

July 31, 2014

Attention: Mayor and Ward Councillors City of Hamilton

Re: Motion to purchase Prince Philip School

On August 15, 2014 Councillor McHattie will put forward a motion for the City to purchase Prince Philip School for public use. We ask that you support the motion to purchase the school.

Ainslie Wood, despite its size and large population, enjoys no public community, social, or recreational facilities. With the closure of the school, the last of three public schools closed in the area, the last community hub is also gone. By some process not understood, this community has become stripped of services, and no new public services have been put in during the 45 years we have lived here.

The Prince Philip School is adjacent to our only park in the area, Alexander Park, which is already owned by the City. The neighborhood hopes to amalgamate the school with the park, and to have established a much needed outdoor/indoor community and recreation facility here.

As you can see, there is a serious need for greenspace and public facilities in Ainslie Wood, and for this reason we ask you to help our neighborhood by voting to preserve the Prince Philip School and property for public use. Thank you very much for helping Ainslie Wood.

Sincerely,

Tordis and John Coakley