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Subject: Heritage Act Changes

Hi

I am the Vice Chair for the Schmidville Stakeholders Committee. Halifax is in the process of trying to make Schmidville into a heritage district (Bill 118). However, the changes to the Heritage Act would make doing so useless.

I am 31 and Schmidville is my home and my families home for generations. I want future generations to have the enjoyment I have but if the rest of Schmidville is demolished, as happened in the 1960s this will not occur.

What shapes a person more living in a concrete world or enjoying grandmas baking in her historic home?

Please read below explanation given to me:

"9 Subsection 19B(1) of Chapter 199 is repealed and the following subsection substituted:

(1) Where a heritage conservation district is established, the district is subject to Section 17 and to the conditions prescribed by the regulations.

Under the current Heritage Property Act, a municipality can create policy in an HCD Plan and Bylaw that could lead to a refusal of a demolition or substantial alteration application. If the above provision is adopted, it means that a municipality would not be able to create policy that could lead to a refusal of a demolition or substantial alteration application. All applications to demolish or substantially alter a historic building within an HCD, including registered municipal heritage properties, would be subject to a three year delay only after which the demolition or substantial alteration could proceed within the fourth year.

When we surveyed the public on this matter, 68% of respondents were in favour of the municipality refusing demolition or substantial alteration applications if deemed inappropriate for the Schmidville HCD. 58% of respondents residing, operating a business or owning a property within Schmidville felt the same way. Therefore, the above provision may not only negatively impact heritage value and character within HCDs but also the expressed interests of the majority of the public and the community of Schmidville.

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