



Etobicoke Historical Society

c/o Montgomery's Inn
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Desiree Liu
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Dear Desiree Liu,

This letter is sent in response to the call for comments and questions for the June 27th community consultation meeting regarding the planning application for 4916-4946 Dundas Street West and 4-16 Burnhamthorpe Road.

The Etobicoke Historical Society was established in 1958 and is a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity in Ontario. The Society's mission is to foster the study of Etobicoke's history, to share and interpret what is known about its past, and to conserve its heritage structures and artifacts.

The Society strongly disagrees with the Heritage Impact Assessment's view that the demolition of the 1843 Methodist Church would not negatively affect the heritage value of the site. As one of the last in-situ buildings of the former Village of Islington, we are particularly disturbed that the demolition of this heritage building would eradicate one of Etobicoke's early physical reminders. The adjoining and contemporaneous cemetery would no longer be linked to a Church, and another historic building would be replaced with a new one with no reminder of what was once here. The popular walking tours of Islington Village often stop to view the walls of the building. The historic interpreters speak about the local community that developed around the intersection of Burnhamthorpe and Dundas Roads including religious, municipal, and commercial activities.

Two years' ago, the Society made the same appeal and we had hoped then that our voice to preserve the early built heritage of the area was heeded in particular to the 1843 Methodist Church.

The position of the Society still stands that the entire heritage structure should remain intact and not be altered in any way.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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