

City of Waterloo - Ward 6	
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What value to our community is preservation of heritage properties?	
JH: A community's history is part of its identity, and is an indelible part of its future. We need built heritage that tells our story to understand who we were as we craft who we will be.	
What have you done to save built heritage in your municipality?	
JH: In the last four years, I've supported entrenching our first heritage conservation district in our Official Plan along with listing the Log Schoolhouse in Waterloo Park, the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance building in Uptown, and the Graffunder House on Stanley Dr, which was the first mid-century building designated in Waterloo. I've supported hiring a heritage planner and beginning a heritage master plan to help us chart the future for our past. Finally, I ensured that the Northdale Plan recognizes the need to commemorate CMHC veteran's housing in any future development while identifying Veteran's Green as a focal point for the neighbourhood, allowing us to remember its origins in its evolving future.	
How will you balance land development pressures against the need to preserve significant landscapes, heritage structures and older neighbourhoods?	
JH: The Official Plan that I supported recognizes the traditional height of King St through our Uptown, which will help manage its future as we intensify our core. The plan also supports maintaining the character of our neighbourhoods by directing intensification to major nodes and corridors. I look forward to deliberating on the heritage master plan and the work underway from our Heritage Committee in guiding us further on the questions of landscapes and buildings.	
<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</i>	

impact of building reuse).

Would you encourage the adaptive reuse of your community's built heritage? How?

JH: The St. Louis School residential development is an excellent example of adaptive reuse and was a project I took a personal interest in shepherding through Council. I have also supported renovating the Carnegie Library and look forward to seeing a business case to adapt its 19th century mission of providing information to the community into the 21st century equivalent of open data. I would be eager to see further project ideas and the business cases to support them.

What two additional heritage landscapes/ properties/ districts would like to see protected through listing or designation?

JH: I look forward to recommendations from the Heritage committee, which does excellent work in identifying and cataloging our city's history while working with the property owners who ultimately must continue to maintain it into the future.

Will you support a grant to those who seek to conserve and restore their heritage properties?

JH: I would need to see such a proposal and the results of the associated public consultation process, including on how it fits as a budget priority, before commenting further on the detailed commitment you are seeking.

How large a grant would you offer to property owners to preserve a heritage building?

JH: see above

Are financial incentives important to encourage home owners to invest in heritage properties?

JH: see above

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).

Do you agree that a municipal council should act if necessary to designate a heritage property even when the owner disagrees?

JH: I have not seen an example in the last term of Council where we disagreed with a recommendation of the committee, nor have I seen the committee suggest a designation where the owner has not consented. People in Waterloo believe deeply in public engagement and I commend the heritage committee for working well with property owners on these matters, as they are ultimately necessary to ensure designated properties are maintained.

Under what circumstances would you vote against the recommendation of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to designate a building as a heritage landmark?

JH: see above