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From: Barth, Marilena [BarthM@hwcdsb.ca]
Sent: April 5, 2011 12:41 PM
To: Riley, Susan; Rawlings, Alexandra
Subject: FW: Timing for Parkland dedication item on the Planning Committee on April 5, 2011

Thank you Ms. Rawlings,

Unfortunately, the change of the time will not permit me to be able to attend the Planning Committee meeting on April 5, 2011, as I am required to be at a hearing for the afternoon.

In terms of the parkland dedication matter, the Board was very disappointed that Council did not approve the recommendations of the Planning Committee. Our Board remains committed as a community partner for the provision of open space and school facilities for community use and see the City as an equal partner in supporting the community. There was reference at the meeting of Council related to the amount collected by the City of Hamilton for the redevelopment of school buildings. The amounts continue to be of great concern and we continue to request that the Board be exempt from paying for parkland charges on existing sites for redevelopment purposes as there is no additional demand on parkland in these cases. Schools themselves do not generate the demand for parks. It is the students of the residents in the neighborhood who use the parks and those residents already dedicate or pay for parks in the price of their homes. School lands also provide open space for the recreational use by residents, and therefore reduce the demand on existing parkland.

In addition, there was reference at the meeting of Council to the contribution of parkland fees to new school sites being less than redevelopment sites. This is in fact not the case. Parkland is dedicated for school sites where the school site is a block in a registered plan of subdivision. The 5% dedication calculation is based on the total net developable area of the residential subdivision, including the school site. The developers dedicate the land for parks for the subdivision and the School Board later purchases the land for a price that includes parkland dedication. For school sites that are not within a plan of subdivision, the City collects 5% parkland dedication. These contributions far exceed the contribution related to the redevelopment of school sites and together are unsupportable by the Board.

Based on the above, the Board continues to support the motion to exempt additions and school replacements from paying parkland dedication as a compromise solution.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Daly, Chairperson
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From: Rawlings, Alexandra [mailto:Alexandra.Rawlings@hamilton.ca]
Sent: April 2, 2011 11:06 AM
To: Daly, Pat
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Importance: High

Morning,

this is to confirm that the Agenda includes your request to speak. Agenda available on the City website www.hamilton.ca

AND to advise that the Parkland dedication matter will be heard at

1.30pm. April 5, 2011

This is due to the time sensitive matter of the potential appeal on the Urban hamilton Official Plan, which is expected to take most of the morning, and will include a Special Council

If there are any questions, pl let me know-I would appreciate yr confirmation of the receipt of this e-mail, so that I may pass that along to the Committee.

regards

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