Taking a Closer Look at the Downtown: recommended modifications to the adopted Official Plan (PL-16-20)

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City of Burlington 426 Brant Street, PO Box 5013 Burlington, ON L7R 3Z6

Attention: Burlington Council

Re: Burlington New Official Plan Project, Amendment 3, as it impacts Lot 12 (425 Pearl Street) and 440 Elizabeth Street Holdings Ltd.

Dear Councilors

The reduction in the height of a future building on Lot 12 to 4 stories precludes the possibility of a private-public joint venture parking structure on that lot. As discussed with our councilor and staff, the requirements of 440 Elizabeth Street and it's potential expansion at 455 John Street, require a 4 story parking garage. Additional stories over 4 could provide an opportunity to create public parking on this site to the advantage of neighboring businesses and Burlington residents, all as previously submitted prior to your September 30 Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Committee to the City Clerk in accordance with Delegation submission procedures and rules, which were not included in the meeting package before that committee vote.

It seems inconceivable to us that council would vote to restrict a possible benefit to itself, for additional parking in that area of the downtown, created through a private-public partnership. In particular, since this council has amended the transit hub designation at the John Street Bus Terminal.

We hope that council will reconsider restricting its own future benefit for a private-public parking garage at Lot 12, and not approve Amendment 3 and 4 passed by the Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Committee on September 30th.

Sincerely,

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