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Date: April 21, 2021

To: Chad Collins; Ward 5 Stoney Creek Councillor

From: Bev Buchser and Brad Hoar – [REDACTED]

Re: **R.J Hyslop Property Usage**

Dear Chad,

My husband Brad and I have been residents at [REDACTED] since 2011. Our property overlooks the R.J Hyslop property from the plateau above. Naturally, we are quite concerned about future use of the school property, however we were quite pleased to read that your preference would be that the city purchase the property for the purpose of a park setting (as mentioned in the April 8th 2021 Stoney Creek News).

It is a shame that the school has become either too old or does not have enough students for this area. With the recent fleury of sales in our area, I wonder if the demographics would now support the criteria to remain open? If change of use is a definite for the property, Brad and I along with our direct abutting neighbours and others on the plateau as well as below us at 11 First St. S support your thoughts to create some urgently needed green/play/community space in downtown Stoney Creek.

I can visualize a year-round usage Community space that could be utilized by many age groups and could be something to that other small acreage city lots could mirror, especially, as more folks have come to require more outdoor spaces this past year. Below is a list of things that the space could encompass for our Community:

- ✓ Playground & Outdoor Exercise Equipment for All ages.
- ✓ Exercise space for outdoor classes
- ✓ Space to multi use as outdoor ice rink in winter, pickleball in summer
- ✓ Garden Plots to support families in need where Service Clubs/Individuals could sponsor
- ✓ Memorial walkway Stones & Benches to honour Individuals, Professions, Business's that passed and/or stepped up for others during this Pandemic (purchased by residents)
- ✓ Parking Space (already existing) for folks to park and walk up the stairs to get to the Bruce trail
- ✓ Softball/Tball for kids of all ages

Green space makes the most sense, as with the current demographics not being enough to keep a school in the area, that maxing out the space allowed in low density zone (semi's, duplex's, triplex's), which could attract/afford young families then ironically leave them with no school for the kids to go to, it seems that Green Space/Community Park would make the most sense.

We would appreciate it if you would keep us informed about any meetings or new information or requests for zoning changes re the R.J. Hyslop property prior to any changes occurring.

Sincerely,

Bev Buchser, Brad Hoar

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