

Delegation Notes for Tuesday September 22, 2020

Motion to exclude Clearview/Queen Mary/St.Matthew's from Mobility Hub (MTSA)

Good Evening Mayor, Councilors and fellow delegates,

I am speaking tonight to support the motion to have the Clearview/Queen Mary/St.Matthew's community removed from the Aldershot mobility hub (MTSA). I have lived at 1079 St.Matthew's Ave for the last 10 years. We purchased our home on this quiet residential court location to raise our family, so our kids would have the court to play in, they could walk to the neighbouring school safely and because it was free from traffic and surrounded by established single dwelling homes and mature trees.

It makes me upset to tell you today that I have spent the last 3-4 years completely involved in fighting city planning proposals and new developments that want to take everything we know as a community right now and completely turn it upside down into something that none of us ever thought we would see when we purchased homes in the area. Our community has attended many city meetings regarding proposed changes to our neighbourhood and we have been involved, we have provided feedback and we have signed petitions. I'm just not sure anyone is listening and I'm starting to think that being an elementary teacher is my second job and my first job is trying to protect the community I live in from poor planning decisions, greedy developers, intensification quotas, an environmental disaster, questionable traffic studies and a loss of single dwelling low density housing.

Firstly, The Aldershot mobility hub (MTSA) should exclude the St.Matthew's/Clearview/Queen Mary neighbourhood so that we can maintain our single dwelling community just as the White Oaks area to the east of us has, as they have never been included in any of the plans for the Aldershot mobility hub. The transition from White Oaks to the existing St.Matthew's neighbourhood is seamless with joining property lines, quiet courts, mature trees, two storey homes and established home ownership passed down through generations so why then is our neighbourhood not being given equal status by the planning team.

Secondly, The ADI over development at 101 Masonry rd which is currently under construction along Masonry Rd/Waterdown rd clearly meets the density intensification along the Aldershot Go Station with two 6 storey condos with 168 units in each, 233 townhomes and 16 suites. Although when this development was initially proposed our neighbourhood was reassured that even though the noise would increase, traffic would be a problem and privacy would be lost but at least we would have some close park/green space to go to. After development started all this community has gained was a large storm water pond that I guess we will have to walk around to use. The addition of many condo buildings to intensify the area along the main street of Plains rd, Cook Blvd, Waterdown rd makes perfect sense because these areas border commercial properties and accessible by main streets for traffic not by driving through a quiet neighbourhood.

Lastly, the Clearview/Queen Mary/St.Matthews community should be excluded from the Aldershot mobility hub so this established neighbourhood can be protected from overdevelopment. Currently there is a proposal going to LPAT from Coletara Developers who is looking to place two six storey condos at 162 units by purchasing the 3 single homes and a church without the community even being aware that the city planning team advised the previous developer to attain more property to keep the size and

density of the building. If this development proposal is approved at LPAT it will forever change this neighbourhood. Our community has been clear that we oppose this. If this established neighbourhood is included in the Aldershot mobility hub the area will be overtaken by development. The community needs protection and wants to maintain equal status with neighbourhoods surrounding it like White Oaks and Grove Park and to keep the existing low density single dwellings it currently enjoys.

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