

City of Waterloo -- Ward 4		
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What value to our community is preservation of heritage properties?		
DF: It is of tremendous value to a community to have heritage properties that help to tell future generations of the importance of the past.	RK: No replies to any questions as of Oct 7, 2014	CS: It is great value to the community to maintain heritage properties that show the current and future generations our past, quality of construction and attention to detailed
What have you done to save built heritage in your municipality?		
DF: Through my past 8 years on City Council I supported the development of a Heritage register. I supported the designation of heritage applications as they came forward to Council.		CS: I personally have not been involved other then wishing I could obtain and restore one of these home.
How will you balance land development pressures against the need to preserve significant landscapes, heritage structures and older neighbourhoods?		
DF: The importance of the public process associated with planning applications is an important aspect to finding balance related to land development. I believed that the heritage architecture of the former Waterloo Mattress factory should have been honoured in the 144 Park development and this was one of the reasons why I voted in opposition to this development.		CS: We must have a public and transparent process associated with planning applications and ensure we do not grant variances to allow developers to impact our designated heritage properties.
<p><i>Many studies have shown the environmental advantages of retrofitting heritage buildings vs. demolishing them and building new buildings, even new energy-efficient, LEED certified buildings. (e.g. The Greenest Building: quantifying the environmental impact of building reuse).</i></p> <p>Would you encourage the adaptive reuse of your community's built heritage? How?</p>		

<p>DF: Yes. The best way to encourage this type of adaptive reuse is through policy development that indicates this as a preferred type of development in the City of Waterloo.</p>		<p>CS: Yes, 100%</p>
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What two additional heritage landscapes/ properties/ districts would like to see protected through listing or designation?

<p>DF: I would like to see the former "Veterans Land Act" lots and the unique rural road cross-sections in the Old Colonial Acres area to be designated as a heritage district. This area is unique to Waterloo Region in that the properties are related to the Canadian historical story of returning WWII Veterans. The recent designation of a home in Old Westmount related to unique architecture from the 1960's was very interesting and certainly has me wondering about designating neighbourhoods such as Old Westmount.</p>		<p>CS: Not sure. I love the older homes in the Uptown/Westmount area.</p>
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Will you support a grant to those who seek to conserve and restore their heritage properties?

<p>DF: Yes. In fact I have raised this around the Council table on more than one occasion.</p>		<p>CS: I would like to see a 2 to 1 matching process with all grants and as I stated in my platform I would like to shift the focus to assist not for profit groups obtain more funding through fundraising and writing grant applications.</p>
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How large a grant would you offer to property owners to preserve a heritage building?

<p>DF: I am not sure. I would like to survey property owners to better understand what would</p>		<p>CS: No Sure – I would like to see a budget line for heritage and a reserve fund set up for</p>
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<p>be a reasonable amount to help specifically with preservation of the historical aspects of their properties.</p>		<p>unused funds.</p>
<p>Are financial incentives important to encourage home owners to invest in heritage properties?</p>		
<p>DF: I am not sure. Some heritage home owners chose their home because it is a heritage property. As well, sometime grants place added requirements that some homeowners would prefer not to have applied to their decision making processes.</p>		<p>CS: Not sure</p>
<p><i>Under the Ontario Heritage Act, listing and protecting heritage properties is a municipal responsibility, not a private responsibility. A heritage property may be designated by the municipality over an owner's objection, and the owner may appeal the designation to the Conservation Review Board (for individual property designations) or the Ontario Municipal Board (for heritage district designations).</i></p> <p>Do you agree that a municipal council should act if necessary to designate a heritage property even when the owner disagrees?</p>		
<p>DF: I agree they should act, however, it is my understanding that in the history of the City a property has never been designated against the consent of the owner.</p>		<p>CS: Yes – I would like to see all properties that could be considered as heritage included in a database to ensure current and future property owners know in advance that they are/could be a heritage property owner.</p>
<p>Under what circumstances would you vote against the recommendation of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to designate a building as a heritage landmark?</p>		
<p>DF: I cannot imagine voting against the recommendation of the Committee.</p>		<p>I don't see that I would, but would have to reserve the option to review each case and allow do process.</p>