

September 18, 2024

Dear Appointees of the Committee of Adjustment:

This email is in regards to the proceedings from September 17, 2024 item 6.8, A 2024-075 – 96 Wood St, DSD – 2024 – 422.

First of all, I would like to thank those members that have heard the community's concerns and are taking them seriously. While our neighbourhood is small, it is a unique and historic community in Kitchener.

Please note the Kitchener website for upcoming meetings provides a date of September 16th 2024 for the Committee of Adjustments meeting, which may have had an impact on the number of attendees.

I would like to respond to the comments of surprise that no one from the neighbourhood attended the meeting. I was under the impression from the City that a written submission was equivalent to voicing my concerns in person and that these carry the same weight when the committee is making its deliberations. If attending the committee meeting somehow changes the outcome, then of course I will make it my business to attend.

Additionally, I would like to point out that the meeting was held mid-week in the morning when most people are working. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is a community of working professionals and families and it is not always feasible to take half a day off during the week.

It should also be noted that the assertion from the applicant that the home is dilapidated in any way is simply untrue. In fact, the current owner, who has never actually lived in the home or in our community, is currently renting the house to family. It is also the same make, build and age as most homes in the neighbourhood, including mine.

Once again, I appreciate your time, commitment and careful consideration of the proposal and for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amanda Gordon