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**Subject:** GIC Shelter Location Discussion

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Hello

I just wanted to reach out and thank you regarding your comments regarding the process of consultation regarding these tiny shelter communities.

As a community member hearing that one of these sites is all of a sudden coming to your street or neighborhood is a lot to process. In every instance the city has named a site and then 2 weeks later is voting on it without any form of communication to affected area residents. Just imagine coming home from work one day and finding out from a neighbour or from social media that 80 people with mental illness, drug addictions and pet pit bulls are moving in across the street from your house and one block from your kids school. Just try and wrap your head around that.

Then once you wrap your head around it you find out that your only time to ask questions is thru a single delegation that you already missed because you found out after the fact. Just think how angry you might be. Well that is the reality of what has been going on the past 18 months under this council. It happened on Strachan, Barton/Tiffany, and now Brampton street.

The system of consultation as you pointed out is flawed for a project of this magnitude. This is not a pathway or a community garden. These are projects that will have huge affect's on people's lives regarding safety, property values, and quality of life as they know it.

This has angered area residents so much that we will do whatever it takes to make sure these projects do not work when implemented without consultation. As you have seen with Barton and Tiffany every little misstep from the city is being pointed out by area residents just in spite of the lack of process. We as residents even organized a meeting with 300 residents and the HPS after the announcement but a representative from the city refused to show up.

I guess my question would be is this a matter of poor communication and process or is it done purposely to exclude the valid concerns or area residents around these proposed sites?

Thanks

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