thomas, Cameron; Clark, Brad; heard.dundas@cogeco.ca
Subject: 24 Brock St. N, Dundas Development

Dear Mr. Powers & local Councillors,

We live in the heart of the heritage district of Dundas - our beautiful home was built in 1896. We take great pride in treating our home with care, investing in its upkeep, and keeping it beautiful. We were attracted to living in Dundas since the first time we visited in 2005. Before this, when I was a student at McMaster University, my only visits to Dundas were to the Eastern section of King street - where the apartment buildings are. I had no idea that Dundas was a beautiful place until we rented here and did some exploring on King Street and into the area we now call home. We are young professionals who enjoy buying locally, spending time outdoors, and appreciate good food and drink. We are the type of people Dundas attracts - people who want to live here for the next 60 years, spend money here, grow a family, and promote Dundas as an excellent place to live and visit to our friends and family.

The visual beauty that Dundas has to offer is a large part of why we are so attracted to this place; the tall trees, unobstructed views of the escarpment and sky, the 'old' feel of the homes and buildings...

We are for progress, bringing money into Dundas through business and development, but we are against losing:

- the character of our neighbourhood
- privacy for ourselves and our neighbours
- an unobstructed view over the tree line

And we are against gaining:

- congestion of our streets due to the intense development of such small properties
- storm water runoff problems

We payed well to live here, and will continue to be good neighbours and citizens in Dundas so long as we feel strongly about the beauty of our neighbourhood and the priorities of Dundas (which should include a focus on keeping the character, unobstructed views, development proportional to property size, and privacy of the neighbourhood in both the businesses on King Street and the new development in the residential areas).

We searched for a year to find this place - passing up several beautiful old homes in the trendy lock area because of tall apartment buildings staring into the backyards, general congestion on residential roads (bus routes etc.) and inconsistencies in the visual character of the neighbourhoods.

Please maintain the integrity of the homes we have invested in and oppose the proposed development of 24 Brock St. N.

Thank you for hearing our concerns,

Becky and Lee Thomas

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