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August 20, 2017



RE: Application Request for Heritage Designation at 35 San Jose Avenue.

Dear Mayor Lisa Helps and Council Members,

Please accept this letter as part of our application for the Heritage Designation of our new home at 35 San Jose Avenue.

We purchased this home on August 10th, 2017. Beyond being taken by its overall charm and history, we also purchased this house because we wanted to support the city in maintaining these historic buildings that are part of our collective history. Our home is already registered with the Heritage Foundation. It was built in 1891 for Charles and Johanna Prescott, by Charles Prescott, a carpenter. As stated on the Victoria Heritage Foundation it has a "hip-roofed" with "the symmetrical Classical Cottage" style. It part of a collection of "similar buildings all built around 1890 (e.g. 642 Battery St, 15 Menzies St, both James Bay). It has a pair of angled bays topped with pediments, with a little porch in the middle. Arched brackets make the transition between the bays and gables with cut shingle cladding. In the centre above the flat porch roof is a pedimented dormer. The right side has a box bay and in the space beside the rear extension is a verandah with chamfered posts and turned spindles matching the front porch trim." These features we have learned are also commented on and are apart of local bike and carriage tours that pass by our house daily. Tours stop in front of our house to teach tourists about the various historical architectural styles, using our house's features as an exemplary model. We are therefore applying for the historical designation as we would like to ensure that we keep these features in tact while we own the house and to help in preserving them for others to enjoy in the future, including the tourism community.

At the time of purchase it was also noted by a home inspector and later a structural engineer that we need to do some repairs to the foundation, paint and roof to keep the house from falling into disrepair. We have budgeted for these repairs. We have also researched the guidelines for how heritage homes must be repaired and are prepared to ensure that our work on the house follows these expectations, in order to keep its heritage designation intact. With this application we have included updated pictures of the house, the general application and the current certificate of title for the property. Please let us know if you would like any further information about the house or our reasons for wanted it to be designated.

We can be contacted at brad.edgington@smus.ca or ekimedgington@gmail.com. Also by phone at 778-676-7769 or 778-676-4765.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

Brad and Kim Edgington.