

Additional Correspondence: CNCL-24-114

From: Debbie Mitchell <M.F.I.P.P.A 14(1)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 1:33 PM
To: council@oshawa.ca <council@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Murals

Good afternoon,

I am opposed to the destruction of the Murals in Oshawa by this Council.

I am a homeowner that wishes to preserve the historic buildings and value of this beautiful City.

Should the council wish to spend money having them restored, not removed, I might still suggest that there are many other areas in which the property owners and residents may wish Their tax dollars would be spent.

A simple survey would demonstrate my position clearly. Failing that may I suggest that you work on affordable housing, infrastructure development while working to maintain the beauty Oshawa has to offer.

Big developers should have to set aside 20% of all new housing projects to affordable homes. Failure to do so is simply being short sighted. Most families cannot afford the mortgage that comes with these new builds. Time to set some realistic price points for sales and rental properties.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Mrs. Deborah Mitchell

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From: Bob Astley <M.F.I.P.P.A 14(1)>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 4:24 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject:

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Good People

The idea to get rid of the murals in Oshawa is a terrible one. If anything, we should be adding more. Why are you trying to change Oshawa's history? We should be displaying to the children and newcomers to the city where the city came from. I hope you come to your senses before the final vote.

Thank you

Bob Astley

From: Elinor Major <M.F.I.P.P.A 14(1)>.

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 4:37 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: re: Durham News Murals to be taken down

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Hello

I recently read the Durham news article that the downtown Oshawa murals are to be taken down. This is due to an upcoming Council vote to remove these beautiful murals. I don't understand why would they be removed? They're beautiful art, they beautify our city, they highlight some of the history of our city, they depict times past, but also give an inclusion to be a part of our city. I noted some review suggestions to remove some, and put up more art depicting our city's diversity. I think that would be wonderful too. But please, don't just remove all the murals.

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City of Oshawa resident.

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Oct 24, 2024

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Mayor Dan Carter & Councillors:

I am writing to express my concern regarding Oshawa's existing public art & proposals for future works.

I find the report ED-24-112 & attachments raise many concerns:

1. I think there is a lot more public interest in this matter than was thought.
2. I think a lot of people do value the existing works & are concerned about their proposed removal.
3. I think many are worried about what would replace them.
4. Costs to remove them are a concern
5. The proposal to keep renewing them is a concern - this can be an ongoing political battle as to content & who gets the contracts to consult, then do, & redo everything again & again.
6. The financial costs to deal with the ongoing change will be huge. Staff time, Consultant fees, Artist fees etc.
7. I note page 110 says that the report was based on 188 responses & 134 site visits. That to me is insufficient. Less than one month in the summer is very brief for a big change like this.
8. The same page 110 states that the feedback period was July 10, 2024 to Aug 8, 2024. That to me is insufficient & I think that could explain the surprise of some as to the negative feedback that this report has generated. Less than one month in the summer is very brief for a big change like this.
9. Looking at the report it does not appear that a sufficiently broad opinion was captured.
10. I would urge Council to spend more time going over this report & the financial, historical, artistic, political, & cultural heritage implications.

Thank You.