

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please be aware that the Staff Recommendation for 50-60 Fife Road that is part of your package for the Special Meeting of July 13th **has not been presented to Heritage Guelph.**

Indeed at a special meeting of Heritage Guelph on June 23rd, Heritage Guelph **agreed** with the staff recommendation, part of which was:

That Heritage Guelph **supports staff's recommendation that the tower portion of the listed heritage building** at 50-60 Fife Road be retained and that Heritage Guelph supports the partial demolition of the balance of the building.

The recommendation before you is:

That the heritage **attributes** of the tower portion of the listed heritage building at 50-60 Fife Road be retained and that partial demolition of the balance of the building be approved.

This may seem a small difference of language but it has tremendous impact on interpretation. The analogy may be drawn that the first recommendation proposed saving the body of a classic car and the second may only protect a hubcap.

Protecting only the "heritage elements" without the body that ties them together may provide a de facto opportunity to demolish the tower.

Heritage Guelph may or may not have agreed with the recommendation before you today but it was never put to the committee.

Not included in the staff report is that a motion that may have narrowed the scope of protection failed:

- Moved by: M. Corman
Seconded by: B. Foster
THAT the portion of the tower of the listed heritage building at 50-60 Fife Road including the roof and corbels be retained and that demolition of the balance of the building be approved.

Defeated

Kind Regards,
P. Brian Skerrett
Chair
Heritage Guelph