

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I wish to add my comments to the other letters you have received regarding the opposition to the above proposal. First, I would like to draw upon the work done by Gordon Couling back in the 1970s to provide an understanding of our neighbourhood. Information from Guelph Public Library Architectural and Historical Inventory.

156 Arthur - built 1880, yellow brick
160-2 Arthur - 1860 or earlier
161 Arthur - 1880 or 1900, coach house for store on corner
163 Arthur - 1860, simple character
164 Arthur - 1900 - 1910, red brick
166 Arthur - 1900 - 1910, red brick
167 Arthur - 1860s, one of the more interesting frame houses (torn down, part of church parking lot)
168 Arthur - 1875 - 1880, stone heritage
171 Arthur - 1870s, tradesman example (demolished, part of church lot)
172 Arthur - 1870 - 75, age and context of neighbourhood
174-6 Arthur - 1875, age and context of neighbourhood
175 Arthur - 1880, local limestone - city's stone heritage, part of character and age of neighbouring houses
178 Arthur - 1875, age and context of neighbourhood
179 Arthur - 1875, age and context of neighbourhood
182 Arthur - 1870 - 75, age and context of neighbourhood
184 Arthur - late 1860s, local limestone

8 Mitchell - Church built in 1922

14 Mitchell - built 1875 - 82, original owner Caleb Chase, one time mayor, significance - stone construction, age and character

Most of the above houses are single family homes, with only 3 being two family dwellings. As the homes were built before the advent of cars, the streets are narrower than in the suburbs and there are no garages unless they were added much later.

I hope when one walks these streets you get a feeling of Guelph's history in a much earlier time. A living museum.

So there is no comparison between these historic homes to the "cookie cutter" proposal at 8 Mitchell. The semi-detached homes proposed will also dwarf its historic neighbours. I find the proposal also does not provide sufficient affordable rental units for low income earners.

I ask the mayor and city council members to defer the proposal so that a revised plan can be developed in context to both the neighbourhood and the need for more affordable rental units.

Sincerely,

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