

February 6, 2023

The Town of Amherst

Amherst, Nova Scotia

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing this letter to express how upset I am the Town would entertain a proposed condominium building on South Adelaide. We need to establish boundaries and guidelines in building architecture to preserve the charm of Amherst. We need a "Historical District" that protects us.

My story:

"My first trip to Amherst was in 2015. I was in awe of the charm of the Victorian district. I took pictures of the homes and businesses as they captured me. I pondered who had lived in the homes, tried to picture the streets with horse and buggies, the business of the industrial area and Dayles Market bustling with shoppers.

In 2022 I purchased a beautiful Victorian home at #9 Rupert Street (the Quiggly House). I absolutely love the history, beautiful woodwork and architecture of my house. Fellow Amherstonians tell stories of the previous owners and events that took place. The history tells a story of wealth and prosperity in a community that was fortunate to have professional entrepreneurs.

Last summer I had a group of guests visiting from Alberta, they parked their car downtown and walked to my house. They were in awe of the commercial area and homes. Someone took the time to be their tour guide. They thought it must have been the mayor but they googled it and decided and it wasn't the mayor, only a proud Amherstonian. They had clam chowder at Duncan's pub and after touring all the maritimes, they all agreed Duncan's had the best clam chowder."

I don't want Amherst to lose the uniqueness and charm it has. Please do not let developers make you lose sight of what we have. Don't let them bully you into allowing them to put up modern structures within the 'Historical District'. Those people don't have a sense of shame in taking away the beauty to make money. Don't let that happen.

We need to establish boundaries and guidelines in building architecture to preserve the charm Amherst has. A heritage District is needed.

Yours truly,

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