

JAMESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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Thursday August 17th, 2023

*c/o Office of the City Clerk
City of Hamilton
71 Main St. W., 1st Floor
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8P 4Y5*

Members of City Council,

We represent the Jamesville Redevelopment site located at the intersection of James Street North and Stachan Street East, directly across from the proposed location for the Hamilton Alliances for Tiny Shelters (HATS) project. Currently our project remains at risk due to an appeal on a zoning approval by CN Rail filed against the City of Hamilton due to the proximity of our site to the CN Railyards.

Since 2019, we have been working in collaboration with CityHousing Hamilton (CHH), Indwell, and the City of Hamilton to deliver new affordable and market housing units to the Jamesville neighbourhood based on the needs of the community. This was achieved through extensive consultation with the City of Hamilton and the Jamesville community to ensure that an opportunity was given for residents, local businesses and stakeholders to voice their concerns and provide feedback.

Without notice, we were indirectly informed that City Council is planning to vote on establishing a sanctioned encampment adjacent to the proposed redevelopment site. We have not been granted the opportunity of a consultation with any member from the City, in order for us to understand the parameters of the HATS project and any implications this will have on the CN appeal and any other impacts on the Jamesville Redevelopment. Without proper consultation, there is a risk of consequences that could negatively affect both residents and businesses alike for the foreseeable future.

We believe the City of Hamilton's housing crisis is best addressed through focused efforts on long-term, affordable housing solutions. Our current plan would provide the community with 166 affordable housing units in partnership with CHH and Indwell, along with 287 market units. We believe that a short-term, rushed solution is not worth putting the future of the community at risk without proper consultation.

We ask that City Council defer their vote on this project until a proper consultation is completed with the community and all appropriate stakeholders.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to a constructive dialogue that will lead to a strong future for the Jamesville community.

On behalf of the Jamesville Redevelopment Limited Partnership.

DeSantis Homes, Marz Homes, Melrose Investments Inc. & FRAM Slokker