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The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development
Main Floor, Administration Building
510 Main Street
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Re: List of Historical Resources - Nomination of Trinity Baptist Church, 549 Gertrude Ave.

Letter of Opposition

As a member and representative of Trinity Baptist Church I would like to indicate our opposition to the nomination of the church building to the List of Historical Resources. While we have made every effort to maintain the building with respect to its heritage value we feel that the added costs and processes required by the Heritage Designation would be an administrative and financial burden for our small congregation. While the intent of the heritage designation is admirable, in discussion with Rina Ricci we became aware that the ByLaw 55/2014 includes simple maintenance of listed elements (for example repainting exterior wood trim in the same colour, reapplying silicone to a storm window or patching interior plaster would require a $300 Heritage Permit).

A building such as ours has a very limited potential use, primarily as a religious or community hall, as such the SPC has to understand that a building such as ours is likely limited to a non-profit operation and will be operating on a limited budget with volunteer support. To add another layer of cost and administration to the building would weaken the long term viability of its operation by any non-profit organization.

Sincerely,

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