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Dear Mayor Horwath;

Although the effort to create new affordable housing is commendable, this goal can and should be achieved without destroying vital infrastructure.

Our town is well aware that there are numerous other nearby locations (i.e., Riverdale, Jamesville) which could have been chosen for the greater good and feel strongly that the present decision reflects a lack of due diligence and ignores the opinion of the people who live and work here.

Stoney Creek, deeply steeped in history, has a very proud heritage of honouring our military veterans and finds the proposed destruction of Veterans Lane disrespectful and offensive.

Our Royal Canadian Legion is a linchpin of community gatherings. The currently available adjacent parking is an integral part of that social dynamic.

By withdrawing the presently adequate parking you are compounding the difficulty our disabled and increasingly elderly population already grapple with to access health care. Please visualize the extra challenge created for mobility impaired patients accessing long established medical care facilities in downtown Stoney Creek when you minimize and move their parking potential further away.

The entire transportation and associated supportive infrastructure dilemma is compounded by city reduction of bus transportation to Stoney Creek.

Taking away our downtown parking lot is akin to shooting ourselves in the foot. Instead of supporting downtown Stoney Creek business, City Hall is

callously choosing to cripple it.

The purpose of Strong Mayor powers is to cut red tape and speed up the delivery of shared municipal-provincial priorities, not to allow you to govern as an autocrat. It should be incumbent on you to "First, Do No Harm". To do otherwise is to abuse your privilege.

We respectfully request that you reconsider the negative ripple effect of undermining our downtown infrastructure.

Sincerely,
Wayne Newman