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**Subject:** FW: 49 Accessory Dwellings & Demolition of 21 & 27 Cumberland St.

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## Ms Cooke - could you please add this note to the circulation list.

Good Morning Mayor Lehman, Members of Council, Mr Janotta, Ms Banfield

On behalf of the Allandale Neighbourhood Association, residents and owner occupied homeowners we would like to Thank You for supporting and recognizing houses in backyards (DADU's) were not affordable and approving the appropriate amendments.

We do however still have concerns that we would like to raise.

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**Is a staggering number of accessory units** that will be built under zoning bylaws previous to the amendments approved on October 4th, 2021. That means approximately 150-200 homeowners/renters will continue to be impacted by these changes. We know that residents of this City are living in a state of constant anxiety, emotional, physical and financial distress as a result. Can someone advise how many of these units were approved between June 15th and Oct 4th 2021.

This also means mature century old trees will still be endangered and impacted. Would the City consider sending out a letter to developers of these 49 properties encouraging best practices for excavation around boundary trees.

Can the City publicly speak to how they will continue to support neighbours impacted, and provide oversight for these locations. We would like to request frequent and thorough inspections of these sites, not just when an inspection request is made by the developer/owner through APLI. We have

learned first hand that these construction areas can be hazardous to workers and neighbours.

A public message out about the importance of attending Committee of Adjustment meetings to review and comment on what is being asked for would also be helpful.

We would like to suggest as a gesture of goodwill, the City post signage at these 49 locations with contact details in case of concerns. We are sure this would go a long way to rebuild broken trust with our Planning and Building Services Departments.

## **Demolition Control 21 & 27 Cumberland St**

Currently there are two demolition permits out for 21 & 27 Cumberland St. see attached photos. These two homes, although not listed or designated, sit in the immediate area of 4 listed properties in Old Allandale. 14 Cumberland St, 19, 25 & 27 William St and directly beside 19 Cumberland St, a home built in the late 1800's. As you know Allandale is a recognized Historic Neighbourhood. A **Historic Impact Assessment was requested but after the permit was approved.** What is/was the outcome of the HIA?

We would ask that the Chief Building Officer, (Mr Janotta) put a temp hold on the demolition permit while the Heritage Impact Assessment can be reviewed by Staff, Heritage Advisory Committee and Council.

21 Cumberland St in particular is a unique **mansard roofed bungalow** built in the late 1800's early 1900's as indicated on the Fire Insurance Plans of 1907.

Why are we allowing demolition of these homes? They are currently providing affordable housing to a number of tenants.

We would like to understand what mitigation & oversight work is being done to protect the home at 19 Cumberland St. if/when demolition occurs.

How can we address the issue of demolition in all of our Historic Neighbourhoods in the City?

We would ask the City to **create a demolition control bylaw and outline the area with-in identified Historic Neighbourhoods**. see Official Plan Map. We would be happy to work with you on this. see example below

https://www.stratford.ca/en/inside-city-

hall/resources/InfrastructureDevelopmentServices/Building/Demolition-Control-Application.pdf

On October 27th there is a Committee of Adjustment Meeting on these properties, severing a property to create a new lot and requesting a number of variances so they may build new unaffordable semi's and accessory dwelling units.

As this is time sensitive, we would appreciate your guidance & council on what can be done.

When will this City hire a dedicated Heritage Planner?

Sincerely

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Allandale Neighbourhood Association Co-chairs Cathy Colebatch & Barbara Mackie







