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**To:** Johnson, Brenda; 'Purdeep.Sangha@firstontariocu.com'  
**Subject:** RE:

Dear Councillor Johnson,

Please accept this email as my written submission in support of the proposed Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan and please share this with the rest of the Council. I am currently a resident at 1215 Barton St. and welcome the improvements that have been presented. I was in attendance at the recent community meeting and although there seems to be some concern from residents, I believe that the majority of objections do not reflect the views of the general community. I do believe that in order for the Fruitland-Winona community to advance, this secondary plan is much needed.

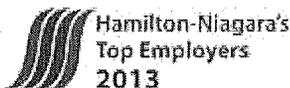
I'm sure I do not need to reflect on the positive benefits of this plan but I would like to point out a few of my thoughts:

- I was not aware of this Community Advisory group that was created but I would like to know more about this group as I don't feel as though it represents my thoughts and feelings
- The Winona/Fruitland area needs more youth to sustain the population and improve the community. If we don't improve/upgrade this community, this will not be possible. I came from a town in BC that faced a similar challenge. The long time residents were resisting change but soon realized that unless the town became appealing to the youth in the community, it would not last, let alone progress. The youth were leaving the community and going to other cities and that is what I believe will happen to Winona unless we do something about it.
- I, as a Winona resident, initially moved to Winona for its small town feel with potential for improvement. Since then, there has been a major development directly adjacent to my home. At first, I was hesitant of the number of people moving into the area but I have since met my new neighbors during my daily walks and now have made some new friends. There are young families who will raise their children here as a direct result of this new development. I believe that this is similar to what some of the long-time objecting residents are feeling and although change can be difficult, it can also lead to some great positive endings.
- There has been some concern about not having an entire street designated to commercial for the local community. The reality is that we have a big box store and complex coming to the community and although we don't want to admit it, other businesses will suffer. I do not support having a street designated to commercial only to see the businesses not succeed and for the area to eventually look run-down.
- I go for long walks with my dog everyday and support having the walking lane alongside Barton. I also welcome the future transit plan proposed
- I support all of the components of the Secondary Plan.

Please note that I would be speaking my thoughts of support in person at the meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> but my wife is expected to deliver the day before. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Regards,

***Please note the update to my contact information (phone extension, email address and website)***



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Fruitland Winona Secondary Plan

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Please send my comments to the Planning City Staff and the Clerk's Dept.

What I like:

- LOCALS PARKS - APPROPRIATE SIZE
- PEDESTRIAN ROUTE ALONG BARTON
- WALMART DEVELOPMENT

What I don't like:

- NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS GROWTH BY RESIDENTS
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE INDIVIDUALS OPPOSING THIS PLAN IS FAIRLY OLD. WHO WILL MAINTAIN THESE COMMUNITIES IN 10 YEARS IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS? I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE YOUTH IN THIS COMMUNITY OPPOSE THIS PLAN.

Please be advised that the official statutory public meeting for this plan will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 9:30am at City Hall, 71 Main St W, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hamilton