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Let me first just say what a scammer this developer is , that 28 storey tower was nothing more than a distraction from the fact that he wanted to build residential housing in an area where it should never be allowed. He was never going to build that tower but that's where he wanted the conversation to go and to no one's surprise city council bought it hook line and sinker. But don't let me forget our rubber stamp brigade the economic development department which seems to have forgotten that Planning is part of their job description. It seems these days that the only planning going on is how many units they can squeeze onto a piece of land with not a blade of grass in sight. Let me ask a question , what happened to the climate emergency that you proclaimed 2 to 3 years ago? You have done nothing as far as I can see except to exacerbate the situation by adding to the north side of the highway by my rough estimate of 40 to 50,000 cars, 40 to 50,000 refrigerators 40 to 50,000 washers and dryers, 40 to 50,000 dishwashers etc., you get the message, all of which contribute to greenhouse gases and climate change ,so wake up, developers aren't the only people on the planet, the north side of the highway has absolutely no green space set aside for the residents, not even a place to sit and enjoy the lake, just a lot of nondescript surveys that have no place for rainwater to go except into the sewer system. Speaking of green space where are our parks in Winona ? And I am not talking about sticking in some plastic playground equipment and calling it a park , I am talking about a Churchill park , a Valley park or a Gage park these are open areas for the public to enjoy that are worthy of having the word park behind their names and what Winona should and deserves to have. On the subject of green space I read a quote in the STONEY CREEK NEWS from our completely out of touch and pro development at any cost councilor Ms. Pearson, that she was surprised at how little green space there was. Really? But I digress. let's talk about the property in question, the shopping mall that is currently there has become a magnet for shoppers not only from the area but from the east and Central parts of Hamilton from Grimsby and areas further east. This has created nothing but headaches as far as traffic is concerned because this was an idiotic place to put a shopping mall. The way to get in and out of this mall is Winona rd., or Fifty rd., which for all intense and purpose are 2 lane roads that have to handle thousands of cars every day and you are now considering putting another 1000 cars in an already ridiculously busy area. Not to mention the Liuna development and 2 others on Baseline. Let me ask you another question, if Winona is expected to add another 16 to 20,000 people between Barton and # 8 Highway where the hell do you think they are going to shop!! There are currently 4 developements that are within a mile of each other which will also include an additional 4 to 5,000 cars on the same 2 roads mentioned above. What happened to the EMLOYMENT LANDS that were to be part of the shopping mall ? I guess it went the way of the permeable parking lot for the mall. This developement should not proceed, leave it commercial or change it to employment so at the very least we won't have traffic coming and going at all hours of the day and night. For once in your political career do the right thing for the people you purport to represent. And if there is an appeal to the

LPT you should fight it for the residents of Winona we deserve it. One last thing that makes me scratch my head is why no push back from the city and other municipalities on the infringement of what should be a city responsibility from the provincially appointed LPT. My personal view, is it so that city council has someone else to blame, it wasn't us it was the LOCAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL , and thus complete absolution. We'll done!!!

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