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Register didn't save farmhouse

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It was listed on the Oakville Heritage Register, but that didn't save it.

The house located at 152 Caulder Dr., was demolished Tuesday raising questions with some residents about the Town's ability to protect its history from development.

"One thing I know for sure is there was a lot of history there that ties to a lot of the people that built Canada and it shouldn't have been demolished until it was properly researched," said Terry Whelan, a local history buff.

"That's why we have these historical committees, that's why it was on the historical list."

Whelan said his research has traced the house back to at least 1848.

He also said it was built by the renowned homebuilder George Griggs to serve as the residence for a stable keeper who worked at a nearby inn, which was a favourite stopping place for Canada's First Prime Minister Sir John A. MacDonald.

Renovations on the home were also

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SON OF A PRIME MINISTER: Justin Trudeau, left, son of the late Pierre Elliott Trudeau, walks through downtown Oakville yesterday with local federal Liberal candidate Max Khan. Trudeau, Liberal Critic for Youth and Multiculturalism and Member of Parliament for the riding of Papineau, spent yesterday (Thursday) touring Oakville — from a local Liberal Party breakfast to an Oakville Trafalgar Rotary Club luncheon. Trudeau also dropped in on Habitat for Humanity's Oakville build site on Elmwood Road, the Oakville Seniors' Residence in Bronte and Kerr Street Ministries' (KSM) Dream Centre and day camp.

Trudeau spends day in Oakville

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Youths will never become the leaders of tomorrow unless they are empowered to be leaders today.

These were the words of Justin Trudeau, eldest son of the late Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who spoke at an Oakville Trafalgar Rotary Club luncheon Thursday at Otello's Banquet Hall.

Before an audience of more than 100 people Trudeau spoke of the importance of engaging and empowering community youths, noting not doing so can result in youths looking to other sources, like gangs, for empowerment.

"Often we look around and we see that young people are apathetic, disconnected and extremely cynical about the world, particularly about mainstream organizations whether it be politics or the media," he said.

"The reality is young people can be cynical from time to time, but it is not because they don't care about the world, but on the contrary, they care so much that they are deeply frustrated they don't get to have an impact."

Trudeau said young people look at politics and they see a lot of short-term thinking and hiding from the great challenges facing the planet like poverty, world peace and the environment.

To snap young people out of this cynicism, Trudeau said, they need to be given opportunities to shape the world around them.

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