

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Re FCS16075 52 Cannon Street West

Dear Mr. Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council,

My name is Huan Jessy Vu, I am one of the owner of the aforementioned address property above and a Hamiltonian for more than 35 years. First of all, I would like to congratulate you and thank you for your hard work and dedication to our City. It is without reservation in mentioning that within the past 5 years our City has seen many many positive expansions and changes.

I am writing to you today in asking you for your considerations in helping us to bring all of our arrear taxes into balance as we are in a process of securing a limited loan which may paid all of the taxes arrear minus the DC charges and/or interest associated to it.

I would like to state the following points for your considerations:

1. I would like to ask that the City exempt the Development Charges. The purpose for the DC charges do not apply in this case, since there were no addition cost to the City for infrastructure, sewer, road etc. Further more the South side of Cannon St. was exempted in 2007 and in 2008 the North side was exempted as well. Our project was still ongoing during 2008-2009. And as you know that the exemption was to encourage development, which we did! In all fairness, the City infrastructure is in the middle of the Cannon St., so what does it matter which side one choose to developed. The effect would be the same?

2. Without the development of this land, we would not have businesses that is there today moving to the Core. In the past 10 years, we have paid into property taxes more than \$350,000.00. Without the land being developed, the City would have collected \$130,000.00, that is more than \$220,000.00 to the City without spending cost on infrastructure. As you can image the taxes that the City is collecting will continue at a quadruple rate had the land was not developed, not to mentioned non tangible impact it brought to the other businesses in the area.

3. While paying over \$350,000.00 in taxes, what do we received in return. I would say nothing or very little benefits. Compare to Street like Concession, Ottawa, James, King, where the street is made beautiful by flowers, new pavements, Christmas lights etc.

I know that you have and obligations to the City first and foremost. I would like to say that city consist of people, so ultimately, the obligation is to the people. There are many types of people who live in the city, I am humble to say that we are the one that contribute to the better development of this City and we ask for your fairness!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Huan (Jessy) Vu