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*For Circulation to all Councillors, City of Hamilton please!*

Dear Councillors, City of Hamilton

"Fruitland and Barton to welcome the world" was front page, Stoney Creek News, Thursday, October 13, 2011, . The article states that "Hamilton is preparing to allocate about \$200,000.00 to build "gateway features" ....at the corners of Fruitland Road with both Barton Street and Highway 8. About \$35, 000.00 will be added to the 2012 budget to design the features".

During these times of restraint, please put this money into the development at Fifty Road at the Q.E.W. instead, for the following reasons -

1) The proposed development on the SW corner will require additional infrastructure money since the area is not urbanized (i.e. ditches, road surface is not urbanized, railway crossing grade is potentially dangerous for increased traffic, traffic signals are lacking, the recently-installed hydro poles will have to be moved to urbanize Fifty Road, there are no sidewalks on Fifty Road South of the Railway tracks or on the QEW overpass, etc.) Most of this will have to be paid for with tax dollars, not development fees!

See today's News Release (Mar.5, 2012) regarding construction to the 'Walmart' Development SE corner of Centennial Parkway and QEW.

2) Fifty Road is (or perhaps was) being considered for a Tourism Hamilton Visitors Centre, the first Hamilton exit travelling from the American Border.

3) Fifty Road is the actual "Gateway to the City of Hamilton"

4) A scrapyard on the SE corner of Fruitland Road and the QEW greets all those exiting the QEW! (not a welcoming site for visitors!)

5) "A Stoney Creek residents' group is condemning the creation of a "gateway" feature at Barton Street and Fruitland Road...." Stoney Creek News Thursday October 20, 2011

6) No transit in the area - today's News Release (March 5, 2012) regarding the necessary construction - Centennial Parkway and QEW and the additional \$150,000.00 funding for HSR service to the Centennial Development!

During your final 2012 Budget deliberations, please put the \$200,000.00 to much needed items in the area of the Council-approved Fifty Road Development!

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Beattie