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Finally, two city councillors that are concerned and willing to take on the serious issue of licensing of what the city calls, "single family home rentals" when in stark reality they are students rentals. Absentee landlords are collecting rent, not paying taxes? on tiny subdivided rooms, some are proper bedrooms, but many are not, e.g. dinning/living room divided in to two sleeping rooms. How is that a family housing unit? Where is the fire safety, air conditioning may be a problem. Are we not concerned about their safety?

Considering the number of rentals in Bonnington area, mainly student housing, how many permits have been issued over a number of years for renovations. If we can identify the homes why is the City unable to. We are lucky to have a University and College, this is not a new issue. Previous councillors certainly turned a blind eye.

Parking is an ongoing problem. If not on the street, on the lawn or hanging over the sidewalk. The city used to do a much better job at ticketing. Grass cutting has improved, this year has been good, thanks to whatever the City has done. Snow clearing can be a problem anywhere, most students are young and fit though, what daes it take to supply a shovel. A pilot project will be most welcome! No excuse by absentee landlords will be enough. And what are the rest of Hamilton Councillors worried about, this has been an ongoing problem, and needs to be addressed, Aug. 10/2021, no delays.

One more thing, the Real Estate business should be ashamed of themselves for allowing the sale and purchase of illegal housing units.

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