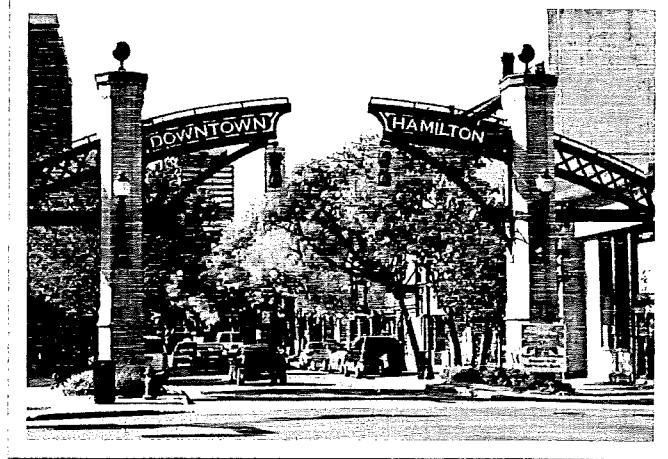


February 25, 2017



Jason Farr, Hamilton City Hall
2nd floor – 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario

***RE: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT CUT DOWN OUR TREES!
AN INTERNATIONAL PLEA FOR HAMILTON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT***

Dear Mr. Farr:

This letter is in regards to the petition sent to your office on February 3rd. Did you receive it? Have you brought this issue up at council meetings? Have you considered doing so?

The trees are integral in the attraction of the "International Village", as is displayed in this advertisement for the Theatre Lofts. You do recognize the appeal of this photo is due to the trees, I hope, with the arch framing them. I wonder how the owners of these new lofts are going to feel when all the trees are cut down. Do you think that they will have grounds to sue over false advertising? No matter...

What really matters is whether or not you will take action and fight to save these trees, Councillor. In the petition, an alternative is proposed to save the trees, namely eliminating the proposed single lane for automobile traffic for these four short blocks. There are other alternatives including rerouting one (or both) of the LRT lines. Please find attached additional names for the petition. I would like a response to this letter, sir, and an answer to the question: What are you going to do to prevent the cutting down of the trees in International Village?

Yours Truly,

Henry Geissler

Cc ***Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton
Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton Centre
Paul Berton, Editor-in-Chief, Hamilton Spectator
Andrew Hope, Director, Metrolinx- Hamilton LRT
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Addendum to

January 17, 2017

February 11, 2017

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Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

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Dear Mr. Farr:

The current plan for the LRT through the International Village area of King Street requires that the trees on the north side be removed. Please, please, please do not do this. Reconsider the need for vehicular traffic within the boundaries of Wellington and Mary Streets instead. Every one of the addresses along this corridor has access for delivery along alleyways in the rear save the east most two on the south side next to the available empty lot at the corner of King and Wellington. If the city could purchase this land, or by some other means make it available as a parking lot, with delivery access, then all businesses along this narrow part of King Street will have delivery access and have parking within less than one block.

These trees cool our homes and businesses in the summer and filter the air we breathe. They are beautifully lit in the dark winter evenings and provide the green natural forms to offset the regular lines defined by brick and pavement. They would be greatly missed if removed. I live here and if the powers that be insist on constructing a railway directly in front of my window, at least spare the trees. As outlined in the preceding paragraph, there is no need for the single lane of traffic. How much more attractive would it be to have a true pedestrian/transit corridor with mature trees along this part of King Street. A picture like that would live up to the moniker "International Village".

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ADDRESS

A petition containing 188 signatures, respecting the above matter was received and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.