



HAMILTON CHAPTER

Written delegation. Office of the City Clerk
Re: Item 9.4 Planning Committee, April 6

Dear City Councillors,

On behalf of the Hamilton Chapter, please accept our thanks for your commitment to civic engagement despite pressure from the province to expand the urban boundary in a big hurry. That was a very long meeting even by Hamilton standards, and we appreciated the way everyone was treated equally and respectfully. We applaud Councillors Clark and Johnson for bringing forward the motions that they did on the 29th, and we applaud you all for voting your approval of them, with one abstention noted on one of them.

Our chapter as you know, has asked you to consider putting solar panels on municipal buildings. We hope you will take that idea up, and also that there might be ways to incentivize using solar power for the new gentle intensification that we need within the city boundary. We very much approve of the SDU policy being applied across every ward in our city. I expect if you held a photo contest to see who could find the most useable empty lots and spaces within the urban boundary, you could generate a lot of fun and interest in this new and exciting way of housing ourselves in whole communities. No more food deserts in Hamilton, please! Many like myself do not own a vehicle, and hauling groceries on and off buses is hard for many people.

Our city is so lucky to have talented young architects like Emma Cubitt to show the community how innovative and attractive the IN MY BACKYARD! concept of backyard suites and laneway dwellings really can be. It can even dovetail with the tiny house movement so that people who have up till now been houseless could have a home that is easy to care for, close to the familiar places they use in their daily lives, and is inexpensive to build. I heard someone on Council, I believe, mention the word re-village, and that sounds intriguing too. If one of you can let us know what the context of that was, we'd be glad. You can reach us at chapterhamilton@gmail.com. Thanks again for listening to your constituents!

Yours sincerely,

Mary Love, Secretary, Hamilton Chapter, Council of Canadians