Dear Vanessa & Brian,

I agree entirely with the Executive council of the Strathcona Neighbourhood Association that the new Strathcona Secondary Plan should not allow houses to be demolished in the York Blvd/Dundurn/Inchbury/Strathcona/Devonport/Locke streetscape.

Strathcona is a small neighbourhood. Each one of its houses is valuable in maintaining the sense of neighbourhood. It has become a virtual island due to the wholesale demolition that occurred on York during the 1970s, and because of the ferocious rivers of traffic that are King and Main Streets, but it has managed to survive and thrive. It is scary to think that its edges could be nibbled away by potential development, because every house counts. The nibbling is already occurring on Head Street, with the Shopper's Drug Mart development. As a resident of the neighbourhood and the city, it is my conviction, which I stated both to the planner and to city staff at two public information sessions, that any new development in the area described should work with the land that is currently available.

Thank you very much,

John Terpstra