

wouldn't be able to live. It provides existing amenities such as schools within walking distance and cycling distance and jobs within easy transit access. Ultimately this type of housing typology exists all of the city of Hamilton without substantial negative impacts on surrounding areas and so the intention of the by-laws are not to deny housing of this type. Infill is especially important to reduce expansion of the urban boundary. Building housing is a priority of the city, the province and the federal government.

There are also impacts to city tax revenue as the current vacant house will provide less property tax than infill housing which will ultimately cost less per unit to service. This change in use will positively impact Hamilton and its residents and its tax base more than any potential downsides. It should be approved as proposed.

I would recommend staff review priorities of city council, namely reviewing decisions under the lens of a climate change emergency and the declaration of a homelessness, opioid addiction and mental health. Denying infill housing supply can put upward pressure on housing prices, pushing more Hamilton residents into homelessness and impact their mental health. Infill housing is more sustainable and residents are less likely to use climate intensive modes of transportation as often. Denying infill housing supply can put upward pressure on emissions impacting the climate. The adjustment requested here has a positive impact on multiple emergency declarations and no negative impacts on other emergency declarations.

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