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Via Facsimile: 609-989-1262

Mr. Nick Scozzari
Scozzari Builders Incorporated
1891 North Olden Avenue
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Re: Burlington Old City Hall
Phase 2 Restoration

Dear Mr. Scozzari:

I would like to congratulate you on your firm's work on the restoration of the Burlington Old City Hall. This was a complicated project made no less easy by financial constraints. I appreciate your willingness to be flexible with regard to the approach to some of the restoration work. The final product reflects the care and seriousness that you and your craftspeople brought to the project, and demanded of subcontractors. It was clear throughout that you and Jim Hutchinson, the job superintendent, were extremely concerned with the quality of the final product, often going the extra mile to assure that the work was done the night way. Jim was energetic and creative in devising solutions to problems that came up, and was extremely responsible in communicating with me about job progress.

It is worth noting that both the flat and molded plaster work was done in a highly professional manner, and involved more work than anyone would have anticipated at the outset. The ceremonial stair was a complicated 3-dimensional puzzle to rebuild, and Jim has restored it to its original elegance. Also notable is the clear shellac finish that shows the richness of the chestnut woodwork, all of which had been painted. One's first response in entering the finished spaces is "Wow!,".

I know that the City of Burlington, the owner, is ecstatic with the appearance of the building. Personally, I would look forward to working with you further to complete the building in subsequent phases.

Sincerely,



Philip E. Scott, RA
Associate and Project Manager