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Subject: Parking lot in Old Town Stoney Creek

As residents of Old Town Stoney Creek for 37 years, we know how well utilized and vital our parking lot is just above King St, E between Lake Avenue South and Mountain Ave.S!!

We would also like to set the record straight that the majority of us agree more affordable housing is needed but not this particular spot and this is why.

How many use this parking lot to access the Legion for its daily functions; renting to seniors groups for their activities, celebrating the life of a loved one, the companies that rent space at the Legion to keep educating their work force and then our single seniors who are looking forward to meeting up with their friends in the upstairs lounge for some human contact and conversation!!

Stoney Creek First United Church is another patron of the parking lot as they have to rely on renting space to stay viable in Old Town as their congregation is slowly dying off.
There are no grocery stores only convenience stores in downtown Stoney Creek.

Bus service has been changed in down town Stoney Creek, those who are wanting to go to the mall now need to walk to Highway 20 south to catch the bus.
Street parking is not nearly as plentiful as you would like the rest of Hamilton to believe it is. You need to come and see how limited it is for yourself!!

With the announcement construction work will be commencing shortly on the north side of King St.E, another small parking lot will no longer be available. **Just to remind you, this is a condo complex with 115 units and commercial/retail space on the ground floor coming to our neighbourhood!!**

R.L. Hyslop school was recently torn down and our understanding this will one day become a park, why was this lot not given consideration to be a site for affordable housing or **Green Acres school!!!**

We totally agree and stand with Matt Francis that the Riverdale area is the logical and convenient choice as you have the bus hub at Eastgate Square, you have Eastgate Square for shopping, one can walk to other grocery stores, so much more convenience!!

We want you, Mayor Horwath, as you have offended many of us with your remarks that we are choosing parking over housing!!

This is a life line for so many whether you are an established business or a patron visiting our downtown core for medical, business, finance, shopping, grabbing a bite to eat or social and we DO NOT WANT TO LOSE IT.

We have hated amalgamation from day one as we once were the City of Stoney Creek and very well run!!

We certainly cannot say the same since we have been swallowed up by Hamilton.

We need to be very smart where we are planning to put affordable housing, it really does need to be convenient and accessible!!

Thank you for taking this time,

Ann & John Bennie