

Dear Legislative Co-ordinator Bedioui.

My name is Tara Bolstad. I am a 32 year old police officer with the Ontario Provincial Police and the purchaser of lot #26 of the Augusta site being built by Losani Homes in Ancaster. My closing date for this property is on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2017.

I am writing you today because I am unable to attend the city meeting taking place today, Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm due to work conflicts. I understand that the meeting is to discuss the imposition of gates being installed at all three entrances to the condominium roadways.

I am opposing the gates based on the following reasons:

1. I purchased this home with the idea of starting my own family here. Given that the area is already established with single family homes and town homes I have been able to see that there are many young families with children here and the area has a feeling of community. By installing gates you would be separating residents of Augusta from the surrounding area, leading to a sense of isolation and segregation. The installation of gates would also not encourage participation in or the establishment of community.
2. John Frederick drive is the main street that the Augusta site runs off of. I believe that with the installation of gates there are going to be delays at the gates since there are 17 houses which convert into 34 units and at least one car per unit. Cars are going to start backing up onto the main street and thus inconveniencing other people in the area. The city should have looked at the installation of gates when the builder submitted plans for the site. That way road allowances, possible turning lanes etc. would have been taken into consideration.
3. The installation of gates was never in any original plans. Getting notice of the possibility of this happening three weeks before my closing date has left me angry and frustrated as it was not what was originally agreed upon and not what I purchased. I did not agree and was not even advised of the possibility of a gated community. Having this changes made after the purchasing contracts have been signed is 'bad faith' on the part of the City and taking away the buyers freedom of choice.
4. Lastly, the installation of these gates would also cause an undue financial hardship. When I purchased my home I was aware of a common element fee that I took into account when making my purchase. I have now received information that with the installation of gates that common element fee is estimated to increase almost 300% per month. Again, finding this information out three weeks before closing has left me at a loss for words.

It is in my opinion that you do not approve the installation of the gates. There are no other communities in the City of Hamilton that are subject to this and my suggestion is perhaps this is something the City may consider for future developments, not one that is nearing completion.

Thank you for taking the time to read over my thoughts and I hope that you take them into consideration upon making your decision.

Yours truly,

Tara Bolstad

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Bolstad". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.