

# STOP THE SEVERANCE OF THE ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS



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Proposed  
Land Severance**

**Ancaster High  
Secondary School**

374 Jerseyville Road,  
Ancaster, ON



**Parcel A**

25<sup>+</sup> Acres

**Parcel B**

6<sup>+</sup> Acres

**Parcel C**

12<sup>+</sup> Acres

Measurements are approximate

 Retained Lands

 Severed Lands



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only a portion has been published  
to the agenda.

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NOVEMBER 4, 2018

PETITION TO ALEX JOHNSTONE, THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES AND THE COUNCILLORS FOR THE CITY OF HAMILTON

### **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW THE PROPOSED SEVERANCE OF THE ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS TO OCCUR AND THAT THESE GROUNDS IN THEIR ENTIRETY CONTINUE TO BE USED, AS INITIALLY INTENDED, FOR COMMUNITY ENJOYMENT.**

**We the undersigned residents of Ancaster and surrounding areas wish to draw attention to the following list of concerns regarding the proposed severance of the Ancaster High School grounds:**

Severance will most probably lead to the sale of these lands to developers.

This in turn will lead to:

An increase in traffic throughout Ancaster including Wilson Street, in the neighbourhoods around the high school, the Meadowlands and especially Hwy 403.

The loss of 10 soccer fields for the 2,100 members of the Ancaster Soccer Club and the 3,000 members of the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club.

The loss of these grounds for activities such as soccer, football, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, running, dog walking, large gatherings for events such as charity fundraisers, sports tournaments and Ancaster Heritage Days, or just to walk in a beautiful greenspace.

The loss of trees, including endangered species, many of which have trunk circumferences in excess of 120 inches making them up to 180 years old.

The loss of natural drainage of rainwater which would therefore put additional stress on the neighbourhood storm sewer infrastructure.

The loss of the barriers on Taylor Road which would allow road access through the entire green space to Meadowbrook Drive thus adding traffic and noise.

# Comments from the Online Petition

Cheryl McMullan	Ancaster, Ontario	"It is our green space that the whole neighbourhood uses anot just the school and soccer. We should be building sports fields like bishop Tom is. It is not yours to sell. The people of Ancaster own that land"
Judy McCrea	Ancaster, Ontario	"There is a lot of traffic congestion now in this area. If you increase the population with more houses it just gets worse. Lots of local families and kids use this green space for outdoor activities. It is constantly busy with soccer in the summer. What provisions will be made? This property should be kept as green space or rebuild the dilapidated high school on the green space and then use the front Jerseyville side for soccer fields, track and field, and outdoor use."
Alexandria Henry	Hamilton, Ontario	"The severance is a short-term budget solution that will diminish the neighbourhood. This is not an unused parcel of land, it is a useful community space."
Tracy Mewhort-Buist	Ancaster, Ontario, Ontario	"Selling the land is a very short-sighted solution, which only briefly addresses a larger issue that the School Board is at a significant financial shortfall. Long-term solutions need to be sought, such as reducing the percentage of the budget dedicated to consultants, for example."
Nai-Han Teng	Hamilton, Ontario	"We need more green space not housing!!!!"
Kristen Mark	Hamilton, Ontario	"This green space is used by so many. In a world where accessible green space that our kids and others can easily get to is constantly shrinking keeping this available is a true blessing of this neighbourhood and should be modelled after, not destroyed."
Sean Webber	Ontario	"All the reasons listed are crucial to our community"
Sarah Skwira	Hamilton, Ontario	"An important green space for the surrounding community!"
Carolyn vandenHeuvel	Ancaster, Ontario	"There is far too much traffic congestion,With no changes to infrastructure. . You cannot get in or out of Ancaster. .roads are jammed. .we need every piece of green space preserved, for everyone's sake."
Maureen Morrison	Ancaster, ON	"As a former in Custer high school graduate, I recognize the benefits of these grounds to high school students. Not only will this development hinder activity among the students and the community, but it will lower the value of the Meadowbrook community as a whole."

Nonni Iler	Ancaster , Ontario	"Of the many reasons I want to stop the severance, a big reason is safety.If the barriers on Taylor are removed, the already busy neighbourhood of Spring Valley will become even more troubled. There are no sidewalks and there are too many pedestrians to risk increasing traffic on the narrow neighbourhood roads.Children walk to school, people walk dogs, jog, walk with strollers and in groups along the sides of Valleyview, Taylor, Orchard and Central. The fields are well used and are much-needed and appreciated green space. Please do not sever this land."
Pieter Head	Hamilton, Ontario	"I grew up in Ancaster. I played all of my soccer games at those fields."
Iris Johnston	Hamilton, Ontario	"I understand how important that green space and history is to the community. Don't let it be developed."
Heather Fung	Dundas, Ontario	"There is no community benefit or school benefit to these lands being severed and sold to accommodate rich builders adding more housing that we do not have the infrastructure to support. Money will not benefit Ancaster high, the students or the community."
Margaret Watson-DeBoer	ancaster, Ontario	"I'm angry that it's always about money, having a safe place for kids to be and not to worry about getting killed on the road because of busier traffic should be the prime concern
Louise Lachowskyj	Ontario	"These fields have and are being used by many and the community at large. We cannot keep swallowing up green space for development."
Ida Canaon	Ancaster, Ontario	"We need to keep the greenspace for our children and future"
Paul Deverson	Ancaster, Ontario	"Selling this precious land would be a short-term money-grab with long-term consequences. Green spaces are important to people's emotional and physical well-being. They also have environmental benefits such as filtering pollutants from the air, providing shade, and improving the drainage of rainwater."
Angela Deverson	Ancaster, Ontario	"There is precious little green space left in this part of Ancaster. This parcel of land needs to be saved for use by the local people. A community NEEDS green space."
Derek Berrisford	Hamilton, Ontario	"The land serves the community better as it is."



Ann Kearns	Hamilton, Ontario	"Kids need green space to run and play, and those soccer fields are enjoyed by ~so many~ families."
Derek Korobkin	Ancaster, Ontario	"Already enough traffic and housing clogging up the area. Time to take a stand!"
Marie Silva	Hamilton, Ontario	"We need parks for our children to play in! Enough development in Ancaster PLEASE! We don't have the infrastructure to facilitate this grand influx of people. Leave the greed behind and do the right thing!"
Paul Wiebe	Hamilton, Ontario	"These green spaces are part of the heritage from previous Ancaster residents that we should pass on to future generations. Once it's gone... it's gone. Shame on us if we sell it off."
Christine Howard	Caledonia, Ontario	"My children are part of a club that plays soccer there and I value the green space and the availability of recreational space for kids, who in dwindling numbers, are choosing an active, healthy lifestyle."
Steve Vrooman	Hamilton, Ontario	"I went to Ancaster High and played many sports on those fields. My 3 kids played soccer there. We need to pass on green spaces like these fields to future generations."
Jeremy Russell	Ontario	"I do not believe that HWDSB is listening to the community voice, student voice or the staff voice on this issue. I highly doubt any revenue from the possible sale would be directed back to needed updates at the high school."
Jeff Spragg	Hamilton, Ontario	"These fields are an integral part of the community. They are used for many occasions. I personally have watched eclipses through our telescope with my family and friends at the field. This type of green space is a vital part of a healthy community."
John Southerst	Ancaster, Ontario	"Alex Johnstone must be stopped. This is an assault on Ancaster history, sports and children. It is a blatant cash grab by a money hungry municipal politician. She will say they won't sell it to developers, but as soon as it is severed, she and politicians like her will quickly see the steak on the table, like hungry dogs. They will sell it. For sure. We already own this land. It is not hers to sell. Shame. What a vile politician."

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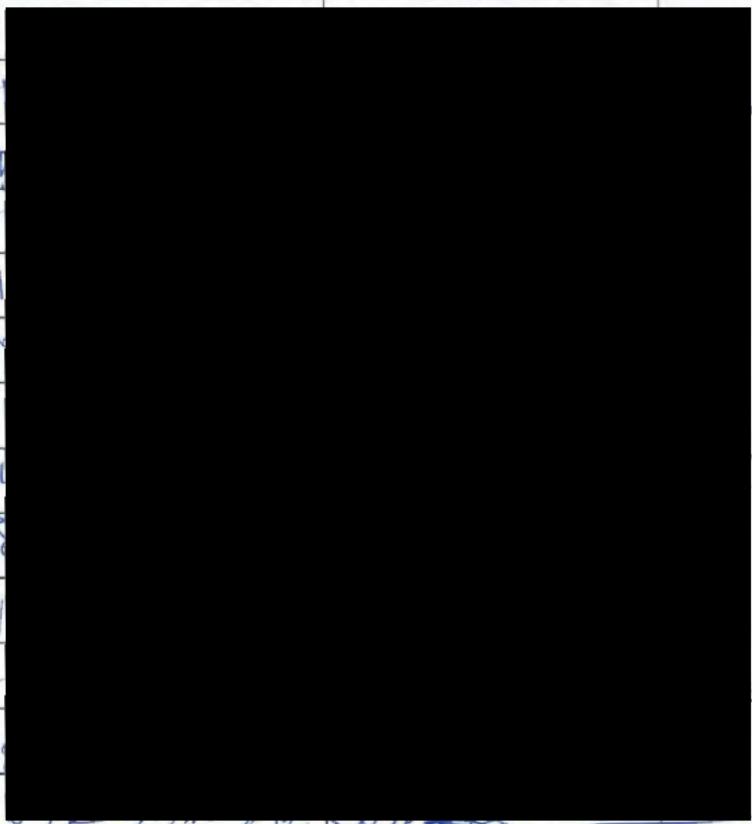
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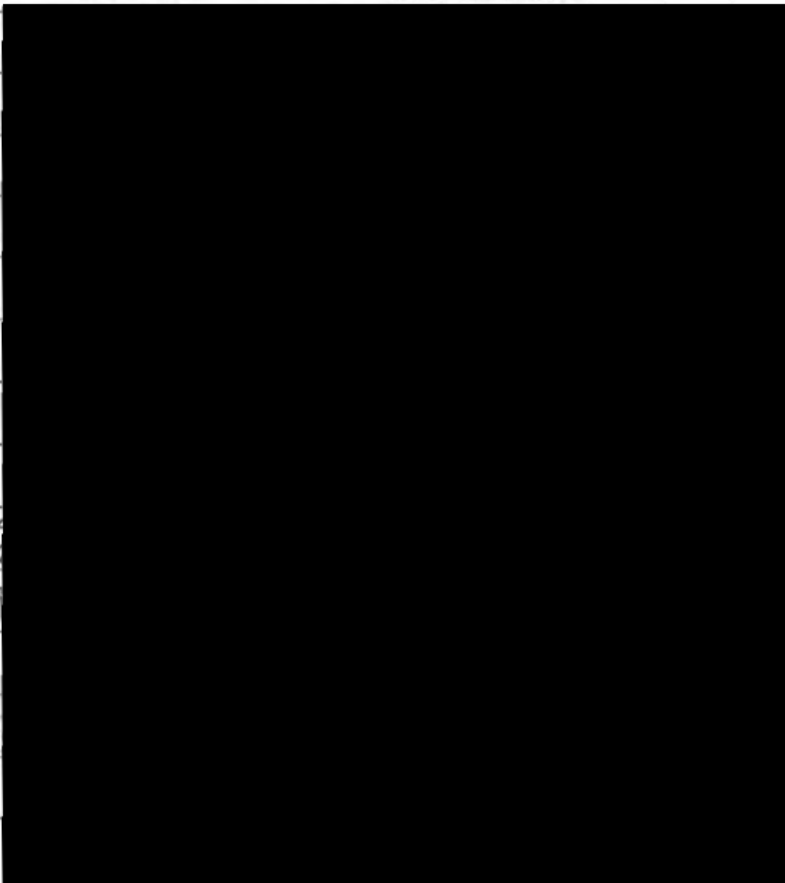
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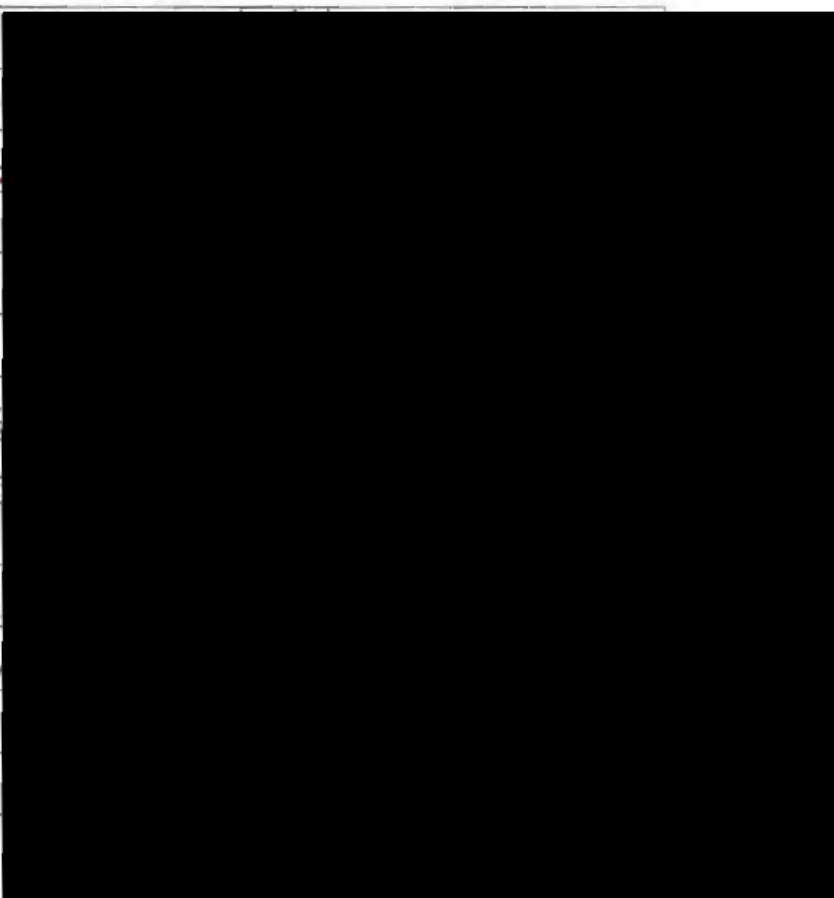
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