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Subject: RE: Glenn Hamilton

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Dear Vanessa Robicheau

Re: Strathcona Neighbourhood Secondary Plan

I have a house on York and Strathcona St North, south east corner, 162 Strathcona St North.

I was very pleased with the original Strathcona Neighbourhood Secondary Plan. It appeared the planners had decided and recommended a 10 storey or higher condo residence with ground level commercial spaces and better pedestrian access.

I was happy to see the City was doing something that made perfect sense. Well done planners!!!

And very unhappy that a few had rejected the plan and were stopping the growth of this great city when I heard they scaled it back.

The original Plan by the Planners was increasing and intensifying the density of the downtown core with an upscale consumers condo residence, this is a brilliant idea and its paramount that it happens for the success of the City as a whole. Businesses struggle downtown and this creates blight which is what we continue to see for the last ten years. The Planners idea would combat this problem. Its only when a super crawl happens that we can see what could happen downtown on a more sustained and consistent level, by populating the core as recommended by the City planners.

I was very upset when the planning team informed me that they scaled back their plan for my block when residence response was both supportive and against the plan. I do not believe those against have a plausible case since the whole city benefits from the original plan.

The York St. corridor is a vital entrance to the Downtown core and should be as upscale and inviting as possible. Ample parking could be made underground.

All studies I have investigated show white flight is over and wrong. You must build the inner city or face a ghetto response. This is what we have done and were getting our Ghetto. Urban sprawl is not the answer. Why would we let a few voices force us to do the wrong thing over and over again and defy study after study on this exact problem.

These are professional planners we have hired to do a job. They came up with a careful plan that moves us in the right direction.

This building site could lend itself to a beautiful edifice that lets the world know we are moving in the right direction. It would have beautiful views of our harbour and enhance the tax base at the same time.

Please consider keeping the original secondary plan and help stop urban sprawl and the consumption of our valuable farm land.

Please reverse your decision immediately to allow for a condo tower on our block since we already have a high rise in the same block. This is the perfect location!

The Planners were right! Keep the City moving in the right direction with good solutions to obvious problems. Please read my letter at the council meeting if I'm unable to make it.