

Mayor Guthrie and Members of Council:

Like the cities of Ottawa, Hamilton and Region of Waterloo before you, I'm sure that you and staff are reeling from the bomb that was dropped by the Ford government earlier this week.

This autocratic override of local planning processes and decisions is an affront to local democracy.

I urge you to take immediate action to protect the integrity of our local planning by initiating the heritage designation of Catholic Hill and the Old Downtown under the Ontario Heritage Act. Both these Cultural Heritage Landscapes (CHLs) are already inventoried as CCHL 18 (Old Downtown) and CCHL 19 (Catholic Hill) in Guelph's Cultural Heritage Action Plan (page B-18):

<https://pub-guelph.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12139>

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Susan Watson