



Dear Friends and Neighbours;

DO YOU WANT TO SEE LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT INTRUDE INTO OUR ABBOTT STREET AND MARSHALL STREET HERITAGE AREAS?

**As City Council approves large scale commercial development on an ever- increasing scale we are in danger of losing the character of our very unique neighbourhood.**

HISTORY:

In 1998 City Council pursuant to the Local Government Act wisely proclaimed the Abbott Street and Marshall street areas as designated heritage and conservation districts of a residential and historical character.

**Our Society was formed to protect those objectives.**

In fulfillment of this mandate it is essential that we have a strong membership. Remember our society refers to "Friends and Residents". Many of our members do not live in the heritage area but feel strongly that the objects of the Society are of the utmost importance in the preservation of what we value in our community of Kelowna as it continues to increase in size and population.

The boundaries of our Society are Lakefront on the west, Harvey Avenue on the north, Pandosy Street on the east and Royal Avenue on the south.

My own residence at 2302 Abbott Street is outside the boundaries set by the city for the protected area.

The members of the FRAHCAS Board of Directors are frequently asked If our society has had any impact in the decisions of council which affect our neighbourhood. Let me provide you with some of our initiatives of which we are very proud.

Architecturally I refer to the following:

- 1) Preservation of the Hughes-Games house, former mayor of Kelowna, and architecturally designed by Robert Lyon a leading architect of the day.
- 2) Preservation of the McWilliams house 2072 Abbott Street, built in 1931, Modern/ Spanish Colonial style.residence of T. Finley McWilliams City Police Magistrate.
- 3) More recently we successfully fought against the commercial development of the properties located at 332 Lake and 11869 & 1853 Water street.

Other enhancements of our neighbourhood brought about by the current and past members of our society include:

- 1) Reduction of the speed limit to 40 K on Abbott street from Harvey through to Christleton.
- 2) The placing of the four way stop sign at Abbott and Lake .
- 3) The very effective and visible traffic signs at Abbott and Lake.
- 4) Extension of the Abbott Street Recreational Corridor.

We wish to welcome you as either a new member or a renewing member. There is not the slightest doubt that the size of the membership in neighbourhood associations carries considerable weight in decisions made at both the staff level and by your elected members of council.

### **IN SHORT, WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

On our website is the FRAHCAS membership application. Kindly take a moment to complete and return it to our Membership Director (details found on frahcas.org)

You will receive notice of the AGM and regular and extraordinary meetings of the Society.

Upcoming Events. Watch for further notice.

1) Ribbon cutting and reception following installation of the signage at the intersection of Abbott and Harvey "Welcome to the Abbott Street Heritage and Conservation Neighbourhood."

Your Friend, neighbour, heritage devotee and past and present President of Frahcas.

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