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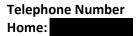
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Presentation

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Topic

I have spoken on this issue before, and would like to provide specific new information I wish Council to review

The specific new information I wish Council to review is as follows:

Clarification on how Staff can come to a recommendation when the 'heritage' aspect of this application has not been

resolved. (see minutes from the town's Heritage Committee meeting on this matter).

Clarification, if a severed lot is permitted, who will develop it. What will the set-backs be? Will there be an opportunity for community input on this new proposed residence.

Share with Council new safety concerns regarding entering and exiting off a Simcoe Street

Terms

I have read and understand the Delegation Protocol and acknowledge the information contained on this form, including any attachments, will become public documents and listed on Town Meeting Agendas. I also understand presentation materials including speaking notes and electronic presentations must be submitted by email to clerks@notl.com no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Monday prior the scheduled meeting.

Meeting Time

I wish to appear before:

Committee of the Whole

Date

Tue, 07/16/2024 - 00:00

Presentation Requirements

Do you have a visual presentation (slideshow or photos) to accompany your delegation? No

I agree

Yes

Delegation

I will be appearing:

In person

I also understand presentation materials including speaking notes and electronic presentations must be submitted by email to clerks@notl.com no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the scheduled meeting.

Yes

I acknowledge I have 10 minutes to delegate

Yes

I give permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Niagara on the Lake's livestream Yes

Do you require accessible accommodation to participate:

No

Privacy Disclaimer

I have read and understand the above Privacy Disclaimer.

Yes

Thank you Mr. (Madame) Chair and Good Evening

My first topic of concern is how Staff can come to a recommendation on the 187 Queen Street application when the "heritage" aspect of this application has not been adequately resolved. I refer Council to the May 1st meeting of the Town's Heritage Committee. While the proponent has made some significant adjustments to meet the Committee's concerns, these are yet to be assessed anew by the Heritage Committee. I would like to emphasize to the Committee of the Whole also that the Niagara Region in their June 10th letter attached in Appendix V, while generally not raising objection to the bylaw amendment, did state it was 'subject to local requirements including those pertaining to cultural heritage' It seems that this is one of the few discretionary planning tools that the province and the region have left us. Accordingly, I hope that Council would pause to allow the Heritage Committee to complete their process.

My other concern relates to safety, both pedestrian and road traffic, on Simcoe Street. As the immediate neighbour north of the proposed lot 1 on Simcoe Street, my wife and I can attest to the safety problems we are constantly confronted with entering and exiting our driveway. Aside from the vehicular traffic that normally flows up and down the street, there are the parking areas for the Charles Inn and the Golf Club which yield additional traffic. To this must also be added the obscuring of sightlines by delivery trucks -Modern Garbage, Sysco, landscapers'- parked on the left hand side of the road near the Inn, along with boulevard trees, both private and public. Parked cars (paid parking) on the right side of Simcoe Street, particularly on weekends and the summer months again adds visual problems to one trying to exit their property. I wish that the Town would exam this problem and eliminate some of the parking spaces adjacent to driveways.

To this already difficult situation must be added the pedestrian traffic. In addition to a steady stream of town visitors, increasingly year round, there are the dog walkers, runners and bicyclists and in season, golfers with their carts. While many of them are alert to cars attempting to exit their driveways, the onus is clearly on the local resident to be wary. Often we need a second person to stand out on the road to direct our cars to exit safely.

When considering this application, we would ask that the transport implications of adding another driveway close to the Simcoe/Queen Street intersection should be factored in. The ability to turn a car around, as presently is the case, on the severed lot is important as well as the minimum front yard setbacks. Please give close scrutiny to this safety issue.

Thank you

Shirley and Ian Gibson

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