

September 22, 2025

Dear Mayor and Members of Cambridge City Council,

My name is Renate Kranitzki, I am writing to formally express my disagreement with the recent decision to designate my property at 119 Wellington Street, Cambridge, Ontario as a heritage home. While I respect the intention of preserving community history, I must share the personal and financial burden this designation would place on me.

As a senior living on a limited income, the restrictions and requirements tied to heritage status can be expensive. Renovations and maintenance for heritage homes often require specialized materials and contractors, which greatly increases costs. This is not a financial responsibility I am capable of meeting at this stage of my life.

Although some say designations can increase the value of a property, they can also have a negative effect on value, and at this time my financial security depends on the value of my home. This decision will make it more and difficult for me to maintain my independence and stability.

I am aware that there may be grants for financial support available to heritage homeowners, but even so, I do not have the capacity to navigate the application process or manage the additional obligations that would come with it.

I ask the Council to reconsider not approving this heritage designation. While I understand the community's interest in preserving history, this decision will come at my expense.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

Renate Kranitzki

As per Nicole Cichello (POA)