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From: noreply@oshawa.ca <noreply@oshawa.ca> On Behalf Of Quinton Jones

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 12:15 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Removal of The GM Murals

Hello there,

I'm not sure who will be reading this if anyone. There are a lot of residents that are absolutely disheartened and disgusted with the possible plans to remove these classic murals. These murals pay homage to Oshawa's rich history of General Motors and the men and women who helped build Oshawa and GM into what it is now. Putting in more modern art will wipe away the historical legacy of classic GM and Oshawa. I wish there was more the residents could do to stop this.

Thank you

Quinton Jones

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

Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2024 10:21 PM

To: Brian Nicholson <BNicholson@oshawa.ca>; John Neal <JNeal@oshawa.ca>; Rosemary McConkey <RMcConkey@oshawa.ca>; Dan Carter <DCarter@oshawa.ca>; Rick Kerr <RKerr@oshawa.ca>; Tito-Dante Marimpietri <TDMarimpietri@Oshawa.ca>; Jim Lee <JLee@oshawa.ca>; Bob Chapman <BChapman@oshawa.ca>; Bradley Marks <BMarks@oshawa.ca>; Derek Giberson <DGiberson@oshawa.ca>; John Gray <JGray@oshawa.ca>; clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: 14 downtown Oshawa Murals

I am writing to express my concerns regarding our 14 downtown murals.

In no way do I support the removal of any of them. If anything they need to be preserved and maintained, and not destroyed.

In my eyes the Civic pride in these murals is huge.

To remove any of them would be tragic. Even the city website showcases them.

So, why remove the little bit of civic pride we have left?

Sincerely,

Valerie Arnold

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

Sent: Oct 21, 2024 7:50:52 AM

To: service@oshawa.ca

Subject: Concerns Regarding Mural Removal and Preservation

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the potential removal of the historical murals in our community. These murals are not just decorative pieces; they represent our shared history, culture, and identity as a community. The GM mural captures Oshawa's rich automotive history, while the military mural pays tribute to the brave men and women who have served, are serving, and will serve our country. The horse mural honors the legacy of the local horse racing track, celebrating our community's historic connection to the Kentucky Derby. Erasing them would be a significant loss for Oshawa's heritage and community spirit.

Furthermore, the decision to hire an outside firm to coordinate the hiring of artists, who may not even be from Oshawa, raises additional concerns. We have an abundance of talented local artists who would be honoured to contribute to the beautification of our city. Engaging a firm that overlooks this local talent pool would not only cost the city more but would also deny our artists the opportunity to showcase their skills in their own community. As a local artist myself, I would be proud to take on such projects at a fraction of the cost being proposed.

A better alternative would be for local businesses to partner with local artists in a community-wide effort. This approach would provide artists with meaningful work while enhancing the vibrancy of our city's streets. Not only would it save the city money, but it would also create a deeper sense of ownership and pride among both residents and business owners.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope the council will consider this local-first approach to both preserving our murals and supporting our artistic community.

Sincerely,

Tracy Davidson

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From: Donna Dundeegirl007 <M.F.I.P.P.A 14(1)>

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 1:46 AM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>; * Council <council@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Mural of Windfields Farm and Northern Dancer

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed deaccession of this historically important mural. It is an important reminder of the immense contribution of the Taylor family to the city of Oshawa, and a revered and incredibly influential racehorse. I beseech you to retain this mural.

Donna Carmichael

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From: noreply@oshawa.ca <noreply@oshawa.ca> On Behalf of Deborah Stevenson

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:30 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Save Our Oshawa Murals

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Dear Council, Please save and preserve our Oshawa historical murals especially the Windfields Farms and Northern Dancer mural. All these murals show Oshawa's past history and that should never be never forgotten:(As a Oshawa citizen and as I see from other fellow citizens we our all very proud of our past history and love when visitors get to learn our history when travelling about:). The murals are all a beautiful reminder. please do not remove the murals! There is plenty of other buildings where newer depictions of today's Oshawa could be installed on by new and old talented artists:) Please, please save the murals!

Thanks

From: cathy.sampson@tmhf.com <M.F.I.P.P.A 14(1)>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:25 PM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Removal of Art - ED- 24-112

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I strongly oppose the removal of the mural in the Memorial Park in Oshawa depicting Windfields Farm and the world's leading sire of racehorses in the 20th century, Northern Dancer. History was made right here in Oshawa and should forever be a reminder of its importance through this iconic mural.