

269 Herkimer Street
Hamilton
September 19, 2011

City Clerk
Corporate Services Department
71 Main Street West
Hamilton
re: file ZAR – 11 – 003
subject property 252 – 254 Locke Street South

Dear Sirs:

As my wife and I were unable to attend the public meeting for the hearing on this proposal, I would like to submit the following now:

We were originally attracted to the Locke Street area because of the neighbourhood qualities. We had a small book store, quaint shops and a little church. Not too long ago there was also a bank, a hardware store and a drug store. For whatever reason, there have been a number of changes over the years. To get to the services these small businesses provided we now have to travel some distance, to be dealt with by strangers. Walking becomes time consuming and onerous in inclement weather, so we now drive when we used to walk. Still we lived in a small community where "everybody knew our names," or at least, our faces.

There is now a proliferation of businesses that attract transient customers who have little or no connection or concern for the neighbourhood. We seem to be reduced to bars, restaurants and hairdressers.

I feel that the character and rules of law are being slowly eroded. The property in question is under residential planning, I believe. I think the residents in the area would have our quality of life permanently degraded by having an outdoor patio, with or without a liquor licence on this property. We oppose the granting of an extended patio and/or a liquor licence to the property at 252 – 254 Locke Street because we do not want outdoor drinking in our residential neighbourhood, nor do we want drinkers coming to retrieve their vehicles honking their horns and calling a cheery good night to each other at all hours.

Customers for these businesses, mostly seem to arrive by automobile. They used to park on Locke St. But since the installation of parking meters, the drivers prefer saving money by parking on the side streets. Putting more pressure on the residential streets for parking.

I feel that if more seats are made available, with no parking facilities provided, the benefits will accrue to the business owners at the expense of the neighbourhood and the people who live there.

Thank you,

Robert G. Tyrrell

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