

From: Viv Saunders <
Sent: April 19, 2021 8:15 AM
To: DL - Council Only <dlcouncilonly@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Opportunity for Affordable Housing ?

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council,

Re: GIC meeting, April 21st - Agenda Item # 10.2 - School Board Properties Sub-Committee Report 21-001 (Mountain View School Site)

Have City Housing Hamilton, City Staff and/or Council Members explored this site as a potential location for much needed Affordable Housing; either with City Housing Hamilton &/or a Private/Public partnership?

I fully admit I do not know a great deal about desirable locations and future plans to provide housing for lower income citizens, however this particular site could potentially provide housing that is:

- 8 minute walk to the brand new state of the art Eastdale Elementary School
- 5 minute bus ride / 15 minute walk to Mohawk College Stoney Creek Campus (incl Skilled Trades & Apprenticeship program)
- 7 minute walk to local neighbourhood park & bocce courts (Ferris Park)
- adjacent to the Stoney Creek Business Park which employees 15,000+ individuals
- across the street from Hamilton Food Share and existing housing.
- on a major arterial road
- on a roadway slotted for designated bike lanes. (Ranked #11 out of 202 in Cycling Master Plan)
- less than 1 km from the Millen Road bike route which connects to the Ontario Waterfront Trail off road transportation route.
- amenity & green space already present on site
- within walking distance/transit ride of an abundance of local commercial/retail businesses

Staff are recommending to not provide the HWDSB with an expression of interest. It isn't clear from the departments that have provided comments whether an Affordable Housing development has been evaluated or whether or not this site could meet the needs of future occupants.

It appears on the surface, that we as a City, should at least explore this possibility while we have the opportunity.

Respectfully,

Viv Saunders

