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From: Wayne Vanderwoude
Sent: December 3, 2013 10:49 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Johnson, Brenda
Subject: Dec 3rd , (Agenda item 6.5)

Dear Brenda Johnston,

We were encouraged by our church council to contact the City Clerks office and yourself as our councilor regarding the application for rezoning for our church building. This application was to be heard today and unfortunately this is the first opportunity we had to put some thoughts together.

As you probably know, our congregation has been working towards finding a permanent home in a central area for several years now. It has been frustrating at times not knowing where or when we can ever build. We are part of the Federation of Canadian Reformed Churches which has been established in Canada for 60 years+ so we are here for the "long haul". We continue to be patient.

In Ontario alone there are 29 CR churches with a membership of @ 10,000 congregants. We continue to grow and prosper under the Lords blessing. Strong faithful churches strive to build strong God fearing families and communities. Please consider the needs of our community church. As we continue to work out solutions for the rezoning of the Tisdale property it is our hope and prayer that we can count on you to support us.

Sincerely,
Wayne & Liz Vanderwoude and family