



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
Believing. Achieving. Serving

January 9, 2012

Ms. Delia McPhail, MCIP, RPP
 Planner II
 Development Planning Section (West Team)
 Planning & Economic Development Department
 City of Hamilton
 71 Main Street West, 5th Floor
 Hamilton, Ontario
 L8P 4Y5

RECEIVED JAN 11 2012

Dear Ms. McPhail:

Re: Zoning By-Law Application
 121 Augusta Avenue
 (Lynwood Charlton Centre)

On behalf of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, I am submitting this letter in support of the recent request of the administrative executives of the Lynwood Charlton Centre to the City of Hamilton to allow zoning by-law approval to the current site at 121 Augusta Avenue.


The long history of the efficacy of the program and services provided by the former Charlton House and Lynwood Hall to protect and support some of our most disenfranchised and vulnerable teenaged females has demonstrated the professionalism of the staff and organizations.

The proposal submitted by the Lynwood Charlton Centre clearly establishes the need to have a facility that is more structurally appropriate to meet the needs of these young women. The administrators continue to be committed to ensuring that the property is well maintained and that all appropriate supports are in place at all times to enable the clients to lead a safe, healthy lifestyle in this alternate living environment.

As an essential component of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's commitment to an inclusive philosophy of "Each Belongs", we ask that the Development Planning Team grant the re-zoning request for 121 Augusta Avenue and help provide a suitable living accommodation for any young teenaged woman who is in a risk situation. Social justice and empathy to the fragile members of our society must continue to be promoted and enhanced in Hamilton.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,


 Mrs. J. Bajus,
 Superintendent of Education

JB:cs

c: Alex Thompson, Executive Director, Lynwood Charlton Centre
 Deidre Finlay, c/o Lynwood Charlton Centre