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Many of the existing residents of the north end have enjoyed the the low traffic quiet neighbourhood of the past, but have excepted the rebirth of the waterfront as it has enhanced the waterfront and created a great destination for all to enjoy.

Then came the housing developments which we objected to with the belief the area should be maintained as waterfront recreation.

But in the end the housing was accepted as an unassuming development which would blend in and allow others to join the community of waterfront living we have enjoyed.

We find that allowing the building of a massive tower of 45 storeys will greatly effect the quality of life and enjoyment of residents already settled in the area.

A building of this magnitude is undesirable in this location as it will

detract from the aesthetics of the area taking away the park and waterfront feel and making it into a concrete jungle

it will also create shadowing for all residence existing and in the new developments

it will create severe traffic congestion, by over intensifying an area with limited access. It will diminish the quality of life.

More importantly allowing a 45 story tower in this location will defeat the whole purpose of a 15 year Setting Sail process initiated by the City of Hamilton itself.

Never once ,during this 15 year consultation process was a 45 story building mentioned or contemplated. Four stories was a possibility in the modelling at Werner Plessels office at the Waterfront Trust. Nothing too severe. Nothing too disruptive to the existing neighbourhood and historically mild traffic patterns. Nothing that would block out the sun.

This notion of 45 stories is bait and switch at its vulgar worst. It is dishonest, it renders the engagement process meaningless.

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