

Subject: Non-Confidence Vote - Councillor Maria Pearson

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Dear Honourble Mayor and Councillors;

I recently read an article in the Hamilton News where the headline was, 'Stoney Creek residents fired up over apartment bid - Coun. Maria Pearson agrees Hwy 8 development too big.'

Imagine my surprise when I read the proposed building was ONLY 4-storeys! To further add insult to injury, Councillor Pearson agreed the development was 'out of character with the area'.

The impacted residents in this part of her Ward were concerned with, 'increased traffic, noise, crime, impact on home values, loss of sunlight and privacy'. To which our venerable Councillor went on to express how she's 'disappointed by the development proposal because she OPPOSED a four-storey building at the consultation meeting and encouraged the owner to bring it down to THREE storeys.' She finished her sentiment with, 'I understand the dilemma of the neighbourhood, I truly do.'

The residents who live in the area of 1400 Baseline Road have these same concerns, but our Councillor Pearson will not engage in any meaningful dialogue with the residents of this area. In fact, she has ignored our emails over the years regarding traffic/speed issues on Baseline and Fifty Roads.

It is blatantly clear the reason our Councillor is concerned for some of her constituents and not others is the 43% popular vote she attained in the above area last election, versus what she received in our area, where she lost dismally. We didn't ask for the Ward boundaries to be changed, but here we are. Is there not some line in her oath of service that says she agrees to serve ALL of her constituents equally without favour?

If only there was a system in place by which the residents of Winona could instigate a Non-Confidence Vote against Councillor Pearson. Our hope is 2022 will see the end of her reign.

Respectfully;

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