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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: City Council Feb. 28th, 2024: Affordable Housing in Stoney Creek

Hello;

I wrote a letter to the editor which was published on Thursday or Friday of this week. I'm attaching that letter to this email.

It is hard for me to even believe that 8 of our city Councillors voted in favour of retaining parking spaces over building 67 geared to income housing for those in desperate need of a roof over their heads. City Council has already voted unanimously that we need more housing, however when given a golden opportunity to put their money where their mouths are they backed out.

One of the reason stated by some of the Councillors is that losing these parking spots would cause possible hardship to the small business community in Stoney Creek. I would argue that having more people living right in the heart of lovely Stoney Creek would bring more business to these businesses.

I use that parking lot a few times a year and I've never, ever seen it full of cars, there are always many empty parking spaces.

I'm hoping that some of the 8 who voted in favour of maintaining the parking spots over building housing will have a change of heart by the time the final vote comes on the 28th. The current decision is in my opinion unconscionable and should be reversed.

I'm getting tired and annoyed at residents in our fine city admitting that homelessness in Hamilton is a crisis but then objecting to housing for these homeless citizens being built in their neighbourhood. NIMBY'ism is not an acceptable answer to those living in tents.

Please have the needs of these people in your minds as you vote this week and put people ahead of parking spots.

Thanks for your reconsideration of this issue.

Ruth Van Horne,

Parking comes before people

Re: [Plan to use Stoney Creek parking lot for housing rejected](#) (Feb. 21)

My mouth is hanging open and I'm aghast at the decision of city council to vote in favour of protecting parking spaces rather than provide affordable housing for 67 people/families.

When we see all the tent encampments and the huge number of homeless people in the city, this is simply an unconscionable decision on the part of our city councillors.

Please, please before the final vote next week, give your heads a shake and do the right thing. Take a drive around and see all those poor souls who are without a roof over their heads, then take a look at the parking lots full of empty cars and ask yourselves, which of those sights is more in need of being protected and taken care of?

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