



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
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February 27, 2017

Councillor Maria Pearson (Chair) and
Members of Planning Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 5th Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

Re: Parkland Dedication Official Plan Policy and By-law Review- Small Scale Redevelopment and Housekeeping Amendments (City Wide) (PED17032) report to February 28, 2017 Planning Committee

It has come to our attention that the subject, Parkland Dedication Official Plan Policy and By-law Review- Small Scale Redevelopment and Housekeeping Amendments (City Wide) (PED17032) report is scheduled to be considered by the Members of Planning Committee on February 28, 2017.

The recommendation in the report is to amend the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) and Rural Hamilton Official Plan (RHOP) parkland dedication rate for schools from 2% to 5%.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is directly affected by this proposal and would have appreciated being made aware of the recommendations and contents of the report. As you know on a number of occasions our Board has approached the City and strongly recommended/requested that school boards be exempted from the cash-in-lieu parkland dedication fees. As we have brought to the committee's attention in the past, many municipalities do not levy such charges against school developments.

We respectfully seek an amendment to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP), Rural Hamilton Official Plan (RHOP) and By-law 09-124 by which School Boards would be exempt from cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication.

Yours truly,

Patrick J. Daly
Chairperson of the Board

cc: Ida Bedioui, Legislative Co-ordinator, City of Hamilton
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