

You need to be more transparent!!

Dear members of the Hamilton Board of Health,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns about the proposed CTS at 746 Barton St. East. I live on Sherman Ave. North in the house that my Great Great Grandmother Anna Bielakiewicz bought for my Grandparents around 1927. Our family has roots in this neighbourhood!

First, the TAN proposal does not follow provincial guidelines. It is less than 200 metres from St. Ann's elementary school. There has been no community consultation. I would like to remind you that consultation does not mean information.

Many children walk passed this building on their ways to St. Ann's as well as nearby Prince of Wales elementary and Bernie Custis secondary schools. This proposed CYS is two doors away from the African Caribbean Cultural Center which offers programs for youth and seniors as well as other social activities. It is also four doors away from the LUSO operated ECHO building which offers various programs for adults with exceptionalities. These young people travel on Barton St. to activities and wait for transportation outside the building. This proposed site is near three churches, Holy Spirit, St. Stan's and St. Ann's. Holy Spirit offers Saturday Ukrainian language school. Both Holy Spirit and St. Stan's provide various other programs for youth and seniors. Many children, youth and seniors will walk past this proposed site on their ways to school, church and activities and they will be at risk.

While supporters of CTSs claim that they do not cause harm to residents who live nearby, one only had to recall the situation around the Urban Core Rebecca St. site. I saw it firsthand because my dentist's office is two blocks away. Today, one just has to walk or drive in the area around the YWCA CTS site to see the negative effect on that neighbourhood.

As members of the Board of Health, you represent ALL Hamiltonians and must make decisions that keep everyone safe and healthy and not just to please lobby groups. A CTS at 746 Barton St. will not do that!

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