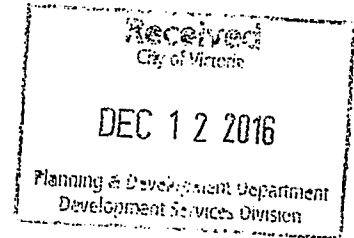


ATTACHMENT E

November 17, 2016

City of Victoria
Mayor and Council



Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Request for Heritage Designation of 121 Menzies Street, Victoria

Please accept this letter as part of my request to have the City of Victoria designate the exterior of 121 Menzies Street, known as the Sims Residence, as a heritage property. The Sims residence was constructed in 1907 and is representative of the transition of the James Bay peninsula from farm land to its subsequent subdivision into urban lots for housing, commerce and industry. The residence was built by Moore & Whittington for Horace Sims, who became president of the Sooke Harbour Fishing & Packing Company, and his wife Bertha. The Edwardian era architectural significance of the residence, its scale and grandeur, is indicative of the economic boom and optimism of the years preceding World War I, as shown in the accompanying "Statement of Significance" prepared by Donald Luxton and Associates in 2009.

This application is consistent with the heritage policies of the City's Official Community Plan that give consideration to tools available under current legislation to protect and conserve heritage properties, including those with heritage designation.

Thank you for your consideration of this application which will help preserve a property that serves as a reminder and example of Victoria's past to future generations.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gordon D. Osborne".

Gordon Osborne
Owner of the Property at 121 Menzies Street, Victoria