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Good morning.

I hope all is well. Great article Craig even if the City is misguided and able-ist.

I am tired of the BIA's in Hamilton, who do not speak for all the businesses taking away parking for their own "vision". I know the Westdale Village BIA is only for the 'Olde Village of Westdale' so excludes the book stores, banks, computer stores, etc. Westdale Village BIA takes away half the metered parking spaces in the City parking lots there. The Dundas BIA is only for the "olde town of Dundas" and excludes many other businesses which they do not like. I am from Dundas so know whereof I speak; I know which Dundas businesses are not part of the BIA too. If retail shops want to encourage trade shutting down parking lots defeats the purpose for those residents who use DARTs, have wheelchair vans, etc.

The BIA's on Concession take away metered parking near the hospitals. Who to complain about the article in Spec "City to Review rationalization of downtown Dundas parking" by Craig Campbell. December 9, 2023

How do I complain? Which committee to complain to?

I have pictures of the Dundas Picone store which routinely block the sidewalks with heavy merchandise that blocks the sidewalks and they do not clean up after a bad storm either. I was trying to get to an appointment in Dundas where I had used my disabled parking permit and had to pass Picone's who had not cleared up after a bad icy storm. I went in and reamed them out on the way home but that store continues to do that. There is a fish market on James St. North who also blocks the sidewalks ALL THE TIME and forces those in wheelchairs waiting for the HSR onto the road while they wait and no amount of complaining helped.

Why do the BIA's in Westdale get to take over half the parking lots there for BIA restaurants but not care about the other non BIA businesses? Why is the City continuously pushing this annoying agenda for only a select group of businesses?

Please let me know who to complain to?

I am tired of the BIA's disregarding the rights of other citizens with disabilities too. I use a cane and need the parking spaces close to the other services like banks, etc.

Why are the BIA's in the City given 'carte blanche' for the BIA restaurants only when they do not care about the Skateboard shop on James St. north near the other BIA resto's there with porch patios?

Please let me know who to complain to .

Businesses in Hamilton should not be allowed to block disabled parking spaces as Jack Astor's in Ancaster did in the summer two years ago. The Factory Shoe on Upper James is notorious for blocking their disabled parking space with merchandise too.

yours, Susan

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