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Subject: Proposed Downtown Streetscape Guidelines - PB-50-19

Dear Mayor Meed-Ward and Members of Council:

It has come to our attention that report PB-50-19 (Downtown Streetscape Guidelines) will be considered at Planning and Development Committee on July 9th, 2019.

The streetscape guidelines for the downtown have been under review for three years and we are taking this opportunity to bring forward perhaps the most important matters related to these guidelines - implementation, maintenance and timing.

Table 2 on pages 10 and 11 of PB-50-19 indicates the incremental cost of implementing the proposed guidelines represents an 87% increase, excluding maintenance. Although City staff note that streetscape improvements will be provided primarily by the private sector as part of its construction projects (ultimately additional costs for the purchasers), there will inevitably be many instances where the City would like to initiate improvements of its own. The additional construction costs and maintenance fees are daunting and will be paid for directly through redevelopment and by the taxpayers of the City of Burlington. We are concerned that these matters are not fully understood by City Council and should not be hastily dismissed nor ignored.

Three years and three projects into this, we probably understand the issues better than most. Therefore, we are requesting that Council's consideration of this matter be deferred pending additional review with the public, the construction industry, City staff and Council. While City staff recommends that this matter be debated and approved at the Planning and Development Committee meeting on September 10, 2019, City Council does not need to approve these guidelines at this time and in their current form. There is no rush and time is needed to find a better "made-in-Burlington solution" that maintains the guiding streetscape design principles.

Please consider our request.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

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