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Attention: Leah Smith, Planning Department – City of Burlington

Dear Sirs:

Subject: Official Plan – City of Burlington

Hello,

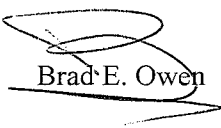
I am a resident of downtown Burlington and have been paying attention to everything coming out of the proposed Official Plan and the Downtown Mobility Hub Precinct Plan.

While I believe there are many positive aspects of our downtown, I also believe there is always room for improvement. City Council has a great opportunity right now to embrace a new way of looking at our downtown, by growing it and adding diversity to the skyline.

I believe we should look to other cities that encourage a variety of taller buildings and embrace density. If we have a downtown core with more people, everyone will benefit. The city will generate a greater tax base of revenue, local shops and businesses will have a more diverse and permanent customer base and we as a community will be doing our part under the mandated provincial growth requirements. Growth requirements that have set minimums, not maximums for an urban growth center such as downtown Burlington.

On balance a denser more diverse downtown will create a much richer environment for all Burlington residents. I firmly believe that this is positive change.

Thank you,


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