

Summary of Public Comments Received

Comment Received	Staff Response
Nine letters of support were received from the neighbours of the proposed development. The general comments in these letters mentioned how the proposed development is an excellent way to preserve the existing building and is beneficial for the neighbourhood.	Noted.

Heinbecker, Erik

From: Carol [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 10:39 PM
To: Heinbecker, Erik
Subject: 1278 Old Hwy 8 Sheffield

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Hi Erik

I'm writing as a staunch supporter of Matt [REDACTED] and his family in Sheffield.

I attended church service's at 1278 Old Hwy 8 back in the day. It was heartbreaking to see the old church start to crumble.

Matt and Nikki and their family have transformed this 150 year old structure into their home. It is amazingly beautiful! It is a credit to the village.

Matt and Nikki have been so supportive to the community with their time and fundraising. I am currently lion chief of Sheffield Lions Club and this family was very instrumental in raising funds for donation to training guide dogs at our annual silent auction. This is only one example of their generosity!

I am very grateful to call this family my friend and neighbour.
Please do all you can so they can remain a part of Sheffield..

Respectfully

Carol [REDACTED]

Heinbecker, Erik

From: Dave F [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Heinbecker, Erik
Subject: 1278 Old Hwy 8, Sheffield

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Good afternoon,

This email is to comment on the application of Matt [REDACTED] to convert his property at 1278 Old Highway 8 from institutional to residential.

I have sold real estate in the area for 27 years with Remax Twin City. I live across the street from Matt at 1287 Old Highway 8 and have been a lifelong resident of the Sheffield Community. I have been in my home my entire life.

I have sold this particular property on three (3) occasions the last being to Matt. Matt has been here approximately five (5) years. He has become apart of our community often using area homes and peoples' personal vehicles in his work. Matt wants to raise his two (2) young daughters here in Sheffield and I know it is a good place to do so as this is where I raised my family. He has been very transparent in his plans to convert the church to a home, and I know he has the full support of the residents and his neighbours in Sheffield. We have three (3) churches in the village and an institution of zoning will not affect our community at all. The improvements Matt has made to this property over the years have been all well done and conscious of the heritage in the village. He has certainly enhanced the look of the property and the look of our village.

Should you have any questions or would like to speak further on this please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [REDACTED]

Yours Truly,

Heinbecker, Erik

From: John [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 8:25 PM
To: Heinbecker, Erik
Subject: 1278 Old Hwy 8 Sheffield

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Hello Erik

I am writing in regards to the property 1278 Old Hwy 8 in Sheffield changing zoning from church to residential.

I've lived in Sheffield for most of my life, and I have no problem with the proposed zoning change into a family home. I've gotten to know Matt and his family since he purchased the building a few years ago, and have found him to be a very positive figure here in the village. There are so many unused public buildings like old churches these days. I think it is great that someone can upgrade a building like this and convert it into a unique home for their family.

Thanks for your time

John [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Heinbecker, Erik](#)
To: [Mehta, Dhruv](#)
Subject: FW: 1278 Old Hwy 8, Sheffield
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 10:09:45 AM

From: Julie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:58 PM
To: Heinbecker, Erik <Erik.Heinbecker@hamilton.ca>
Subject: 1278 Old Hwy 8, Sheffield

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Hello Erik,

I wish to share support as a neighbour of 1278 Old Hwy 8. It is great to see the efforts to restore the church building and convert it to a home in our residential community. Currently the community already houses 3 other churches and a tiny population of residents. I hope that the process can be made smooth for the residents of this property who are wonderful community minded people.

Sincerely,

Julie [REDACTED]



Heinbecker, Erik

From: Monica [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:14 PM
To: Heinbecker, Erik
Subject: 1278 Old Highway 8 Sheffield

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Good Evening Erik

My name is Monica Culham and I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my family. We are writing to you as a show of support for Matt Barnes and his Family at 1278 Old Highway 8 in Sheffield and the application to change this address from Place of Worship to Residential zoning.

Let me start by saying we live next door at 1276 Old Hwy 8, Sheffield, and have been neighbors with Matt and Family since he purchased the building 7 years ago. We would not oppose this application as we feel strongly about Matt's dedication to preserving this beautiful red brick building for now and future generations. He has put many hours as well as significant funds into restoring and caring for this building and keeping its integrity intact. Matt and his family are very active in the community and are always lending a hand when needed. His love and passion for the church building and community are rare and we hope to have him as our neighbour for many years to come. This church building will be an incredible home for this family.

If you have any questions or need to reach us for any reason please do not hesitate to reply to this email

Thank you and have a good evening

Monica [REDACTED]

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop

From: Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 8:46 AM
To: Heinbecker, Erik <Erik.Heinbecker@hamilton.ca>
Subject: 1278 Old Highway 8---Sheffield Ontario

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Good morning Mr Heinbecker,

I fear that this letter might reach you somewhat late, and for that please excuse me, but I hope and trust you might consider this letter in any decisions or discussion that seem to be ongoing related to the property above ---1278 Old Highway 8---namely the old Presbyterian church located in the town of Sheffield.

I should first point out that my wife and I moved to Sheffield in 1991 when expecting our first born and we live down by the ballpark. We moved here due to the quaint little school ---Old Sheffield School ---the post office, the community center down at the far end as well as living beside the ballpark was certainly a bonus. It had everything we needed and to raise children and the community was open and gracious upon our arrival.

Over the years the school is now gone and Seaton school across the highway is also now closed, the old post office /general store has since left, but the true sense of community is still alive and well.

Progress moves forward as we now have the mutual insurance group at one end of the community-- HD mutual, as well as the other Zion church that is at the other end of the town. With regards to the above property, [REDACTED] and his fiance Nikki have transformed an old beaten church into a wonderful haven that this community really appreciates.

From a site planning perspective, the place has never looked better, at any time since my wife and I have lived here, again since 91.

More than that, they are a young family springing life into a small community where a number of younger families are coming to.

Yes, things in this town have changed over the years, due to progress, and changing the zoning of the Old Presbyterian church into a residential dwelling should be the next step.

As a long time resident of this community, and in speaking with neighbours, I have met no one opposed to the changing of this zoning application.

Many thanks for listening

Robert [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hello,

Re: 1278 Old Hwy 8,
Flamborough

"Settlement Residential"

YES!

The building + property
look absolutely terrific!

Welcome neighbours!

From:

Jen + [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Heinbecker, Erik

From: Sheffield Minor Ba [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:04 PM
To: Heinbecker, Erik
Subject: Zoning Application for 1278 Old Hwy 8 Sheffield

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Greetings,

I am the president of Sheffield Minor ball and have had the privilege of getting to know Matt and Nikki through their volunteering and contributions to our organization.

Sheffield is a small community and seeing all the love, time and care they have put into the church has been remarkable. We support each other here and watching what they've done to the church - turning it into the most beautiful home, through all their dedication and hard work has been a real honour. Not only have they contributed to our community through their efforts with baseball, but they've truly ensured our village remains exceptional.

I personally am I firm believer of 'it takes a village' and having two of the most caring, enthusiastic and genuine people living here and giving back so selflessly is what every village needs.

The world needs more people like Matt and Nikki and I'm just thankful they are choosing us here in Sheffield. Our village and community truly wouldn't be the same without them being here and living in their beautifully restored home.

Sheffield Minor Ball supports every endeavour being made to turn the church into a residential home. The zoning change is a necessity for our village and ensuring our community remains intact.

Regards
Sheffield Minor Ball

To Whom it May Concern

Matt Barnes and his family have been a great addition to our community. They always support our local events. They also use local businesses when they are needed. They have painted at our ball park, donated their time and talents to Sheffield Lions fundraisers, helped with clean up around our town. They are great neighbours and their smiles and laughter make everyone happy when they walk through the village (or cycle or pass by in all their awesome vehicles.)

Their building has not been used for worship for many years and we have 3 churches in our village. I have lived in Sheffield for 51 years and my husband has lived here over 60 years.

We feel they are a part of our community and hope they will be supported in all their endeavours.

