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Mayor and Council
Victoria City Hall
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To Mayor and Council:

I'm writing this short letter to accompany my application to request that my home at 1611 Stanley Avenue be designated as a heritage property. Built in the summer of 1910, the home still retains much of its original charm – both inside and out.

The original owner, Frank Robertson, retired, lived in the house with one of his sons, F. Arthur Robertson, VP of Western Finance. Another son, George H. Robertson, President of Western Finance, lived nearby on Elford Avenue. The Robertsons' daughter, Ada Mildred, was married in the home on September 18th, 1912 in a ceremony officiated by another one of her brothers: Rev. J. R. Robertson of Nanaimo.

Although I have only lived here since 2017 I have worked diligently to preserve and maintain the integrity of the home and its heritage character. A designation would enable us to apply for funding to help restore some elements that have been modified and lost over time, namely the front steps (which sadly have been rebuilt in a way that does not fit with the age of the home at all), stained glass repairs, and missing storm windows. In particular, it would really enhance the home's exterior to have the front steps replaced again to match the original construction and appearance.

Fernwood is a neighbourhood with special character and many beautiful historic homes. Heritage designation of this house will help to ensure that this character is preserved for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Palmer