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Subject: Stoney Creek Arena

Mayor Horwath,

I grew up on the East Mountain. I was just a kid when the surrounding towns amalgamated into greater Hamilton. As I grew older, I would hear rumours of how disappointed the amalgamated towns were. Yes, they got bus services, and snow removal, and other resources from Hamilton. But there was always a stigma that, despite their taxes going up every year, it was always the city center and the mountain wards that truly cashed in on the tax dollars of the amalgamated towns.

Now I'm a tax paying Creeker. I've lived here for 4 years; in the heart of Olde Town, Ward 5. I've never experienced a sense of community like I do here.

Unfortunately, I can now confirm first hand that the rumours I heard about Stoney Creek were true.

Mayor Horwath, you - just like some mayors before you - treat Stoney Creekers like second class citizens. Full stop.

The proposal to remove the ice at Stoney Creek Arena is nothing short of ignorant.

That arena has been so packed lately that I can barely get a parking spot for my kids' swimming lessons next door at the recreation center. That's a GOOD thing!

This is the first arena my kids ever experienced. There's always something going on there. Sometimes we walk over after swimming and watch random practices or games and cheer on some kids. We walk to the Tigers games! My kids see their Collegiate Ave Elementary schoolmates there. It's a magical experience; one of those times as a parent where you can watch your children actively making memories that you know they will carry forever.

But you don't care. You do whatever serves you and then you disable the comments section when you announce it to the public.

You are the proverbial steamroller and you roll back and forth over communities like Stoney Creek.

"Strong Mayor", weren't you the one who (just a year ago) strong-armed two low income housing projects on downtown Stoney Creek?

I guess you expect all of those low wage earners to take a nice long bus ride to another arena. (Just like they'll have to take a long bus ride to get to the closest grocery store.) Or maybe you figure they won't make enough money to put their kids in hockey, so who cares?

You continue to make move after move that insults the amalgamated communities.

Voicing his concerns on the budget proposal to remove the ice from Stoney Creek Arena, Counselor Beattie said recently that "This is a Ward 5 issue but in Stoney Creek we don't necessarily see those lines". He's absolutely right.

You, on the other hand, love drawing lines. And you've drawn a big fat one around "your city" with a Sharpie and left Stoney Creek on the outside yet again.

Shame.

On you. On this budget proposal. On your tiny home scandal. On your strong mayor power abuse. Shame on all of it.

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