

# Did you receive an invitation for the Virtual Town Hall for 85 Holton Ave S?

You may have recently received a flyer regarding the proposed development at 85 Holton Avenue South from United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC). The 85 Holton Ave "Site" is home to the historic St. Giles Church and **not an empty lot**.

Built in 1912-13 St. Giles was maintained for over a century by community fundraising and bequests. The metal roof was replaced in 2001.

St. Giles is the only church designed new by architects Stewart & Witton. If designated this would be the first Heritage property in Gibson below Barton St. and only the third in the Gibson Neighborhood.

A major work of architecture and an ACO (Architecture Conservatory of Ontario) Building at Risk, St. Giles is nominated to the 2021 National Trust for Canada Endangered Places list.

**The original St. Giles church should be adapted for reuse and included in this development.**

## Site Location:

85 Holton Avenue S  
Ward 3, Hamilton



## Lot Acreage: (Approx) 0.9 acres

Parking + non-heritage portion = 0.5 acres



## Original 1912 Structure:

The original structure should be part of an adaptive reuse plan for the site



## CURRENT PROPOSAL:

- 90-100 Rental Units** - How will the increased traffic affect the neighborhood?
- Will there be adequate tenant parking on site?
  - How tall will the new housing development be?
  - How much of the original St. Giles will be included in the final design?
  - Will there still be green space?
  - How many units will be affordable and by what definition?

## HOW TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL TOWN HALL:

UPRC (United Property Resource Corp) will present their three scenarios for redevelopment of the St. Giles Church site on Thursday, June 10, 2021. **Please attend if you don't want to see this important church torn down.**

There will be two town halls June 10, 2021  
12:00pm to 1:30pm and 6pm-7:30pm.

Go to **[www.85holtonave.com](http://www.85holtonave.com)** and click the "Join the Presentation" button a few minutes before the meeting starts.

More information is due on the St. Giles redevelopment website on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

# Friends of St. Giles

Let's #SaveStGiles for the community

friendsofstgiles.ca

## Who are the Friends of St. Giles

We are a diverse collective of community members interested in the adaptive reuse of the original St. Giles church. We are excited to work together in partnership with the Ward 3 councillor, city staff, and the developer to arrive at creative solutions that allow us to preserve this truly irreplaceable heritage building while incorporating it into a mix of affordable housing and a potential community hub.

## We support affordable housing

We support affordable housing in Ward 3 and have shown examples where the adaptive reuse of a historically important site has been included in cost efficient developments in Ontario. You can see a list of successful projects and learn more at friendsofstgiles.ca

## We are solutions-based

We believe in working together to help make the adaptive reuse of St. Giles a financially viable option for development of this site. We volunteer our time researching available funding options, connecting with organizations with past success with adaptive reuse, and seeking experts in this field.

**Hamilton's rich architectural history can and should be part of its future.**



**The greenest building is the one that already exists**

Show your support for the adaptive reuse of the original structure of the St. Giles Church.

**Sign the Petition via [friendsofstgiles.ca](https://friendsofstgiles.ca)**

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**3 IN 1: CLIMATE ACTION, JUST RECOVERY, UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE**

Adaptive reuse is greener & cheaper than a new build.

**\$1 million** - repairs needed in 2018

**\$2 million** - estimated cost to demolish

**June 2018:** City of Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee recommend emergency heritage designation, finding St. Giles meets 8/9 criteria (PED18153) - **Only 1 is needed**

**April 2021:** Planning Committee again recommends emergency heritage designation