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Subject: Advocate for changes to preserve our barns -A message about Severances from the Ontario Barn Preservation

To Whom it May concern,

(Please forward to the planning department and council for consideration)

I am reaching out to you on behalf of Ontario Barn preservation. Our not-for-profit organization was formed in 2019 with the goal of conserving barns of cultural heritage significance in Ontario. In order to fulfill this goal, we have been conducting research and analysis on a variety of topics, including Planning Policy frameworks which either help or hinder the conservation of barns.

It has come to our attention that many municipalities are demolishing heritage barns during the process of severance of surplus farm dwellings. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief summary of our findings regarding how existing Planning Policies at the Municipal and Provincial levels impact these cultural heritage resources. We hope that this will help to provide insight on how these policies may be managed in the future so that the conservation of significant cultural heritage resources can work in cooperation with planning for new development.

Barns have potential to be identified as significant cultural heritage resources and may be worthy of long-term conservation. We would ask you to review the letter

attached and consider adjusting some of your policies to support these cultural heritage resources in your community that are already disappearing for many reasons.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, and we hope to hear from you in the future.

Regards,

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