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Subject: Respecting item 9.1 of the planning agenda for Feb 1, 2022.

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Hello Lisa,

Respecting item 9.1 of the planning agenda for Feb 1, 2022 for 1400 Baseline Rd., Stoney Creek, please add my letter below to the agenda.

Dear members of the planning committee,

I wish to go on record as being **in favour** of the rezoning of this area to medium density R3 residential. If we are to maintain a firm urban boundary and halt the urban march onto prime farmland, as well as our tax burden due to expanded infrastructure, then we must increase densification across ALL neighbourhoods in Hamilton. My reasons for being in favour include:

- the location is directly adjacent to the QEW so would not impact neighbours on the south or west sides.
- it appears to be a vacant lot with no heritage that would be lost
- the water pressure report indicated that pressure is sufficient for the proposal
- there are excellent mixed use communities with high density buildings that have sprung up to the east along Hunter Road. Communities like this allow residents access to shopping, dining and entertainment within walking distance of their homes. Lang on the Water is literally the best Thai restaurant around and is on the ground floor of a lovely medium height condo overlooking the lake only a short drive away.
- I noticed letters from residents expressing a wish for amenities within walking distance since the only way to shop or dine from this location is to drive to the plaza drive on the south side of the highway.

Importantly: As an HCA cardholder and frequent user of Fifty Point beach in the summer, I do sympathize with residents who complain of traffic problems in July and August. Baseline road on a Saturday can be **20 eastbound cars at a standstill waiting to turn north into the Conservation Area**. With the parking areas at Fifty Point being on the far north side of the park, even area residents would be forced to drive to the beach that is right in their neighbourhood. Biking to the beach with a cooler of beer hidden in pop bottles won't happen.

Can Fifty point consider running an **electric shuttle bus, a golf cart convoy, or a Pier 8 style train** from the gates to the marina/beach to allow area residents to leave their cars at home? Or

the same from an external parking lot to allow those that drive here to leave our cars in an external predesignated parking lot? Or move the gates further into the park to allow waiting vehicles to line up inside the park rather than on Baseline rd? There is a huge boat storage area near the entrance that seems to be underutilized and which could be used for queuing cars waiting to be admitted. All these ideas would alleviate traffic waiting on Baseline road for admittance to the park.

Building denser, more active transit and public transit friendly neighbourhoods across all areas of the city, not just 'downtown', is crucial to the sustainable growth of our city.

Kind regards
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