

Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton
100 Scott Street, Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

c/o Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Dear Madam:

Re: 120 Cayley Street (former Baptist Church) – Walkerton, ON

I am writing to you regarding building façade improvements I wish to undertake in 2023 to the heritage building located at 120 Cayley Street, Walkerton, Ontario. This is the former Baptist church. As you may be aware, the building is predominantly constructed of field stone and I understand was constructed in the 19th century. The field stone is in need of repair in all areas; however, this is a significant undertaking in the amount of labour and cost involved. Therefore, for the 2023 construction season, I will be focusing on certain areas of the building that are most pressing in need (the most visual of these is the east side surrounding the smaller/historical style door closest to the BDO building).

The field stone repairs are preventative to avoid significant damage to the building over time, as well as necessary to keep pests from intruding into the building (bats, squirrels, mice, etc.). Field stone construction that isn't routinely maintained results in a number of issues to the building, and at the time of my purchase of the building in 2021 it was obvious that none of the field stone had been tended to for some time. The openings where the field stone meets the historic windows and doors has significant openings allowing water penetration and pests to get in.

I have obtained a quote from a local contractor, Brandon Koller who is familiar with the building as he did some interior work on it in 2021 when it was purchased. His quote is attached to this letter with covering email identifying the work to be done, why it is required, and its cost.

I have attempted to secure some funding from the County of Bruce's "Spruce the Bruce" programme which I understand would cover items such as this. However, the building is directly outside of the catchment area of the identified downtown core. The BDO building, the hearing clinic across the road, and the courthouse all fall into that catchment area. My building does not. I expect this is due to the fact it used to be used as a church.

Kindly consider my request for funding from any applicable and available grants, etc. that may be able to assist with this endeavour to ensure the building remains sound and maintains the historical aesthetic going forward.