

Members of the Nova Scotia Legislature Law Amendments Committee:

Re: Bill 177

It is my strong opinion that the events of the past few years concerning the loss of historic and sound housing stock in the City of Halifax require early and decisive action which may not be possible under present legislation.

I would urge that ways be found through an amendment to Bill 177 to make special provision for a city like Halifax to have the flexibility and freedom to create special rules for special circumstances, for example if and when demolition permits are to be issued.

Halifax's special and unique heritage and character, affordability and walkability is at stake. The city is losing these assets on a regular basis with little ability, it seems, to control these losses. I request therefore that you please amend the city charter so that the city can develop criteria as to when and if demolition permits may be issued.

Yours sincerely,

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