

STONEY CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce opposes the removal of the important and well utilized community parking sites in Stoney Creek designated for two housing projects. We are concerned about the lack of consultation, the selection process, and most importantly, the community impact that this decision will create.

To be clear, we are not opposed to meeting the needs of the housing crisis, nor is this a case of NIMBY, but rather, we are concerned that the Stoney Creek sites have been selected in haste without proper consideration and planning and are not beneficial for the community,

Most importantly, the City has mistakenly declared this well used community parking area as “under-utilized” while providing no proof or studies to substantiate this claim.

Contrary to the City’s claim, this area is incredibly busy, providing needed use for the entire community. It is situated in the centre of the village’s active business district, full of existing residents and community services. This area is a busy, important, and useful part of our community.

Contrary to the City’s claim that this area is “under-utilized,” this busy community area is utilized by:

- Parking pass holders for residents living in existing, adjacent, senior apartments.
- Seniors and the physically challenged to provide access to Doctors’ offices, Laboratory services, and other medical services in a busy Medical office complex adjacent to this site.
- Numerous existing local small businesses who rely on this car park for customers and employees.
- Tourists use this car park to access local shopping and dining in the Village.
- Large tour buses and school buses use parking lots for events and historical education.
- Local walking trails, biking trails, and historic sites visitors use the space as a community parking access point.
- Multiple existing community festivals, events, local Farmers’ Market, the Legion

Hall, community organizations, Churches, and the newly established, massive "Boots in the Creek" festival, utilize this space for visitors, performers, musicians, and artisans.

- Moreover, this area will be even busier as it will provide community and regional access to the newly approved Public Park the City is currently building directly across the road.

Furthermore, we are concerned that no information/studies have been provided showing the process and criteria used to select these Stoney Creek sites as being better suited than all other possible sites in the entire City of Hamilton.

Furthermore, unlike other potential sites, the Stoney Creek sites are not near the LRT , where development is supposed to be prioritized. Distance from the LRT decreases affordability and increases reliance on more automobiles and more parking demand.

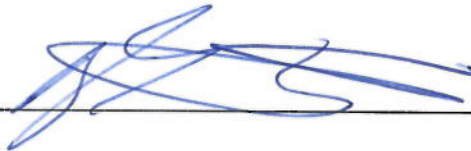
Furthermore, if approved, the City will be destroying "Veteran's' Lane," a laneway named by the community in honour of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We ask the Council to reconsider this decision and find more appropriate sites for affordable housing in Stoney Creek .

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