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Members of Community Council:

On April 4, 2023, while this building was still for sale the West Toronto Junction Historical Society (WTJHS) submitted it to Preservation Services for listing on the Heritage Register and possible Designation under Part IV of the Heritage Act.. It is an important early building in the proposed West Toronto Junction Heritage District. Any conversion should take it's heritage character into account. In fact, it is quite possible to adapt the building to multiple units without destroying that character. **Therefore we strongly urge you to deny the demolition permit.**

The house was built in 1889 by David Lapp, carpenter and builder as well as a member of the first Village Council and quickly sold to the parents of Clara Clendenan, nee McMillan, wife of town founder G W. Clendenan. The Clendenan's lived nearby, also on High Park Ave., in a house that is listed on the Heritage Register. This house was also the home of Miss Via McMillan, Clara's sister, an important early business woman who founded the Toronto Junction College of Music.

The WTJHS also notified Councillor Perks and the owner that we had submitted the house for listing on the Heritage Register. Unfortunately no one notified us that this matter was coming before community council until this weekend and that is thanks to Adam G. Wynne, not to anyone at the city.

Thank you,
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for West Toronto Junction Historical Society