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Subject: PED 18038 - 1288 Baseline Road

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Good Afternoon Honourable Mayor and Council,

During the Planning Committee meeting on March 20th, Councillor Partridge asked about whether the purchasers of this affordable housing development would have access to transit. It was an excellent question considering a multitude of data available for decision makers that clearly states how vital access to affordable public transit is for lower income families.

Councillor Pearson answered "not hard transit, but there's TransCab that takes you to your door or nearest line"

We are not opposing this development. We do however wish to point out that the answer to Councillor Partridge's question is not accurate.

From that location, **the only option** is to take TransCab to our municipal centre (library); Jones Road loop at Highway 8 which is 6 kms away & is not the nearest line. At the Jones Road TransCab drop off location, the only option is to board a bus heading west. This service is provided with a 25% fare surcharge (50 cents on average fare revenue of \$1.90/trip)

Destinations such as Mohawk College on Barton St, or our employment lands in the SC Business Park requires transit users to choose the most "logical"? option of going as far west as Eastgate (another 6 kms west) in order to come back east to those 2 locations (another 5 kms back east to Mohawk College). Otherwise wait times at bus stops along the route are @ 1/2 hour.

A 17 km trip travel distance via public transit is required in order to go to a destination 8 kms away.

We've noticed that Council sometimes overlooks the fact that TransCab does **not provide** us with accessible public transit to destinations **within our local neighbourhoods**. Not all of us want to live, work or play away from our friends, neighbours and families.

One has to give some thought as well as to whether inefficient public transit is affecting the businesses and the economy of those areas along Barton St & north of Barton St to the Lake.

We're also copying in John Ariens on this email in order to clarify something he said in answer to Councillor's Farr question. Councillor Farr asked if these units would be priced 10% below the median price in the city or in that area. John answered "that area". The Staff Report states "in the city". We're wishing to get clarification since the average (albeit not median) SFH in the city is @\$315K whereas lower Ward 11's average is \$392.2K at last publication.

If we're entering into agreements for tax exemptions, as per the Staff Report, we believe it is important to disclose the value & specifics of those exemptions to the public (based on today's values which obviously are subject to change upon completion of the development)

Respectfully,

Viv / Anna / Nancy
Lakewood Beach Community Council