

Hello Decision-Makers of Burlington, ON,

I cannot begin to list the myriad of reasons why the development plans for our downtown core are a bad idea - and I don't believe that with the number of emails likely flowing in right now you are likely to read them all anyways. But I would like to express my great concern over this project.

While I love Kelly's Bake Shoppe and think it brings important character to our downtown core (not to mention is a successful small business owned by two local women who employ many and serves thousands), their re-locating is at the bottom of my priority list when it comes to this development.

I don't want to live (and likely won't continue to, to be honest) in a city that

- a) treats its small business owners this way
- b) doesn't take into account the thousands of protests that have already been brought forth on this issue (WE ELECTED YOU TO SPEAK FOR US!)
- c) lines the pockets of corporations
- d) HAS TORONTO TRAFFIC EVERY SINGLE DAY NOW
- e) does not have affordable housing

You are kidding yourselves if you think these developments will be "affordable" housing - the condos going up in Aldershot are \$200,000+ for 300 square feet.

Traffic is already ridiculously out of hand and whenever this is brought up to any of you, you ignore the real issue and say that things are happening to fix the problems, but the roads were built correctly in the first place.

The schools are grossly overpopulated, yet they are being closed and not built and more and more housing developments are being brought into our city.

Lastly, as a Ward 1 resident, I am ridiculously tired of hearing Mr. Craven say that the city has no say in what property owners do and what happens in these areas. If this was the case, THERE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE A VOTE. You guys choose how these things are zoned and you can and should turn down this proposal.

Thank you for your time,

Amelia

Hello,

I will do my best to keep this short and sweet but I feel that it is important to express my feelings, especially since so many others feel the same way.

It is truly heartbreaking that the city is going to allow a **ANOTHER** massive condo to be built right downtown on Brant St. Burlington is becoming so disgustingly busy as it is and there is not enough room for all of these people. The worst part is that you're taking away the best thing Burlington has to offer... it's downtown core. I love waking up on a Sunday morning and walking downtown with my dog. I love to grab a coffee and then wander into Centro to browse their Sunday market and their store. It's the cutest little spot. I also spend A LOT of time at Kelly's Bake Shop. That's one of the things that drew me to Burlington in the first place, the best cupcakes and sweets in the **CUTEST** little shop. I love to pop in and pick up treats to take to my friends and family who live all over, who also happen to love Kelly's Bake Shop. My Australian friends asked me to bring them Kelly's Bake Shop when I visit them in Niagara Falls tomorrow because they're only here for a short time and heard that they have to try it. It's honestly so disappointing that the city is going to allow another greedy developer come in and continue to ruin the downtown. This is what makes the area cute and quaint and adorable. Why would you want to ruin this?

I know I'm only one small person and I'm sure my opinion means nothing to you but I really feel that you should think long and hard about this decision. You're ruining the cutest little spot in Burlington. I know people who travel from far and wide to come walk along Brant St and pop into the shops. It is going to have zero appeal to bring people in. Everyone I have talked to about this is so disappointed. I just hope you realize what you're doing and really think about the long term consequences. You're basically sending people to Hamilton and other cities that actually have character and value their community. That sure isn't the vibe I'm getting from Burlington these days as all of these endless condos are popping up.

Thank you for your time.

Amie

Hello,

Please do not approve any more condos in downtown Burlington! All of these condo developments have completely ruined Burlington (Aldershot) - the city I grew up in! Approving any more will only prove to anger residents and destroy the businesses we love such as Kelly's bake shoppe

Thank you
Autumn

Hello,

Please don't approve the new development where Kelly's Bake Shoppe is on Monday! It is one of our favourite spots. We don't know a single person that is happy about all the huge condos going up in Burlington! We also just learned about Holland Park being sold for more condos - this is devastating! You are truly ruining this great city. The best part about Burlington has always been the small town feel, and that will sadly soon be gone. We will no longer want to live and work here with our family. Traffic congestion will get worse and worse, it will be overpopulated and feel just like Toronto - not a good thing! Please don't make the decision on Monday based on money alone! Keep downtown Burlington quaint!!! People spend money on service and experiences, they love farmers markets and craft shows, walking down to the water, sweet stores and restaurants - this is what we should be pushing into the downtown - fund the restoration of the small businesses locations so that they thrive! Spend on parks and green spaces so that people enjoy the outdoors as they are supposed to - instead of surrounding us with concrete and wifi. PLEASE reconsider all of these 'advancements' and make the right decision for the people instead!

Thank you for your time..

Becca & AJ Castelein

Dear Clerks,

We are disappointed to learn that a condo will be built on Brant St. and James St., thus eliminating the thriving business that is there. Large developers are buying up historic parts of Burlington and Oakville to make a quick buck. These large condo buildings tend to change the entire landscape of public places of history that were meant to be enjoyed by all. I am tired of the gentrification of these neighborhoods. Please consider saying “No” to big business for a few and “Yes” to places that mean so much to all of us.

Respectfully,
Bethany Goluboff

To all who are concerned,

To preface, I suppose I am the one who is concerned. As someone who suffers with dairy issues, Kelly's has been a staple for myself and SO many others when in need of a treat. It has drawn me to Burlington, where I wouldn't typically frequent. I can't say how many can say the same, but I'm sure there are a significant number of people who's sole purpose of bringing business to Burlington centered around this trademark shoppe. With the positive vibes and push for a healthier lifestyle, Kelly's will be sorely missed.

It seems that this decision is financially motivated and that's rather unfortunate. I feel bad for the people who move into these condos, knowing that they will not have the privilege and honour of enjoying the variety of baked goods that preceded their arrival and for myself, knowing that I have only a brief period of time in which they will be available to me.

How disappointing,
Brittany

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to voice my opinion on the plans to tear businesses down to build another condo.

I think it's a mistake. That area draws in a lot of tourism.

I visit weekly, if not more. I will take my money elsewhere if this happens.

I sincerely hope that you reconsider. Not only would it hurt small businesses and tourism, but it would make many locals upset.

All the best,
Chandelle King

Hello,

My husband and I moved to Burlington last year along with our 2 young children. We had spent 4 years in Milton but visited Burlington regularly. We loved the sense of community, beautiful neighbourhoods and vibrant downtown area the city has to offer. Since living in Burlington we have been exceptionally happy with our decision to move here. We love supporting the local businesses and Kelly's Bake Shoppe has been one of these. Not only does it cater to my dietary restrictions, but it is such a wonderful representation of what the city of Burlington is about: community, acceptance, and love. My non-vegan family and friends also love this establishment. Kelly and Erin have amassed a huge following on social media and use their platforms to advertise local events and promote a healthy lifestyle while constantly praising our beautiful city. Before moving here I would see posts of Erinn leading yoga classes outside of Burlington City Hall and think, this is a city that I would love to live in and raise my children in!

It boggles my mind why the city would choose to allow the building of yet another condo building while displacing such a landmark in our city. Not only does Kelly's Bake Shoppe add beauty to the downtown area with its attractive facade, but it's a symbol of a successful, female run, healthy eatery that promotes a sustainable lifestyle. These are qualities that I think are important to our citizens, our children, and our community. And we are trading this in for what? An eye-sore, sticking out above the other buildings on the downtown strip? Increased traffic and congestion in the downtown area? Lack of parking for visitors who come to visit Burlington? I realize that it is money driving this decision, but condos can be built anywhere and I'm sure there is a better place for this one. I beg you to have some integrity. Don't take away such a beautiful building that

means so much to so many citizens of Burlington and visitors to our wonderful city. Don't ruin our downtown. Don't make me tell my daughter, "there was once this wonderful little cupcake shop run by these two lovely ladies... right here where this enormous condo now stands". Let's keep the beauty in our city and our downtown strip. Let's celebrate a healthy lifestyle and allow our community to support our local businesses. Visit the bake shop. Grab a treat and a coffee and sit by the window to experience what is so special about this sweet little shop in our community. It's not just about the cupcakes.

Thank you for reading.

Christina Peto



It is a tragedy that Downtown Burlington is becoming condo ville. It appears to be all about short term money versus preserving heritage for our children and future generations. Burlington attracts visitors because of its quaintness, which is systematically being destroyed. Toronto waterfront was destroyed for the same reason. I strongly oppose the loss of Kelly's bake shoppe heritage building.

Respectfully
Clare Adie

Hi all,

I am writing in response to this article that I read yesterday: <https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/8738212-final-plea-to-save-kelly-s-bake-shoppe-not-enough-to-convince-burlington-committee-to-vote-down-highrise-tower-across-from-city-hall/>

I find this really disturbing, and I kindly ask that you reconsider the idea of putting up yet another condo right downtown. There are SO many going up already in addition to the ones already standing. I understand that Burlington may need to provide more housing to residents, but does this condo really have to be right downtown? What people love about downtown Burl are the little shops and the small-town feel that still offers many places to eat, etc. All these tall buildings is really ruining Burlington's charm. If new condos need to go up, it would really be better to spread them out more and not put them right downtown, especially while not bumping out popular businesses whilst doing so. Just my opinion, but I know everyone I speak to about Burlington feels the same as I do: Burlington currently seems like it is soon on its way to being ruined by losing its unique charm and becoming like every other big city.

Thank you for listening,

Danielle Tardif

To Whom this may Concern,

I am sure I am not the first, nor will I be the last you will hear from, but I am writing in support of Kelly's Bake Shoppe.

I have lived in Burlington since I was 15 years old, I am 35 now. I attended Pineland Public School, then Nelson High School. I am now raising my 2 young children ages 5 and 8 in this beautiful city.

I remember when you could get from one end of the city to the other in 15 minutes. I remember when north of hwy 5 was forest and I remember when we had to stop at the train tracks at Appleby line,, just north of Upper Middle Road.

I am all for growth, in population, capacity and sharing our beautiful city with the world. What I am not in support of is changing our downtown core. What are you going to do with all of the people you jam into that condo building? The cars that come with them, what's that doing to our traffic flow. I recently watched this video the city of Burlington posted with regards to that fact that infrastructure in downtown Burlington had no room to grow, and that your long term plan was to encourage people to bike? Are you for real? I am a mother of 2, my kids are in Karate, Dance, Baseball, cubs and swimming, all but 2 days a week all in south Burlington and I struggle to get them there During the week as it is. Bikes are not going to work for families.

Kelly's is the heart of the downtown core, they are what this city is all about, family fostering growth in business and pride in where you live and where you're from. That bake shop has put Burlington on the map, like Justin Bieber did for Stratford, but without the drama. They're wholesome, they're organic, they are true to themselves in what they believe in, and have you seen that building they're in? Take a minute and have a look at it without the dollar signs in your eyes for one second, and just look at it. But do it when it's crazy busy, and the line up is out the door. Take a second and watch how lovely people are, how none of them are complaining for waiting in line, how happy

everyone is, looking at how creative this mother and daughter are and the passion they have for what they do. There's this aura about Kelly's that can't even be described, you don't have to be vegan, or vegetarian, or even eat healthy, but when you're there it's like you have this new appreciation for people that do make those choices, and why they make them.

I also have a copy of Kelly and Erinn's cookbook, have you read that? have you read it, do you know their story? have you read about they're troubles before they became Lettuce Love? I know everyone's life comes with it's own set of challenges, but this is your time Burlington, this is your time to stand up and stand behind your city and how great it is to do business here because we care about our businesses. Or you can let another city be the hero in the plethora of offerings they've had from other cities accepting them with open arms.

I am sure this is a well thought out plan, that the decision has been calculated hundreds of thousands of times. I am sure you have looked at both sides of the coin, and that you all know you can't please everyone. The downtown core, Spencer Smith and all of the small businesses are part of the quaint feel of being downtown. The point I am trying to make is that Kelly's Bake Shoppe is ours, it's Burlington born and bread, Kelly chose that place for a reason, she's successful, shes amazing, and she deserves to be given the opportunity to continue to thrive in that building that she's made home.

Thanks for your time
Erin Reilly
Burlington, ON

A number of years ago Burlington City Council, of which many of you were a part of, decided to build an outrageously expensive pier, that many citizens apposed. You told us then that it was to bring more people into the downtown core. Make it more of tourist attraction. You were going to revitalize the downtown by attracting unique businesses. One of those unique stores was Kelly's Bakeshop

Then you failed to protect the quaintness of the downtown by turning it into a mobility hub allowing these big developers to use that designation to their advantage, proposing huge condominium projects. You changed the official plan, even though many opposed the changes you made – because the people of Burlington don't know what is good for us.

How is it that Kelly's Bakeshop that is in a Heritage Building, was not protected and for anyone to say that the façade will be saved -is really an insult. Why do you continue to allow the height in the downtown area continue to rise – we don't want to be Toronto.

You can still make the choice to stop the downtown from turning into just another large impersonal City.

Gloria Lagace


Good evening,

I have been a customer at Kelly's Bake Shoppe for a few years now. Their business is so amazing, that in fact, I come from Guelph to enjoy it. It's a beautiful little shop, and it certainly brings the downtown core some life. And for those of us who have dietary restrictions, it's a blessing to have an option like Kelly's. I urge you all to reconsider the decision to build a condo where this historical building currently sits. They are a staple in the community and it's important that they stay right where they are.

Kind regards,
Holly

Please do not force this viable business out of their location. It's wrong.

Yours,

Jayn Millette
Sent from my iPhone

To whom it may concern,

I recently heard of the possible condo development happening at a Heritage protected building in Burlington (James and Brant St.), and I do not understand why this is a possibility? Heritage protected buildings are protected from being destroyed and were named such for that reason. It is quite sad that in today's society people are not respecting the historic value of buildings. **When will the line be drawn?** Can you answer that? I'm writing in hopes that you will reconsider this building development and see the value that historic buildings play in our society.

Thank you for reconsidering,
Julie Barasevic

It is a cornerstone of this small city; a place families flock, and visitors long to return to. It boasts the same eclectic and charming feel that is comparable to Niagara on the Lake or Prince Edward County. It is home to an engaging cluster of locally owned businesses that are thriving and continuing to draw people in with their delicious food, unique storefronts, as well as seasonal events and celebrations.

No one comes to the downtown core to admire condos. There is already a dominion of condominiums overtaking the waterfront in Burlington. These buildings add nothing expect a cold facade of steel and glass. They bring no colour, class or benefits to this area of the city. The lake views have been lost and granted only to those who carry a paycheque grand enough to afford to look. Traffic is already clustered at its peak with no infrastructure to expand - the waterfront simply cannot accommodate it.

Kelly's is a women owned and operated business. One of many surrounding her location on Brant St.. How the continued success and importance of these local businesses and their heritage status has taken a back seat to developers is egregious, and stretched beyond covetous.

I implore you to remember what draws people to downtown Burlington. *It's not pricey condos.* It's the close-knit community, the small town feel, the beauty that is Burlington's heritage epicenter. Maintaining this should always be top priority. By building a condo at this location you are obliterating the draw that brings people to this city. There is an opportunity here to preserve your history, to not go the way of cities like Toronto, who have lost touch with their local communities, forced them out for developers and lost priceless places of history and heritage for a fat, upfront paycheque that will only lead to a dead street and no future appeal.

There are better suited and readily available locations for this building, and any other future condo proposal that is set forward to decimate the downtown.

Every effort should be made to preserve this area for the future and for its present businesses who have made a place for themselves in this beautiful corner of the waterfront. Businesses that have worked hard to preserve their place, and the place of their buildings, for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Justine Howard

To the Burlington Decision Makers

I'm in my early 30's, have just gotten married, had our first daughter and purchased a beautiful house in Brant Hills in the last year. I grew up in Hamilton but chose to make Burlington my home for a number of reasons. One which is the beautiful lake front and local businesses that bring me to the core for shopping, dining and walking.

It's breaks my heart to see amazing business being forced out due to high rise development. Kelly's Bake Shoppe is one of the places that brings me downtown to support other local businesses. PLEASE do not choose to close places that bring business to our core in order to increase high priced residential and increase traffic to already slow areas.

High rises do not belong in our core. Keep Burlington the walkable, charming city we chose to buy in!

Katrina Auld
Burlington, ON

First of all I'd like to start by saying i've only actually been to kelly's bake shoppe once. a lot of my friends go there on a regular basis, and i think it's great that a place like this exists. i'd like to go there again, because the nanaimo bar i had was amazing.

but i guess that'll never happen since you're going to plop a condo down there.

it's not even about the nanaimo bar though. i just don't understand why anyone would think it's a good idea to ruin the charm of downtown burlington with a giant condo building, kelly's bake shoppe completely aside, because even though they seem like super nice people and their cute little heritage building is so lovely to look at (who doesn't love a pop of pink) no matter what shop was there this would not be a good idea.

Katrina Foster

I am a resident of the downtown core of Burlington. I own my home in Ward 2. I have two young children and I work here in Burlington. I plan on living here for the rest of my life. I chose this city, and the downtown in particular, as it is so lovely, inviting, and a place I often walk down to with my kids for an evening out in the shops and restaurants. Throughout my time here I have seen changes that I agree with and some that I don't. But never anything to this extent. Building high rises on Brant Street makes no sense to anyone who lives in and loves the downtown of Burlington. It certainly brings nothing to those that live and work here. It detracts from our downtown core entirely. Development is a necessity, we all understand that, but a high rise building where Kelly's Cupcakes is? Do you guys not know how many people that bakery brings to your downtown? A massive building is not wanted on Brant street by anyone that lives around here. It benefits only those who will make money off the building...

Shame on you members of City Counsel. I have never felt compelled to send a letter like this before and I am so disappointed that I feel the need to send this one. Your decision, I feel, is truly short sighted. This, and future high rises on Brant street are truly unwanted by the citizens of Burlington.

Sincerely,

Kelli Frew



Good Evening Mayor Goldring and members of council

It is deeply troubling that an iconic heritage building that is home to an amazing local business that is thriving and doing so much for the downtown core will be torn down for the sake of a condo building. I doubt that the condo building will bring the tourism revenue and jobs that Kelly's Bake Shoppe does. On a personal note, as person with a gluten allergy and someone who has friends with allergies and/or celiacs , Kelly's is one of the few places where we can go for an amazing treat experience. Kelly and Erin have brought magic to downtown Burlington with the beautiful bakeshop, their amazing creations, and the great staff that work there.

You can put a new condo anywhere, you can't do that with a heritage building that brings in tourism and creates jobs.

Please reconsider the condo development.

Regards,
Kerry-Anne Pumphrey



To Whom It May Concern;

I was informed that last week, the City of Burlington Council voted 6-1 in favour of building a second condo on Brant St. + James St. (aka Kelly's Bake Shoppe). As a resident of Burlington for over 35 years I do not want to see this heritage building taken down and replaced with condos. This letter confirms that I VOTE NO to this as I feel the downtown high-rises not only interfere with the beautiful lake views, but this is a part of our history and the downtown does not have the ability to take on any more traffic. Are you going to widen roads and add more parking for those who visit the area? I doubt it. There isn't the room for it. We have a major issue with infrastructure in this city already. This is going to make it less appealing and as congestion continues to get worse (Burlington is horrendous with traffic) you will lose people going down to enjoy the park, restaurants , shopping etc. And it will add nothing but ugliness to the downtown.

Regards,

Kim Stroud



Good afternoon,

First off, I would like to say that I have owned property in Burlington for 10 years and never written a city Councillor until I heard about the loss of Kelly's Bake Shoppe's Heritage location. That being said, the issue of the ever increasing population density of our downtown has been on my mind for a couple years now.

I grew up in Burlington and have lived in the city for over 25 years. I even worked for the COB, lifeguarding for 6 summers and have taught at our public schools. Over the past couple years, the population density of our core has increased dramatically thus leading to major gridlock in that area. For example, during rush hour, it took me over an HOUR to get from southeast Burlington to Joseph Brant Hospital to visit my dad (That is **unacceptable** and it is important to note that this has occurred multiple times, not just once). Every road travelling east-west was completely jammed as were Brant Street and Maple. I can't even begin to imagine what it must be like for our ambulance drivers and I hate to think what would happen if one of my family members had a more serious health episode like cardiac arrest and needed to get there quickly.

Moreover, turning our amazing local run shops into even more condos with even more people will only serve to worsen this growing problem. This population intensification also takes away from the beauty of our little city. We don't have a big downtown, but what we do have is special. One of my most favourite things to do on a summer evening is come downtown, get an ice cream or a cupcake from Kelly's Bake Shoppe and sit watching the waves on the pier or a bench at Spencer Smith Park. Please don't take that away from me and so many others who love our city... there is so much more to life than money that developers can bring, we need to enjoy the simple beauties that our city has, please don't destroy them.

Sincerely,
Laura Smallbone

To the Burlington City Council,
I was born and raised in Burlington. I spent the first 19 years of life living, breathing, and exploring the city of Burlington. I moved away for school and ended up returning years later to find many changes had taken place in the city I had grown up in.

I am aware that places change and grow over time and empires are built up and fall. Burlington is situated in a lovely space along the lake and many people enjoy wandering the streets of the downtown. On my walks, I have had the pleasure of running into old friends and making new ones, many from out of town who have come to enjoy all that the Burlington downtown has to offer.

With the proposed developments, including the new High-Rises on Brant Street, this means significant changes to the core businesses that draw in people to the area. This goes well beyond foot traffic, with many people driving from hours away, or even visiting from other countries to experience places like Kelly's Bake Shoppe which among the top cupcake places to visit in the world. If Kelly's is forced to move due to the developments, or worse yet, close up shop for good, it will change the city.

The closing of an attraction for locals and visitors alike means a blow to tourism as well as overall charm and happiness of people living here. This space, the people, Kelly & Erin and their amazing staff have grown to become a safe haven. As a customer with many allergies, I have found a place where I can safely eat and enjoy treats I otherwise would have to go without altogether. The cupcakes and the welcoming atmosphere have changed the course of some of my worst days over the last few years.

I urge you, to please reconsider your proposal. Find a way to build the homes you wish to build with devastating the downtown area and ultimately taking away one of the many

draws to wanting to live in the downtown area. Save Kelly's Bake Shoppe and the other important businesses that make the downtown wonderful.

Sincerely,

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Maggie McTaggart
Concerned Burlingtonian

Dear Sir,

Since I will be unable to attend the Council meeting on Monday evening, July 16th, discussing the decision to build a new condo block at Brant & James, I would be grateful if my opinions on the decision be considered along with those of the people attending and speaking there.

My understanding is the new condo block will be getting built in place of at least one heritage building – the property currently occupied by “Kelly’s Bake Shoppe”. I find the idea of destroying a fully functional heritage building to be reprehensible and the fact that there was a 6-1 in favour vote for the destruction of the property shows an abject lack of comprehension of what heritage buildings mean to downtown areas. I moved to Burlington 11 years ago from Edinburgh, Scotland and one of the key selling points of Burlington was the character of the downtown core. This is a thriving area that has so much to offer in terms of individuality and atmosphere, it should be cherished, celebrated and preserved; not torn down and turned into another faceless, soulless, interchangeable area that could be anywhere.

In addition to the obvious tourism value of the current character of the downtown core, Kelly’s Bake Shoppe is literally world renowned, bringing people to Burlington from all corners of the globe. It is a genuine local success story for Burlington to celebrate, not be moved to some forgotten corner of the town, or some strip mall with no identity where the business will undoubtedly suffer due to the shortsighted views of a council

that is clearly going against the wishes of the electorate who put them there to make exactly the opposite decisions to the one just made.

On the block in question this afternoon was a banner on a building immediately opposite the City council building proudly advertising how business is better in downtown Burlington. I ask rhetorically, how can business be better when there are no premises available for any business in the most heavily trafficked area in the downtown core?

Along with many, many other people, I can only hope sanity will prevail at the meeting and that the decision will be reversed.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Stradling

Dear Council members,

I was saddened to hear that Kelly's Bake Shoppe may be forced to leave their wonderful location to make way for a condo. Please step in and save this heritage building and Kelly's Bake Shoppe. They are an amazing local business that is internationally famous. They draw 12 000 people to their store each week. Please do not give in to a corporation who will do nothing to improve the City of Burlington and its tourism. Do the right thing and save Kelly's Bake Shoppe.

Sincerely,
Melissa Middleton

Hello,

I am writing all of you to share my thoughts on the upcoming decision to build a new condo on Brant and James St in downtown Burlington. This decision will affect the tranquility and beauty of the city, as well as tear apart the heritage location of Kelly's Bake Shoppe. This city is so near and dear to my heart, and it makes me, my family, and so many others so sad to see the character of the city be diminished by another high rise. I am uncertain about how much weight my words will end up having on this final decision. However, I think I owe this city and the small businesses within it to speak up and reach out to those of you in power. Please do not allow another high rise to negatively impact business owners, residents, and visitors of downtown Burlington.

I hope that a decision can be made to conserve the legacy of Kelly's Bake Shoppe and downtown Burlington.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note.

Best,
Nikki

Shame on you for allowing a building to be put up on Brant St. You are taking away what Brant St is. Instead of thinking about what the people of Burlington and surrounding area want. You are destroying such a beautiful place I for one have grown up walking up and down. No one wants this condo building. It is going to destroy what downtown is all about, which is family, community bringing us altogether to enjoy daily life. Now you are taking away Kelly's which brings in so much business every day and which has so many memories for so many of us.

Lower Brant St is going to be closed down and those who work or come through daily will be affected by all the work that starts.

What about when the building goes up? What happens to all the businesses that will be affected? What happens when Brant St loses the amount of people who love walking up and down and shopping? What happens when people visit the building and there is no parking??

Brant St is going to lose the charm that it is now. Taking away such a special place that is Kelly's that has brought such happiness and so much financial stability and brought so many people together as a community.

No one wants another condo. We all have voices and keep saying NO to more buildings. Leave BRANT ST ALONE. Let it keep being the charm of our community. Let

Brant St keep bringing us together to share such wonderful memories instead of complete chaos of destroying what we all love.

Putting up another building is the **WRONG** decision and it is time that the City of Burlington stopped letting money speak and let the voices of the community speak for what we want and what is right.

Please stop this building that **BURLINGTON DOES NOT** want.

To everyone listed above:

We are frequent patrons of Kelly's Bake Shoppe. While in the area we quite often walk through the friendly streets and patronize some of the unique stores. These types of areas are becoming scarce in our rushed, built-up society. Please keep the Brant/James Street area as it is, a welcoming hub attracting people who want a quiet, relaxing time away from the hustle and bustle of crowded, impersonal cities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,
Sharon and Dan Milford

Absolutely shocking that the City of Burlington is so ready to talk out of both sides of their mouth - on the one hand the city needs to attract tourism & work on walkability to draw long-term residents, while on the other the city is ready to throw a thriving business that attracts visitors from all over the province right under the bus in the name of building over-priced condos that will inevitably become only rentals and Airbnbs during festivals. Please re-think the decision to demolish a block of storefronts for more boring condos, lest the citizens of Burlington become TOO aware of how much you're in developer's pockets and vote accordingly next election cycle. And to think of demolishing a heritage building to boot! For shame.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Taylor, 34, long-time Kelly's customer & Burlington lakeshore visitor.

Dear Burlington Council members:

I applaud the Council for its continued commitment to sustainable management of its lands and resources, including both the natural and built heritage that distinguishes Burlington, in the implementation of its Strategic Plan.

The character of the downtown area, including its residential and commercial spaces, is unique among most Ontario towns and cities for its retention of a high quality of heritage with very tasteful integration of medium and higher density structures designed to respect the architectural character of the core. There are unquestionably some buildings on Brant Street that are not of heritage or compatible character. However, even the City's own 'mobility hub' planning illustrations for the core clearly show the design of new intensification positioned BEHIND the more charming heritage storefronts on Brant Street. If the City allows development of condos and large modern commercial structures that replace the more varied and human scale facade that exists along the street it will eliminate the attraction of that street for pedestrians and it will have detrimental impact for local business. This is well documented in the Urban Planning professional literature.

Brant Street has always struggled to attract pedestrians and shoppers, and over time there have been a few businesses that have come along and made a remarkable

contribution to the vitality of the street and the downtown at a scale that extends far beyond the individual business. But in the 40+ years that I've known Burlington, no individual entrepreneur has made a greater positive impact on the downtown than Kelly's Bake Shoppe. NEVER before has there been a business on Brant Street that has consistently had lineups of happy patrons out the door and down the street. But Kelly's does. Suddenly there are PEOPLE on Brant Street! Seven days a week! This has important spin-off benefits for other stores on the street. It boosts the real estate values in the area because people perceive it to be a vital and friendly place. The presence of these people of all ages, from mothers with infants, families with growing children, couples, friends, and seniors all contributes to making the community FEEL like a community, and contributes to the safety and appeal of the downtown. Burlington was not like this before Kelly's Bake Shoppe moved in. Not at all.

I URGE Council in the strongest possible terms to retain the character and vitality of the downtown as it advances its progressive agenda for a sustainable city, and in particular to ensure that key features like Kelly's Bake Shoppe (building and store) are protected and indeed, celebrated for all that they bring to Burlington. Indeed, the Shoppe draws customers from all across North America, and Burlington can continue to benefit from this if Council is wise.

Susan Preston
Master of Landscape Architecture
PhD, Planning

Dear Council members,

I was saddened to hear that Kelly's Bake Shoppe may be forced to leave their wonderful location to make way for a condo. Please step in and save this heritage building and Kelly's Bake Shoppe. They are an amazing local business that is internationally famous. They draw 12 000 people to their store each week. Please do not give in to a corporation who will do nothing to improve the City of Burlington and its tourism. Do the right thing and save Kelly's Bake Shoppe.

Sincerely,

Tamara Noor

I was downtown on Friday. I passed a sign promoting building your business in Burlington. The community and support. This was after I had a great lunch at Pintoh's, checked on my husband's watch at Alfred's and then picked up a cupcake at Kelly's. During this mini-tour, I passed two different developments already in progress. Why would you consider driving out a business that is uniquely Burlington? Why do we need more condos? We need festivals and cute shops. We need a place where my daughter and I can get tasty baked goods without fear of allergic reaction. I think what is extremely sad is that Kelly is so passionate about Burlington. It's a shame that you can't look for ways to make the downtown more inviting vs. more real estate. We are travelling more and more to Hamilton for the restaurants and overall atmosphere. I think Burlington can be just as interesting but not when you force the good things out.

Don't kill Kelly's!

Tanya Laing

Good morning Burlington Council members,

I have been following the debate over the proposed condo development at Brant & James. I am completely disappointed and gutted the decision was made to proceed with this development.

I moved to Burlington in July 2001 after graduating from university in Halifax. My first apartment was downtown - at Maple & Ontario. For the first 19 months that I lived in Ontario, downtown Burlington was my home. I loved it there and spent a lot of time in the restaurants & walking along the waterfront. In February 2003, we moved to Evelyn Lane in the Burloak & New Street area but regularly visited our favourite downtown restaurant, as well as attend the Sound of Music Festival & Ribfest.

In May 2011, an opportunity to move to North Carolina came along and we left Burlington. In 2013, we moved back to Ontario. Unfortunately the job opportunity was in the southwest & we moved to London instead of my first choice of returning to

Burlington. I would move back to Burlington tomorrow if single family detached homes were affordable. They are not. We will never live in a condo or a townhouse, so it looks like we will never be able to move back to our first home of Burlington.

The thing that makes Burlington so unique and appealing is the downtown that is charming, historic and not crammed with shoebox condos. It is so disappointing that Burlington has opted to sell out its downtown - its greatest asset in my opinion - to developers that are ruining the one thing that makes it unique. I am also saddened to see these wonderful small businesses, such as Kelly's and Blossom City, being forced to close in their current locations and relocate. So disheartening that the city I called home for 10 years has lost its way.

Turning downtown Burlington into a jungle of glass towers and condo buildings makes it no different than any other over-developed downtown. Such a shame.

Kind regards,
Trudy Button

This is not about Kelly's.

This is about the Burlington we know and love. Citizens are asking to keep it's charm. Stop building condo's in area's that don't have the space for people or traffic or cars. Stop NOT listening to the people who voted you in. Keep our heritage.

Thank you
Wendy Boles
Brett Boles

Good morning,

I wanted to take a moment to connect with all of you regarding the current application for the Brant street condo developments.

I was present at last Tuesday's meeting and unfortunately am not able to make it this evening.

I felt that it was important to take the opportunity to share my thoughts and feelings about this possible change as my husband and I are relatively new residents of Burlington.

I lived in Toronto for 10 years before my husband and I purchased our South Burlington home. However, before we made the decision to buy where we did, we often made weekend trips to Burlington to experience all of the incredible things the downtown core has to offer. We quickly discovered some of our favourite spots- Spencer's, TAMP, the Gym on Pearl, Joelle's/Jeff's, Kelly's Bake Shop and Centro. Over the past three years

living in Burlington we have come to absolutely love the community and people we get to connect with in such a vibrant, beautiful place to live. We spend every Sunday morning at Centro for the farmer's market they host and haven't missed a Makers MKT night market event they have every summer.

We truly believe this beautiful store does so much for the community and surrounding areas (Hamilton + Niagara) with the local vendors they include in their events, not to mention the stunning shop and garden patio they have.

A business like Kelly's Bake Shop also does wonders for the community and even more so for the tourism in Burlington. Seeing people come visit their bake shop from Australia, the UK, the US and of course all over Ontario. I'm sure you see the lineup outside their store on weekends, Sound of Music Festival and major holidays....

My husband and I love the charm that Brant street has to offer with beautiful store fronts like Kellys, Centro, Scriveners, and many others. We love that they are low rise to allow ample sunshine to beam down on to Brant Street, City Hall for the summer Fit in the Core events, Sound of Music weekends and the Sunday morning Centro Markets.

After leaving Toronto I realized how much I disliked the anxious claustrophobic feeling of giant condo towers flanking the streets and highways.

There is a sense of calm with the beauty and charm that is downtown Burlington, and it is such a huge shame that you are considering building these giant condo towers that will take that charm away.

As a downtown resident, we are also very concerned with the influx of traffic with the single lanes on Brant Street, not to mention reduced parking lots available during and after this proposed build with construction.

The added problem of significantly reducing sunshine in the downtown core is also a problem and will have lasting effects on your community.

My husband and I have tried to look at this proposal from both sides, but ultimately are very sad to see this application and proposed plan be put into place.

We have absolutely LOVED where we live for these last 3 years and are eager to have friends experience downtown Burlington and hopefully move here as well.

However this potential condo plan really changes that.

I hope you all read these emails and letters from your residents. It would be a shame for your Burlington community to reach out to you with their honest thoughts and feelings about this massive plan and they go unnoticed or worse, not even considered.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Allison + Matt Arruda

Allison Pigden

My name is Joelle Goddard-Cooling. My husband Jeff Cooling and I are the owners of Joelle's and Jeff's Guyshop at 457 Brant Street. We also reside in Ward 2 nearby on Courtland Place.

Having observed the two Committee meetings last week regarding the proposed development at 401 Brant Street, I can see that the writing is on the wall. As business owners, we are bracing ourselves for years of construction, noise, traffic interruption, mess, parking issues, loss of business. With my resident hat on, I have spoken to many of my friends and neighbours downtown and concern is very real - I hear that "this is not why we moved here" a lot.

That being said, we have chosen to do business here and have had continued growth in our business for twenty two years this September. We landed on Brant Street after three previous moves, at that time there were very few businesses surrounding us. We have been given credit for encouraging some of the revival we saw happening on Brant Street over 15 years ago. In fact, I personally was presented with a Queen's Jubilee Award for my encouragement, mentoring, BDBA volunteering and genuine marketing

and promotion for the downtown. We have watched businesses come and go, developers assemble parcels and leave unsightly empty spaces and we have also watched businesses come and thrive.

Development on Brant will definitely displace some of the anchor, destination businesses - ones that have created like minded environments for our longtime customers and who support downtown through lease hold improvements, street beautification and branding and marketing. A shining example is the Centro market every Sunday which suits the customer we are all trying to attract and which provides an amazing sense of community for the local residents. This is a lot of work for the organizers and volunteers and it is not a money making opportunity for Centro but a genuine community benefit. I have spoken to numerous other business owners who have shared their thoughts with me. Some have a good relationship with their property owner and are actively contemplating relocation. Others with a deep history confessed their worry with options of retirement, bankruptcy, and the challenges & uncertainty through the construction years.

Those new to the retail area have hedged their bets on our amazing downtown and I can't answer their questions on if Brant Street will be down to one lane through the construction? What types of retail can we look forward to once these buildings are erected? It seems that it has been difficult to fill this type of space over at Pearl and Pine. Will there be many small spaces for (higher than now) rent in the future? What stipulations are being put into place to ensure that what goes in has value to all of the new residents and helps to build a sustainable downtown - the one that is envisioned? Will we have additional police presence, garbage and street cleanup and snow removal? Will city staff, the developers, the BDBA, Economic Development and the residents be able to work together to address all of these issues and concerns? We have loading zone issues and parking struggles now. These are all priorities to businesses new, old and to come.

What can we do now to set up the downtown for success in the future? Discussions with Brian Dean recommend that you endorse a retail study by the BEDC, with the support of BDBA that takes a true and very hard look at current and future retail trends downtown.

This is mandatory as a tool to guide redevelopment. It will outline the need to retain successful businesses, adapt the size of commercial units to meet the needs of small business, help existing and future business understand the impact of demographics and spending habits of the next generation of downtown residents. It will guide and help the BDBA in partnership with commercial developers better merchandise and recruit meaningful and sustainable businesses that will help to optimize our commercial mix. I will go one step further and ask that you consult with the retail, service and hospitality experts that already exist downtown who are very aware of who their customer is and what is needed to flourish. Value in this study is through internal resources – we are at a critical point where the people that live this every day need to have their retail experience leveraged. We would welcome this opportunity.

To recap, here are some of the concerns we hope can be addressed:

- Transition planning and support for the current tenants - relocation, assistance through construction street closures - giving this business value and seeking their input
- Sidewalk closures – we need the sidewalks open, this construction will create a dead retail space from the Elgin Promenade to Centro if not kept as a pedestrian through way on both sides of the street
- Parking lane closures cannot happen, parking is a huge issue now and during construction
 - What is the traffic flow plan? The traffic study was highly defended on Tuesday night but people are not buying it. We need confidence in a plan here.
 - Loading zones - how do we attract businesses that will sustain a walkable community without these?
- Cleanliness, Beautification and Pollution. Our streetscape has been neglected for years while undergoing the streetscape study, now with the development we are told to wait until the development is done to fix the sidewalks. We have been the closest to the development of the Berkley - what will be done to keep Brant Street enjoyable under the unavoidable noise, congestion, construction materials, detours etc pollution?
 - How is the coordination of TWO tall buildings AND a hydro burying project on James going to be managed by the City?
 - To maintain some beauty in the area, empty storefronts need to be addressed. How about working with the property owners and developers to utilize space in a positive way - ie pop ups, creative art installations, a unified expectation of maintenance and appearance, pest control, co-operation with the BDBA for improved window coverings or branding? What can we expect here?
- General Safety of the area is a concern, we know the City works hard to keep us safe, we did experience a gas line problem at the John & Caroline site and it was scary. We need a sense of protection for emergency management - ie power failure, gas lines, water table issues
- Vibrancy? Will the developments be built in a way that will accommodate rooftop or first floor restaurants? Will there be attention made to create the charm and character desired by the residents at the first floor level? Will the public space be

useful – what will be happening here in the open area(s) that isn't happening in the Elgin Promenade or City Hall open area(s)?

We have talked heard the phrase win-win the past few weeks. Residents, business owners and everyone who cares wants to be involved. I truly hope that beyond the mandated development this council put value in what exists here now and has been here in the past.

Respectfully,

Joelle Goddard-Cooling

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