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Dear Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council,

As you prepare to review the first and second readings for our Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) at the May 5th Council meeting, we'd like to take a moment to introduce ourselves and provide some background on our journey with 318 Sixth Avenue.

My name is Perry Roussy, and my wife Caroline and I were married in S.22(1)Personal and Confidential. We share our home with Jasper, our brown and white border collie. S.22(1)Personal and Confidential

Together we enjoy motorcycling—Caroline as my passenger—design and entertaining friends and family in our home.

We moved to Queens Park in April 1997, drawn by the neighbourhood's strong heritage character and community feel. The home we purchased—a modest two-bedroom, two-bathroom house—had received a heritage award in the early 1990s and was featured in the Annual Spring Heritage Tour. In 2004, we undertook a major renovation to lift the house and build a full-height basement, transforming it into a four-bedroom, three-bathroom home. This project was a labour of love—we were fully involved in the design and hands-on work. With help from my uncle, I (Perry) spent nearly four months working on the home daily before heading to my evening shifts.

We've continued to care for the home using principles established in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, which outline national best practices for heritage conservation. These standards emphasize that ongoing maintenance is the most effective form of conservation, helping to avoid deterioration and the need for more invasive interventions. With that in mind, we've consistently invested in this home's upkeep—maintaining original materials, updating finishes sensitively, and preserving its historic character.

We are pursuing an HRA because we believe our home has heritage merit that warrants formal protection. The bulk of the structural rehabilitation has already been completed and we are now focused on future improvements such as storm windows, insulation upgrades and final exterior restoration—all in line with heritage standards.

The HRA proposal includes a modest infill home on the side of the property. This new residence has been carefully designed to be visually compatible, subordinate in scale and clearly distinguishable from the heritage house—aligning directly with Standard 11 of the national Standards and Guidelines. Importantly, due to the

configuration of our lot, we are able to retain the original siting of the heritage home which is a key conservation best practice.

This proposal reflects the City's Official Community Plan goal of supporting gentle infill that increases housing options while preserving the established character of heritage neighbourhoods. We've worked closely with our designer, City staff and our heritage professional to ensure the proposal upholds the values of Queen's Park and aligns with best practice at both the municipal and national levels.

We appreciate your time and consideration and we look forward to seeing the proposal move forward.

Warm regards,  
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