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Planning and Economic Development Department
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I'm writing to continue having my views heard on the Waterfront Development plan. I've seen the Waterfront grow from the extremely limited views when the trail ended at a tiny coffee shop with a few outside chairs. This was before Williams' arrived and the furthest you could walk was to the large Weeping Willow tree which still stands near the 2004 erected "*Ráfaga – Unleashed*" statue.

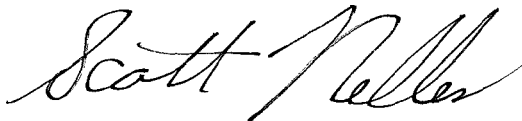
Further development continued with the Waterfront Trust under Werner Plessl whose mission was to make the waterfront open for public access and I feel has done a valiant job considering opposing forces throughout the years, some of which hailed from the city itself.

The reason I include this mini history is to point out the risk of having any planned development that once again closes off the waterfront, not just by foot but also the view, by way of irresponsible densities and tall buildings. I fear a bait-and-switch and this fear stems from the public statements already made by Jason Farr, including: "***Using one developer or consortium cuts down on the danger of Ontario Municipal Board challenges over details such as height and density***". (CBC.ca, Oct 11, 2016)

The Ontario Municipal Board is where residents of Hamilton—in particular, the North End—have a voice to combat the Waterfront ambitions of any city councillors and developers that feel they can simply push aside the opinions and concerns of people who for years and even decades have called this area home.

I wish to be notified of any decisions in respect to any of the relevant proposals.

Sincerely,



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