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Richard Carr House

## THE HALLMARK SOCIETY

Dedicated to Preserving Historic and Architectural Landmarks  
in the Capital Regional District

Telephone 382-4755

November 13, 1985

Mayor Peter Pollen & Council,  
City of Victoria,  
#1 Centennial Square,  
Victoria, B. C.  
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Dear Mayor Pollen & Council:

It is the firm belief of the Hallmark Society of Victoria that the row of houses known as AMELIA STREET CLUSTER should be designated. This CLUSTER offers a heritage block unique to Victoria. The house that has been damaged by fire 1517 could be saved. The front of this house is intact, it could easily be incorporated into another structure.

The Hallmark Society believes that the uniqueness and intrinsic heritage value of Amelia Street lies within the CLUSTER and not with any one individual house. To quote Page 82 of "This Old House";-

These homes are significant primarily because they constitute a period grouping. Together they represent the styles and house-types common to working class residential architecture during the 1880's and early 90's.

Although none of the houses are identical, each is a variation of the Victorian Italianate theme. Porches with decorated columns survive on some of the buildings but otherwise they are plain two-storey structures featuring bay windows and low-pitched roofs. Most important is their relationship to one another; historically their closeness in age and style; physically the uniformity of their siting which is crowded and in close proximity to the street.

The owner of 1525 has already illustrated how these buildings can be revitalized. It is felt that the loss of one of these houses puts the complete grouping 'at risk'. We urge you to support the retention of these houses by voting to protect them through designation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

*Paul Convey per dj.*

Paul Convey, President

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Mr. Paul Convey  
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Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 13, 1985 expressing your opinion that the row of houses known as Amelia Street Cluster should be designated.

Your letter has been referred to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

Yours truly,

Mark Johnston  
Administrative Assistant

c.c. Mayor and Council

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