

Delegate re Downtown Burlington Precincts

Good evening councillors and Madam Mayor

My name is Marnie Hamilton and I live at 422 Burlington Avenue.

I am very concerned with the overall issues with the intensification of our downtown, in particular the excessive height of proposed buildings.

However, I would like to focus on the classification of "APARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD PRECINCT" and in particular the 2 areas on the east and west side of Lakeshore Road at Burlington Avenue

My husband and I live in very close proximity to both of these properties and when we purchased our home we were under the impression that both of these properties were also within St. Luke's Precinct which has residential 3 storey zoning.

Burlington Avenue runs north to south and acts as the gateway to the middle of our lovely Spencer Smith Park. Many residents and tourists walk down this street to enjoy the heritage feel of St. Luke's and to get to the Park and the trails. This location is critical for the residents of Burlington to have full viewing and walking access to the lake that is not compromised by over intensification. I know that many people have stopped to chat and the children especially enjoy stopping to see the little leprechaun door that my neighbour built at the bottom of his tree along the sidewalk.

These small things add up and will be lost entirely if every building is a condo or apartment.

During the 2018 Official Plan process, these 2 properties were designated as "Special Area". At that time, I requested from several planning staff and my councillor as to what that classification meant and no one was able to provide me with a satisfactory answer. I was told not to worry as nothing large could be built on these 2 properties.

Now during the 2018 Official Plan review, those 2 properties are now designated as "Apartment Neighborhood Precinct" and I am even more confused as to what that designation means and as to what could be built and how high.

The west side property consists of a row of 8 3-storey executive townhouses. I would like to understand why this classification would not be low-rise neighbourhood and why it has been removed from St. Luke's Precinct in the Official Plan.

The east side property is older 2 storey home that is currently a residential rental property next to a designated heritage property... and again...why was this property removed from St. Luke's and not considered low-rise neighbourhood.

When I moved to Burlington and chose a home on Burlington Avenue within St. Luke's Precinct for my retirement home, I did not expect to be constantly fighting to keep the heritage aspect of this area intact.

I am very concerned that the "Apartment Neighborhood Precinct" designation will allow something higher than the 3 storey designation allowed in St. Luke's and will destroy the ambiance of the neighbourhood as well as Spencer Smith Park. I also would like to understand how parking and traffic could possibly work at these locations for anything more than a residential classification. Any driveway for a multi unit apartment or condo building would negatively impact

this end of Burlington Avenue both in too close proximity to Lakeshore Road plus the amount of pedestrians walking this street especially during the warmer months. As well, Burlington Avenue has a NO PARKING AT ANY TIME regulation between Lakeshore Road and Elgin Street.

Thank you for your attention and time.