

To Burlington City Council.

In addition to my presentation to your Statutory Meeting on November 06/2017 I would like to offer the following remarks :

- A. I wish to thank you for listening to my presentation in which I attempted to highlight the negative effects of high rise on people. The facts presented were based on extensive research by highly regarded experts and for you to ponder. I simply was a messenger and did not come to preach.
- B. Following the meeting I observed Mr. Jack Taylor leaving the Chamber and entering the room to the left, adjacent to the Council chamber, where the complete delegation of builder, architect and three others were welcoming him with broad smiles and handshakes. A hero's welcome ! How unbecoming, mr. Taylor. In your remarks you already foreshadowed our City's dire need for upgrading Density as a seemingly long and ineffective process. Is councillor Taylor planning to use that as an excuse when playing his role in allowing the Brock Ave/Ontario Street project to proceed as presented? His actions were extremely unbecoming to me and a few other witnesses. And only minutes before he berated and lectured a lady who spoke spontaneously and from her heart.
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- C. It was the Chair,, mr. Sharman, who spoke at a Fall meeting at Appleby Church. When asked directly by someone :: " Why 21 stories at Brock/Ontario?" he responded : " These people are building beautiful structures in Burlington and they deserve this". Does councillor Sharman plan to pay lipservice to further input on the Brock/Ontario plan? The builder deserves a reward?
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- D. I was impressed with the quality of questions and remarks by the female councillors and our mayor. Unlike others, they gave a strong impression of a genuine interest, command of subject and concern for the presenters.
- E. The democratic process can be best experienced at a municipal level due to its scope and its proximity. After my first ever visit to Burlington City Council I truly hope I may witness this to be true for the City of Burlington.

Kind regards,

Ian Dykstra

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