

North End Neighbours

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Mayor Fred Eisenberger City Hall 71 Main St W Hamilton, Ontario L8P4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

The North End Neighbours is the the officially recognized neighbourhood association for the North End. Our mandate is to help ensure that this urban downtown area of the City of Hamilton is a safe, vibrant, child and family friendly place to live. The current direction that the planning process is headed does not appear to give any indication that the community will survive as the complete community that it currently maintains..

We are not against densification or development, but we are adamant that the future developments pass the eight core principles as outlined in Setting Sail and expanded upon as the Pier 8 Vision Statement created in 2016. These core principles were included to ensure that the community is strengthened by the project, not divided by traffic pressures or social and economic divides.

The incomplete implementation of the North End Traffic Management Plan has been delayed by many excuses including LRT right of ways and timeline issues. This erodes our trust in the process, and we are still waiting for the completion of key necessary cohesive features including the James/Strachan roundabout and John Street changes.

In consultation with our neighbours and other stakeholder groups, we also support their concerns they have submitted about parking, loss of green space, traffic, schools, grain dust pollution and outdoor amplified noise problems that are bound to harm the quality of life and character of the North End.

Keven Piper

NEN President