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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express my objections to the Heritage Designation of 125 Third Street.

From the provided statements of significance there is nothing remarkable about this house that would require the city to waste time and money protecting it. This house isn't the last or even best example of the style in the neighborhood. Liking parades and colonial celebrations is hardly worth the effort of preservation. Mayor Cote has been a long standing member of Council and has actively participated in city events. Should we designate his residence as heritage?

If they city is going to spend public funds on this property, there must be some public good to come out of it. Is the general public going to have access to this house to be able to enjoy its historic significance?

Additionally, the HRA's have been used to improve the neighborhood by preserving heritage building in exchange for added density. This HRA doesn't do that. In fact it's going to make it hard for any changes to be made to the lot. Why are we trying to make it more difficult to make better use of what little land there is in the city?

This council continues to treat Queen's Park residents as special. Between the Mayor's motion suspending HRA's and council entertaining nuisance complaints from the QPRA and residents, you give them undue influence over housing in this city.. This heritage designation may seem innocuous, but it's part of a pattern of behaviour that centers the needs of those that have the most.

If the owner of this house wishes to preserve this house they should feel free to do so, but they should do it without any involvement from the city.

Regards,
Rohan Singh