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Subject: Affordable Housing Discussion in Stoney Creek

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your vote last week and to support the residents of ward 5 and Matt Francis by voting against the proposal to build two buildings on the only parking lot in downtown Stoney Creek.

Many businesses in the Stoney Creek core contributed funds to build this parking lot as a show of support for our downtown core.. In addition, Veterans Way must be preserved so that the community can continue to honour those men and women who have fought to preserve our country and our democracy. The Legion is at the heart of our downtown core.

Many of us recognize the importance of providing affordable housing, but do not believe that this tiny, very well used parking lot is an appropriate location. This area does not even have convenient bus service. Our councilor has proposed an alternate location that has many features that make it a much better fit for affordable housing.

Many people have worked very hard over the years to revitalize our downtown area. Several new businesses have moved in recently and several buildings have been renovated in anticipation of more new businesses. The BIA has organized numerous very well attended special events. Adequate parking is essential to their success. With 2 new condo developments that include retail spaces being built within a block and with limited parking on Lake Avenue, Mountain Avenue, Elm Street and Maple Drive, this parking lot is a key element to the success of our community.

Please consider listening to the people of ward 5 who are asking that the alternate location be considered for the affordable housing in our community.

Sincerely,

Jackie Coté