

ATTACHMENT 2 8733 KEELE

Sept 29, 2024

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 8733 Keele Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

I am writing this letter to formally object to the above-mentioned notice to designate 8733 Keele Street. My family purchased this property in 1982. At that time, the house was in a state of disrepair and was basically abandoned. The basement was a crawl space with clearly rotting timbers serving as a support for the first floor. It would not have been long before this house would be torn down as was the case for the original Keffer house just behind the property, and the many neighbouring Victorian homes that were along Keele Street.

Instead, my family invested several hundred thousand dollars, (easily double the value of the house at the time) to restore the interior and exterior of the house. We did our best to research old photos to reproduce the trim and preserve many of the features. We put in a new foundation ensuring that the house would be structurally sound for many years to come. In doing so, we voluntarily consulted with Heritage Vaughan. It was only then that the Heritage Committee seemed to take notice of the property. At the time we objected to the property being designated and we see no reason to alter that objection.

While we realize that the property does have historical significance, the fact remains that the house would have been reduced to rubble had it not been for my family. In addition, this property is of great personal significance to my family. It has been our home for over 40 years and my parents live there to this day.

The only reason this beautiful home exists for the community to appreciate and admire is because of the great time and expense that my family has invested and continues to invest. As such, I believe that we have the right to decide whether it should receive designation.

A designation of this property would be tantamount to an infringement of our rights as homeowners and an infringement of our right to privacy. We respectfully request that you reconsider your intention to designate this property.

Sincerely

Frank Runco