

Dear Mayor Bill Steele,

We purchased 664 King Street property in late February in hope to build a new beautiful semi-detached building for our family and my parents. My husband and I came from Toronto. We fell in love with the quaint and country vibe of Port Colborne. We wish to start a family here and bring my parents to live with us.

My husband and I would like to kindly ask you to consider granting us permission to demolish the house on 664 King street.

We started the demolition application process 3 weeks ago and were surprised to discover that the house we intend to demolish was listed on the Municipal Heritage Registry. The conditions of the property were in such ruinous state when we received it that we did not have the least idea that it would be regarded as a heritage building.

As how the house currently stands (please see attached images below), it appears to be more of a danger to the community than a heritage site. There's excessive water damage (infiltration in flooded crawl space), failed roof, moisture infiltration on walls and floors, breakage of ceilings and stairs, as well as non-functioning mechanicals. Overall, the house may be one storm away from collapse. It is extremely dilapidated, unsafe to inhabit and poses a constant risk of harbouring the homeless and illicit activities in the neighbourhood.

We are in the process of finalizing our drawings (please see attachment). We commissioned the young, aspiring designer Mr. Dhukl, who also moved to Port Colborne several years ago. The house will be beautiful with plenty of landscape facing both Charles and King streets.

We wish to bring vigour and positive energy to the local community and building this house is our first step. We would greatly appreciate your timely support to facilitate the removal of the house from Municipal Heritage Registry or alternative suitable solutions. Thank you for reviewing our request,

Yours sincerely,

Gabriella Guo

























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