

Opposition is more than a ?significant minority?

As long-term property owners, business operators and residents of Aurora Centre, we challenge elements in the January 9th story on Heritage Designation for our area.

Mr. Bray acknowledges little neighbourhood interest in the study. He dismisses opposition from property owners as from a ?significant minority.?

A number of stakeholders have undertaken to inform neighbours of the significance of heritage designation. We contend substantial opposition within the block east of Yonge, south of and including Wellington Street.

We live and make our living in the area. We are acutely aware of negative impact of a ?Heritage District Designation.? We will not be dissuaded by a heritage consultant with nothing invested.

Reduced assessment and lower taxes from reduced property value are not anticipated nor would that be to the town's advantage.

The only ?curious trend? we note in the proposed designation, stems from unclear remarks of Councilor Abel about differences from the northeast quadrant which has already been ?Heritage Designated?.

Improvement, upgrades and restoration undertaken in our neighbourhood over the past forty years, amply illustrated by the owner appreciation of historic character, have been accomplished entirely by our investment. No help required from the Town.

We suggest the Town turn its attention to decisions pending our Library Square, and deal with worn out facilities and parking shortage.

Concerned Residents of Aurora Centre

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