

From: Donna Portree
Subject: the latest go at building the Corktown Plaza

Message Body:

I have just received a new application by the GSP Group c/o Brenda Khes for the Corktown Plaza - I am NOT impressed- 3 towers cutting off the space between my apartment on 57 Forest that facing the Plaza & the apartment on Catherine S We both will be looking into someone's apartment - the noise, dust & finished product will hold heat will impact the environment The Hasty Market is a "small grocery story/variety store" that services the area as does the laudromat & the walk in clinic - all will be gone It doesn't "fit" the neighbourhood I would rather a small rise town house like the one built across the road beside the lawyer's office or the other 2 low rise buildings in the area - we certainly do not need any more towers Where I am facing this monster I will never see a sunrise or moon rise again I will live in a shadow - at best I can look down John Street I am nearly 80 & cannot afford to move Can this be fought - I feel strongly it is not an asset to the character of Corktown...aye yours, Donna G Portree

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Hi Jay,

I'm not sure this actually went to them I have cogeco's e-mil & sometimes it gets selective & sometimes will not work SO you have my permission to forward this along with the comments I am about to make to the City Clerk so that my voice is heard.

My daughter will also be sending her comments on this. I object to the size of the proposed changes to Corktown because although there is an apartment on Catherine St S. managed by Effort Trust just behind the Corktown Plaza I cannot see into the apartment & I can still see the lovely view I have of the City from my window & balcony because my apartment faces the Plaza I can see fireworks when they are set off on Victoria Day & Canada day, I can see the sun and the moon rise I will no longer be able to see that What I mostly likely will see is into a window of apartments too close for comfort I will feel like I am in an over stuffed closet.

I am a senior & live on a fixed income Due to rising rents I cannot afford to move. I love the Corktown area of Hamilton & feel strongly that what is planned will impact negatively on the area. The once empty lot on Young St - the southeast corner was built up into a small condo complex as was the case on Augusta & the New York style complex at Young & Walnut

My apartment complex was recently bought by Starlight & they have invested a lot of money into upgrades to the 4 buildings that are already here - for anyone currently renting or for future renters on the east side like me will find their view very limited to a giant wall of brick with a crap view as will current renters in the lovely condos on Young & the apartments that will face the block that is the Corktown Plaza.

The Hasty Market there has fresh produce & is more like a mini grocery store than other variety stores & services many in the area- we will have lost that

For many finding a doctor is hard and the walk in clinic is easily accessible for anyone with mobility issues - we will have lost that

Re climate change - tall buildings inhibit air flow thus increasing the heat held in cities, birds often die by flying into windows Once you had a great view of the west harbour of our City from

the Jolly Cut- now all you see is giant eye sores - indeed much of what was a great view across the City out to the harbour toward Toronto is now obscured.

We have a huge problem with homelessness & increased rents make it almost impossible for people born & raised in this City to be able to live here - I note that in the letter I received there was NO mention of any affordable housing- it seems that some developer will come in- develop and just add to the problems of homelessness.

The other aspect of this is Covid 19- the financial cost of this pandemic is HUGE and not fully experienced We could well be heading for a Depression I think the size of the project needs to be revised - smaller so that it "fits" better with the neighbourhood & should include affordable units and "local business" type to enhance the sense of community instead of what seems to be a development of Hamilton as a "bedroom community" We had a vibrant City with lots of local places to shop like Eaton's Robinson, The Right House - we had places to eat like The Honey Dew, The Chicken Roost - now we have big bog stores, scores of homeless - many tall buildings I do not wish to be up close and personal with yet another...thanks you Donna G Portree