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FOR INCLUSION

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

As a follow up to our previous letter (regarding 1400 Baseline Road, Stoney Creek/Winona) that we submitted to the city clerk to be included in the Planning Committee meeting of January 12th, we continue to be baffled by council and the constant approval for over-intensified developments in the lakeside area of Stoney Creek/Winona. It appears that, no matter the degree of local opposition to this continual onslaught of intensification to this one small area of this city, the Planning Committee and ultimately full council will vote to approve these developments. It does not appear that there are any other wards in this city that are experiencing this unbelievable uptick in development of residential buildings specifically designed with miniscule square footage that surely does not promote full family living such as what directly surrounds these developments. 1400 Baseline Road in Winona is no exception to this unjust situation. Please refer to Item 6 - Planning Committee Report 21-001

To that, we draw attention to the City of Hamilton's **Strategic Plan priorities on Community Engagement & Participation** and the information noted from within that plan, in particular, the highlighted portions noted below:

Our Strategic Plan Priorities

Our seven priorities are a result of the nearly 55,000 resident conversations that took place as part of the Our Future Hamilton: Communities in Conversation initiative that asked one simple question, "What is your vision for the future of Hamilton?" and 3,200 internal staff conversations around what was important to us as an organization.

By adopting the Our Future Hamilton priorities, and adding a seventh priority focused on supporting our employees, the City illustrated its commitment to the achievement of the community vision, Our Future Hamilton.

Community Engagement and Participation

Our Future Hamilton, the 25-year community vision, defines "Community Engagement and Participation" as a collaborative place where:

Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them.

The desired outcome of the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan, under the Community Engagement and Participation Priority is... "Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community."

This means the City contributes to achieving the community vision by providing both customer service and community enrichment services that promote civic engagement and civic pride. By removing barriers, information about government operations and municipal services is more readily available and easier to access, resulting in a greater understanding of municipal government and empowering residents to become more involved in decision-making processes that affect them and their community.

The Strategic Plan has four focus areas that support Community Engagement and Participation, in addition to everyday municipal services. **The focus areas are:** (In particular)

Trust & Confidence in City Government

Given this information and the Strategic Plan Priorities, should this community not expect to have the respect of being fully involved in the continual development applications and changes that consume this area well BEFORE any development is considered or approved? We continue to be opposed to this over-intensification and are definitely opposed to this Planning Committee report 21-001. Once again, we are requesting that Council does **NOT** support the recommendation contained in the Planning Committee Report 21-001 report and that as a governing body, there will be **further direction provided on Public Participation & Notifications** for this OPA and ZBA application. Further, we would like to receive any and all decision notices for CI-20-A applications regarding 1400 Baseline Road, in Ward 10, Stoney Creek.

Respectfully,

Sherry Hayes & Dennis Facia, Stoney Creek, ON