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To whom it may concern:

A little bit about the Hamilton Bay Sailing Club

The HBSC has been training adults to sail for over 40 years in the Hamilton harbour. We are located in Gartshore Thomson building in pier four park. From our humble beginning of two boats and few people we have grown to 18 dinghies and 5 keel boats, and an average of 150 members. We are a cooperative club and have enjoyed much success over the years and continue to grow. A lot of our members use the club as a stepping stone to getting into the boating community.

Though we are not directly impacted by the amendments proposed in the bylaws for the West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan, we have an interest in the development of the water front and its uses.

The amendments that are being proposed to the 70 year old zoning By Law No.6593, leave us with a lot more questions than answers. From a boating perspective we feel that we are losing more than we are gaining. IE: The loss of a full service marina, a place to store boats in the winter time, parking and there seems to be no consideration of growing the boating community.

We feel changing the bylaw at this time is a little premature and more consultation with the boating communities is required. We would like to see more emphases placed on the boating community and their needs. We also feel that the present use of the property serves the community well. We can always do better and look forward to be part of the solution.

Thanks for consideration:

The Hamilton Bay Sailing Club 2014 Executive