

Councillor Michael Tower's statement to Sackville Town Council on repeal of the heritage bylaw, Monday, July 9, 2018:

Thank you Councillor Evans, fantastic job. I'll give you 10 minutes; I'll give you nine of my 10 minutes for that kind of an explanation and I agree with so much that you've said, it was amazing.

Personally, I was against the whole thing back when I heard from David Jones and they made him put a garage on the side of his house and not facing the front. So, when I inquired about why they'd be so ridiculous --- he built a beautiful house --- why that? "Well, it's the only house that we have a garage on the front facing the road. They didn't do that way back when so why would we allow it now?" And it cost him a heck of a lot of money.

And then there was a company that, a small business that wanted to change the door on their building, they wanted to put a storm door in so they could protect it from the heat loss. "No, it has to be a wooden door unless of course you turn and put the door on the side so you can't see it from the road."

Another one: "You can't put that door knob on there. It's not the right kind. It has to be a brass turn knob on there."

So, when I saw these things happening, I thought you know, I don't think that's what the spirit of the heritage is all about when you force people to put extra money out. So, I was hoping during the next few years that their whole act would have been cleaned up and they'd stop doing some of these things, but I've had enough people tell me that unless you're going to force them to do everything to fix it up to the way it used to be way back then, then you have no teeth, get rid of it.

I even had someone, friends of mine that have a beautiful, old 150-years-old house. They put major dollars into it to fix it up because they wanted it to look good like it used to. But they also said, "Well this isn't [inaudible] money and I don't think that our idea going forward is not working." So, they thought we should get rid of it too.

I've had a lot of people coming into the store, if I went to McDonald's, I would get inundated, if I went into [inaudible] downtown, the same thing. People would ask "Why are you protecting that Board?" And I don't have an answer

why we would want to protect it because I decided long ago they weren't doing anything to make me support it. So, there's a number of people telling me that it's not working either fix it or get rid of it and I support the idea of getting rid of it.