

From: Sharyl-Anne Visniar <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:13 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Designation decision regarding Cedardale PS May 1 2023 meeting

Hello,

My name is Sharyl Visniar, I am a long time resident of the Cedardale community here in South Oshawa.

I am writing this letter today because it is important to preserve the history of Oshawa and the Cedardale community, one major step forward in preserving that history is with the designation of Cedardale PS.

From what I have heard the designation decision is an urgent, time sensitive issue. I have lived in the Cedardale community all my life and attended Cedardale from K to 8 it's a wonderful community and it would truly be a shame to lose the heart of it. Many families here have had generations attended that school. As a long time resident I have noticed that many people either stay or return to this area to raise their families as it's a nice quiet part of the south end.

I am hopeful the council will see the historical significance of Cedardale and the community and vote in favour of the designation before it's too late.

Please preserve our history for future generations.

If this letter can help in the decision making process please include it in the Monday May 1, 2023 council meeting.

Thank-You,
Sharyl Visniar

From: Gary Swinson <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:19 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale Public School

Hello my name is Gary Swinson. I am writing this letter today because Cedardale Public School needs to be Designated.

It is important to designate the school for several reasons.

For this small community, this school has been the focal point for many years. There are people still living in the area that went to school there in the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

I no longer live in the area but lived 3 doors from it. I still frequent the area and often drive past the school where many memories were made from playing baseball, and skating on rinks that were before and after school plus the many long time friends were made.

This process has taken far too long and I am praying that all council members find it in their hearts to vote in favour of designating immediately this great school as a true Heritage site.

Too many areas in our City are being torn down for profit please think long and hard.

Thank You

Gary Swinson

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

From: Cindy Carey <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:21 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale School

Hello

My Name is Cindy Carey:

I am writing this letter today because Cedardale public school needs to be designate Heritage. It's important to designate the school because if not for Cedardale and East Whitby there would be no Oshawa. Also Cedardale is one of the oldest schools in Oshawa . I grew up across from the school went to school , along with alot of other people . You have had 2 years to designate CEDARDALE SCHOOL. I am not understanding why it has taken so long . I have just learned that in a short period of time there will be a development plan submitted and we will loose the opportunity to have the school designated as heritage.

I am pleading to your sensitive side and if it was your school, and if you were in our shoes you would be asking for help in saving your school

I am asking that all City Council members vote to designate CEDARDALE SCHOOL HERITAGE.

Thank You
Cindy Carey

From: <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)><M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 7:40 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Designate

My name is Isabel (Carey) Locke, I am writing this letter because I feel that Cedardale public school needs to be designated. I feel it's important to designate the former school because it's over 100 years old and a part of local history.

Many generations of my family attended cedardale school with many fond memories, and you don't just tear down memories.

That building is very sentimental to many south oshawa/cedardale residents.

I feel time is running out for this designation as there is a development plan being submitted in the next 2-3 weeks.

I am asking that city staff vote for immediate designation of this historic, memorable building that means so much to many people.

I am asking that you please include this letter to the Monday morning meetings agenda.

Thank you
Isabel locke

April 27th, 2023

City of Oshawa
50 Centre Street South
Oshawa, Ontario
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Regarding: Heritage Oshawa's motion related to the designation of 827 Gordon Street under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Roxanne St. Germain and I am writing to you regarding the Cedardale Public School Building. This school needs to be designated as a heritage building now. There have been ongoing efforts to have this happen for some time now and it still has not been done. This matter is time sensitive and the process to designate this site a heritage building must begin immediately before the time to do it runs out. It is my understanding that once the development proposal is submitted in the next 2-3 weeks as then it will be too late to start the process to designate. This has been dragging on for quite some time and needs to be addressed now. Please include this letter on the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting slated for May 1, 2023 at 9:30 am discussing this item.

This building is in good shape and has many uses. The use of the building for young people and up and coming musicians to practice is so important to have and has great value. These people are doing positive things and a space needs to be provided for them to continue. Programs could be developed for so many other great initiatives for this space. It is sad that our city has lost so many beautiful and important buildings already. We cannot continue to lose our historical and heritage buildings for short term financial or other gains. Short sighted thinking has cost us way too much and the significance of a building or area can be over looked at the time a decision is made and it is not till a later time when the impact of the loss is realized.

Please stop and clearly assess the decision you are making regarding the development of this site. Has the public had an opportunity to weigh in on the fate of this building? I am not aware that it has had public scrutiny. There must be other property opportunities in our city for the proposed development to evaluate. It is important that a Council and staff listen to the concerns and the desires of its community members I hope that you realize and take the time to really listen.

Thank you for your time, nothing would make me happier than to thank you for making the decision to immediately begin the process to designate the Cedardale School and preserve it for the community and future generations. It is decision day I hope you make the right one!

Regards,
Roxanne St. Germain

From: KAREN WRIGHT <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 9:32 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale School

Hello,

My name is Karen Wright. I am writing this letter today because Cedardale Public School needs to be designated. It's important to designate the school because it seems like, in my opinion, that Oshawa is throwing it's past to the side to make way for greed. Sure there's a housing problem, there is everywhere, but we all know that destroying this wonderful piece of history, isn't going to make a difference. Homes that would be put in this small space will not be affordable. I grew up in this area, and still reside close by, and a lot of my childhood memories were playing baseball there all summer. It was a hangout for all us local kids when school was out. We need more little green spaces. Stop paving over everything for ugly homes that don't fit the neighbourhoods.

It seems the time sensitive importance of starting the process of designation has been dragged out, maybe, in hopes, that people will forget about it. Our council shouldn't operate this way, seems shady, again, in my opinion.

Reconsider this and please keep Cedardale school the way it is. It's our Heritage. This beautiful old building doesn't deserve to be demolished for more ugly stacked townhomes.

Thank you

Karen Wright

From: Linda Power <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 10:46 AM
To: * Council <council@oshawa.ca>; clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale Public School
Importance: High

Attention Clerks: Please ensure my letter is included in the Agenda for the Council meeting on Monday, May 1st.

My name is Linda Power.

I am writing this letter today because Cedardale Public School needs to be designated a heritage building.

It is important to designate the school a heritage building because it has a special place in the history of our City and we have lost too much of our history already. We need to be protecting more of our history.

It is important to start the designation process NOW or we will lose the opportunity altogether once the final development plan is submitted within the next 2-3 weeks. Such a beautiful old building can be repurposed. It should be protected and not be in danger of being torn down.

Please vote in favour of designating Cedardale Public School a heritage building immediately.

Thank-You

Linda Power

From: Jackie Watt <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:07 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale School Heritage Designation

Hello,

My name is Jacqueline Watt. Both myself and my husband attended Cedardale School in the 60's.

I am writing this letter today because Cedardale public school needs to be designated a heritage building.

It's important to designate the school because Oshawa needs to preserve its history. For many years Oshawa has lacked in this area. Destroying its heritage as in the Conant House and many Heritage homes over the years. It is crucial that Cedardale School be designated as a heritage building now before its too late. Don't delay this any longer, time is of the essents to save this 100+ year old School.

This process has taken way too long now. Make a decision now and preserve the Cedardale community heritage. Please make the decision now before its too late.

Thank-You

Jacqueline Watt & Scott Watt

From: Lee T <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:47 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Designation Cedardale Public School

Hi, my name is Shawna Kirby and I am writing today, because Cedardale public school needs to be designated . I went to Cedardale Public School in the mid 70s and have fond memories of it. The building structure alone peaked my interest in history and has shaped my future because of where I went to school. This needs your immediate attention. I wrote a letter last year and still can't believe nothing has been done. Please start the designation process before we have lost the opportunity all together.

While I appreciate everything, the council members do to improve our city, it does not need to wipe out our past. I urge council members to please vote in favour of designating immediately.

Regards,

Shawna Kirby

April 27, 2023

To: clerks@oshawa.ca; council@oshawa.ca

Fr: J.A. Clark

Re: CNCL-23-47

Good afternoon, Councillors.

I am writing to express my support of the designation of Cedardale Public School at 827 Gordon Street in Oshawa.

As Melissa Cole's Aug. 2021 Heritage Research Report makes clear, this property meets—and indeed exceeds—the new requirement of two of the three O. Reg 9/06 criteria for cultural heritage interest or value. In addition, there is widespread support of the school's designation, especially among the Cedardale community and former students and teachers of the school.

It seems it is clear to all that the school merits designation, and that given the current climate and development pressure on such properties in Oshawa, that this is the right thing to do. I am confident that council will do that right thing and designate the school.

This determination leads to several mysteries, however.

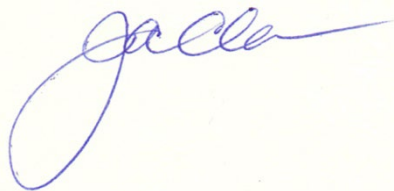
First, why did it take the city two years to follow through on this designation, and then only at "development gunpoint"?

Next, why exactly is a "supplemental" research report required, one that is projected to cost \$15,000? When my cohorts and I served on Heritage Oshawa only a few years ago, the research reports we commissioned Ms. Cole to produce generally cost around \$2,000. I am aware that this may not have represented the going market rate, and that the cost has more recently been averaging \$6,000 due to the city now contracting with larger specialist firms, but this projected amount is double that average again. What could be so deficient in the original document that it requires re-researching to the tune of \$15,000 taxpayer dollars? Where does this figure come from?

Finally, why was Harmony Public School recently included on the city's list of properties requiring investigation for possible designation, when Cedardale School, which is of at least equivalent value and importance to its community, was not? This despite the existence of a perfectly accurate, recent, and functional research report on Cedardale?

Along with my fellow citizens and heritage advocates, I look forward to learning at least some of the answers to these questions on Monday. And thank you in advance for the Part IV designation of Cedardale Public School.

Sincerely,



From: Margaret Wilkinson <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 12:21 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>; * Council <council@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale School

Members-

As a former member of the Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee, I continue to support the designation of Cedardale School.

As noted in attachments, I worked and researched the property as a sub committee member. This property is a centrepiece of the Cedardale community. Along with its designation, it can be an integral part of the 2024 celebrations for that neighbourhood.

Much attention needs to be paid to this neighbourhood, whose joining with the Village of Oshawa, brought the City of Oshawa into being.

With respect

Margaret Wilkinson

April 28, 2023

Good Afternoon,

My name is Gina MacLean and I am writing to you today because Cedardale Public School at 827 Gordon Street in Oshawa needs to be designated as a Heritage Location. Cedardale Public School is an important landmark and is a place where many of my relatives, including myself, attended. I am from the CAREY family and we all lived in the area and attended the school. Long term friendships have developed with many residents of the area.

I attended Cedardale from September 1969 through to grade 6 when we were the first group of students to then be transferred to Conant Public School for Grades 7 and 8 when Lake Vista Senior Public School was unable to accommodate us. Although I met new people at Conant Public School, I was unhappy about having to leave Cedardale. I was so excited about becoming the Safety Patrol Assistant Captain with my cousin being the Captain.

It's unfortunate the school has not been designated heritage YET; however, there's still time to do so! It must be done now. I don't believe there's another school like it in Oshawa and it would be such a disappointment for everyone who attended and/or lived in the area. The process for declaring Cedardale Public School as a heritage location has taken way too long and that needs to change now.

I ask the Oshawa City Council members to please vote in favour of designating Cedardale Public School as a heritage location.

Thank you for your time.

Gina MacLean
<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

From: Chris Glover-Mainse <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:25 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Cedardale School Heritage Designation

I am writing this letter in complete support of designating Cedardale School a heritage building. After reading all the correspondence on the history of the Cedardale area & school how could you not?

Aside from my personal ties to this school (graduated in 1967) there is an undeniable history that should be preserved, not erased from Oshawa's history.

I am dismayed at the length of time it is taking for this designation to be addressed.

Members of Council, please give Cedardale School the Heritage Designation it deserves NOW before it is too late.

Thank you.

Christine Glover-Mainse

From: David Talbot <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:40 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Letter to counsel members regarding 827 Gordon St. Oshawa ON

Hello my name is David Talbot. I am a former student of Cedardale School as well as a former resident of the Cedardale community. I am writing this letter in regards to something I've felt very important that hasn't been given the right amount of attention. Heritage Oshawa's Motion Related to Designation of 827 Gordon Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Report #: CNCL-23-47

Cedardale School and the community in which it sits, has a very long history in Oshawa. It was a school in which many of our veterans attended, and also a school that really had a heart that people recognized then and will never forget to this day. I'm hoping the city will consider the building as something that was a defining part of Oshawa and can still be if given the same respect. I hope this time around we can put in place a way to truly save the historic building. Please don't let another important part of Oshawa history be removed forever. Please start the designating process before it is too late. Thank you for your time.

CNCL-23-53
(Previously INFO-23-78)

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From: AnnMarie Snider
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 9:51 PM
To: Connor Leherbauer <CLEherbauer@oshawa.ca>; clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>; staff@oshawa.ca
Subject: overdue item development services URGENT outstanding items list

To: Whom it May Concern

I am writing this letter in response to a very alarming article that I have read, which I've recently came across in one of the pages I am on, involving Vintage Oshawa.

It has come to my attention that the city is looking to consider the preservation and possible designation status of a Heritage school within the city of Oshawa.-And that it has a deadline set for DEC ordered by Provincial Government due to a new bill involving the pursuance of Heritage designations.

The article states: "The current building was built between 1923-1924-Making it as old as the city of Oshawa itself."

It also states that the current building(Harmony Public School) "replaced an original building which was built in 1871 on land donated by Oshawa Pioneer Akeus Moody Farewell" and the earliest register for the school (1872) said it enrolled 58 pupils.

It also says: "the school closed in 2011" and that it was replaced by "Clara Hughes P.S" and that it is "one of four historic properties sent to staff for reports before a deadline set by provincial government of December 31st"

LET ME REMIND YOU all of another school which is still waiting for a report back from staff SINCE LAST YEAR.

CEDARDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL is located on 827 Gordon street was opened in 1920- making it OLDER than Oshawa itself. It was pre-dated by a building located across the street in which is now known as Cedardale United Church (circa early 1800's)- the Original 1 room schoolhouse was meant to originally house 300 pupils, and in 1923,-when the Cedardale community was annexed with Oshawa, it had 1449 students listed on its assessment roll.) Cedardale Public school on 827 Gordon St. was then again replaced by Bobby Orr Public school when it became too small to house the community and was in need of many upgrades, was then sold after its closure in 2001.

According to Cedardale Public Schools' Heritage report(completed in Aug 2021), of which was commissioned AND GIVEN PRIORITY STATUS by the city on May 27th of 2021, "The history of Cedardale school spans almost a century."

and that when "Oshawa became a city in 1924, Cedardale school was ONE OF EIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN OSHAWA", In addition to this " the land in which Cedardale school sits was donated by Gordon D. Conant. (1919)" a prominent figure in Oshawa's early history.

Cedardale Public School resides in the original community Whitby "Police Village"- now known as Cedardale- A.S Whiting was credited for the creation of Cedardale (in 1929) through the

establishment of Cedardale Works.

With its rich history, I think it is PLAIN TO SEE that this school has just as much if not MORE Significance to the original city of Oshawa as the school mentioned in the article.(Harmony public school)

The city staff clearly saw the merit / historical significance of this property when they awarded priority status of it's development of a heritage report back in 2021.

I urge the city to come back with a report on their decision to designate this property before any others as it precedes any direction on the other 4 properties mentioned in the article about Harmony Public School. I have been patiently waiting for this, and it remains on the outstanding items list for development services to review their decisions after consultation with the owner which was ordered to be done by city staff at their meeting back in

As the original one two(2) persons who wrote to the city about this property proposing its consideration for designation and in fear of it being demolished by its new owners, I have been waiting for the city to come back with a report (which DS-22-109 was moved on May 9th 2022 by councilor Chapman), to consult with the current owner of this property.

Prompt correspondence involving this matter is greatly appreciated.

-AnnMarie Snider