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Proposed Land exchange Comments

Positive Comments

- I think the Central High School football field makes sense in the hands of HDSB given its proximity and necessity to the high school. Getting Bateman - no longer a high school - in the hands of the city so it can be a community center is a great win in my opinion.
- It keeps Bateman property out of developers hands
- That both lands will continue to be used for education and community purposes.
- It helps to preserve Central High School by ensuring the entire property is in HDSB hands; it reduces the taxpayer impact in the short term, preserving money for other park/community assets; it facilitates ensuring Bateman stays as an educational and community space.
- Longevity for central high school. Opportunities for the city to have Brock located here. All support for post secondary satellite campuses is positive for the city
- I think south east Burlington needs a community centre like Tansley Woods. Library, community rooms, pool. A community hub for all age demographics. Sports activities, education, general interest classes, children's activities.
- The HDSB will be responsible for the amenities meant strictly for the school. Including capital and maintenance costs. It makes ownership much clearer to citizens.
- It makes a lot of sense. Many people may not have known that the sports field next to Central was owned by the city and assumed it was owned by the HDSB. We really need more community space in our neighborhood.
- A win for Ward 2 and Ward 5. Ward 5 residents definitely need community amenities. This will also protect Central High School that was on the chopping block a few years ago, partly because of its small footprint. A larger footprint reduces the risk of HDSB considering it for closure
- Secures long term viability of a downtown school and keeps Bateman as part of the community and not sold off to developers.
- Keeps the current community centre open, expands its uses, furthers higher education options keeps Central School supported
- I honestly always thought Central owned the track land anyway. I like the plans for Brock and think Central getting the track is a nice way to go about it
- Best to exchange the land to keep in public hands vs private sector. Also good that they land will continue to be used for education and recreation, that benefits everyone.

- Adds further educational options for local residents.
- Allows HDSB to have use of the land at Central High School
- Robert Bateman school can be better utilized by the City of Burlington for the community
- It seems to be a fair exchange and allows Central High to continue to grow and use the Bateman facility for other educational/community use
- I like the idea of Bateman going to the city with the plan of it being space that can be used by the public. Such as maintaining the pool/gymnasium/library. If the public isn't able to use it then perhaps the property can be sold to improve existing public spaces IN THIS AREA
- The location of Bateman is a great opportunity for the city to invest in the south East end of Burlington, an area that is rapidly changing demographically (younger families moving in and with Subsidy families living nearby) and possibly expanding with proposed development on lakeshore (condo development). Burlington doesn't need another football field - we have enough of them.
- Bringing another university campus to Burlington will create high paying educational jobs and opportunities for residents.
- Believe it increases the probability of Bateman remaining a community centre, opposed to being knocked down for high rise residential buildings
- It allows both sides to achieve their long term goals in an economically efficient way.
- I am assuming this would reduce monetary cost of procuring Bateman High School. If so, it seems to be a win-win for both the city and for HDSB.
- All land will ultimately be used for children and adults education use!
- This will allow central to have ownership of the field and the city can reduce costs of up keep
- Secures long term viability of a downtown school and keeps Bateman as part of the community and not sold off to developers.
- It seems equitable, and I agree with the proposed uses of both pieces, i.e. that Central will remain a high school and not be developed for housing and businesses; and that the Robert Bateman site be developed for community and educational purposes.
- Keeps the current community centre open, expands its uses, furthers higher education options keeps Central School supported
- I think it is essential to keep the Robert Bateman land and building as a space for education and community use. I was VERY concerned it would be sold off for more housing development.

Neutral Comments

- Don't think anything should be done until residents know the cost of the project
- The land should be a new recreation centre. Something for people south of the QEW and not downtown.

Negative comments

- Do not agree with leasing
- Increase car traffic due to University students driving
- No explanation of city use for school space (ie programs, office use etc)
- How about fixing up/updating older community facilities that are worn/tired out of date.
- Doesn't feel like a fair exchange. One football field is worth way less than an entire high school site.
- Bateman should remain a high school with the transitioning of our neighbourhood. New families coming in
- I don't trust the city won't use this property to put up apartments or condos. Robert Bateman HS should never have been closed. It was a newer renovated school.
- Worried about potential development of this land and losing our critical green space.
- South East Burlington has a quickly growing population. Older families are moving out as younger ones are moving in, or are already established and moving through the primary grades. The area is vastly under serviced with secondary school options. Bateman never should have been closed in the first place and should be reopened as a secondary school sooner rather than later.
- HDSB deserves nothing
- Closing Bateman was the worst decision ever
- we are losing land the board will sell for development
- Why should the hdsb need more land near central, an old, falling apart school that soon will have to be razed. HDSB will soon be desperate for a high school in south east Burlington.
- This offers zero guarantees of a high school remaining in the downtown core.
- Loss of community pool ! Loss of green space!!!!!!

- Yes we may have first right to purchase back Central property but we already own and only see cost to purchase going up. We need the green space downtown

Lease with Brock comments

Positive Comments

- It would be awesome to have post-secondary education here and more students pursuing their career dreams!
- Great use of the site
- It will bring more opportunities for post-secondary education into the city, in a very accessible community.
- We secure another post-secondary facility in Burlington, which helps train employees for our companies.
- Great to have universities within our community!
- A great space for future teachers
- Brock university teaching students will use this space AND bring energy and ideas into HDSB and HCDSB classrooms. It's a win for the school board and the city's economy.
- As a Brock university teacher education student who would be able to attend classes at the Brock Burlington campus I am so excited about this potential lease agreement. I think it will not only benefit the city but also the HDSB because it will bring in student teachers and future educators into Burlington.
- Brock needs campus space in Burlington. This will help so many students in Halton
- Opens up more possibilities for the city to partner with post secondary institutions
- I don't know any details of the agreement but I can't see a downside. Long term guaranteed income for the city. An opportunity for students to attend Brock University in their own community.
- Brings more young people into Burlington and provides local educational opportunities for Burlington youth without having to travel as far
- Income stream and makes post-secondary education accessible within Burlington community.
- Enhanced usage of otherwise empty building. Good for businesses in that area that previously benefited from the local high-school
- It is double win - leasing helps pay for the building and Brock doesn't need to build any new buildings!
- What's not to like about having a university in Burlington
- Securing a partnership with Brock University is a big step in increasing the profile and attractiveness of the City of Burlington.
- It's great for the community to have higher education available locally, to have lease income for the city, and to attract students and faculty to Burlington.
- Expands access to another university. Provides more choice to people in the community.
- Bateman is a great site that should continue to be used for educational purposes. If not with HDSB anymore than Brock U is the next best thing

- I think having a stronger university presence in Burlington is a plus for the city
- This would help the economy in the area bringing more customers to local businesses. Having a satellite campus of a University in our community would be wonderful.
- The building is already set up for education purposes, and it would be great to have more post secondary opportunities for students closer to where they went to high school.
- It's a great long term partnership in an area of Burlington that needs some attention/needs to be revitalized.
- Opportunity for youth in Burlington to attend Brock campus and remain at home, or less travel
- world class cities have post secondary institutions in them.
- Making Burlington a "university town" is a move ahead and brings spin-off benefits.
- A good opportunity for higher education in the city. As a lease, it will bring some revenue back to the city
- I love that learning will continue and the building will have a purpose
- Stimulates local economy and utilizes existing building with potential for upgrades

Neutral Comments

- This is an ok idea as it would help generate revenue for the City if Burlington, however, I also want Robert Bateman school to be available to the community and not just Brock and HDSB
- Depending upon the courses being offered, it could be a very convenient location for local people to take continuing education.
- Downtown would be a much nicer area for this type of thing

Negative comments

- As a resident the significant traffic implications are extremely concerning. I am supportive of the proposal recognizing the economic impact for the city, the appropriate infrastructure measures must be in place PRIOR to opening the campus. Traffic lights should be added at new and Pinedale or Wedgewood, with a permanent crosswalk added at wedgewood and new to protect the catholic elementary students. In addition a parking facility should be considered with as little impact to the track behind Bateman as possible, however the track should be sacrificed/moved for the parking if not structurally possible to use existing space. Clear definitions of the property line between the surrounding elementary schools should be considered, increased height of fencing or solid vs chain link. Ascension start and end times should be considered/revised if necessary to reduce traffic issues. Increased parking at the pool facility is required with proper monitoring to discourage student parking overflow. Kiss and ride program for ascension should also be considered. Public transportation needs to be increased between

Appleby go and Brock campus, that utilizes both Appleby and Burloak to ease traffic based on the established patterns. Brokering a deal with Brock for advanced access to employment opportunities and financial incentives for students for residents of Burlington should be a priority. Also access to library and other resources should be granted to Burlington residents. Partnerships with local high schools to provide enhanced learning opportunities for staff and students would be a great benefit for the community and help to ease local frustration over the negative impacts this change would surely have.

- Do not agree with the idea of the City being in the business of leasing land to private institutions. There may be better uses for this property in light of planned development occurring and expected in the future in East Burlington with respect to the MTSA at Appleby GO, the business services located north of the QEW at Burloak and the community recreation facilities at Skyway Plaza. These uses need to be integrated into the City's planning process.
- There is nothing concrete in multi-purpose use of the correct track & pool for local residents
- Would rather see the location turned into a full recreation centre
- Already enough traffic in this area more if it was a university
- Why not use the existing building to provide a larger, better stocked library (move the existing library from Appleby and Fairview)? Additionally, a greater variety of services could be provided from that site (from those to support young families, people living with disabilities, to even relocating the Service Canada branch). A recreation centre (with the added bonus of the existing pool) would also service the ageing population.
- Too much traffic in the area.
- There is a larger sports field behind Bateman that could be sold to Brock if they wanted to buy it and build a continued education centre for their own use.
- I would rather have a community recreation center with a larger library and maker space than have a satellite Brock university campus.

- But the land around the school should be invested in and can be (for a relatively inexpensive amount) be transformed into a green space with a small walkway/path for residents to enjoy.
- If the city were to rent Bateman to Brock, the first thing the university would want to do is expand the parking area - meaning we would lose green space that could transform that area of south-east Burlington into a much more green and investor friendly area (particularly relevant with so many from Toronto moving into the area over the last few years) and an opportunity to better service the community that is already here (and more importantly those in need of those service; ie low-income/subsidy families).
- The entire building should be a community centre for Burlington residents. It's hardly a university campus either, taking a small portion like this
- Nothing should be done until residents know cost of project
- If we can't have a high school anymore, this neighbourhood deserves a full community centre. Like a Tansley Woods or a Haber. With programming geared to the neighbourhood. Brock University leasing the space does nothing for us but increase traffic. Also, how does this proposal affect the surrounding elementary schools use of the Bateman facility? Frontenac especially, but also Pineland and Mohawk Gardens have benefited greatly from the use of the track and other areas inside the building.

Lease agreement with HDSB

Positive Comments

- That it will avoid the need for new major construction projects which are quite costly.
- It continues an educational use at Robert Bateman.
- It puts students first
- If the HDSB can use this school space for it's intended purpose (learning), that is ideal.
- It's time to maximize and share space

- Same as above. Long term guaranteed income. Leasing out space for educational purposes doesn't have a downside as far as I can see.
- Acknowledges requirement for land to be used for educational purposes rather than sold to a developer in an already dense residential neighbourhood.
- The City of Burlington and HDSB have a longstanding relationship and this benefits both parties involved.
- Buy leasing this space from hcdb you can use that space for community functions and recreational purposes. That is something that is needed down here in the south east end of Burlington.
- The school has good bones to maintain it's presence as education facility.
- Could relieve space pressures elsewhere
- The building was intended for education and should be used as such.
- Details of the financial relationship between the involved parties and powers it may grant them, especially as it pertains to the cities influence over the education system.
- List of enhancements to the property and potential community benefits
- South East Burlington has a population of young families. The youth population is rapidly growing and secondary school seats are needed. This is a problem already and will only get worse as the current masses of young children age.
- Again, I feel very strongly that the land and building be available for community use and education purposes, versus being sold off piece meal or to a housing developer.

Neutral Comments

- I think how much in favour I would be for this is to understand how much of the facility they want to lease and for what purpose. We should not let it take up space for what the city wants to do with the school such as recreational and other programming just for the Board otherwise they Board should have kept the school.
- Better use for senior citizens more of them in this area give them something to do .

Negative Comments

- Again, promises by now Mayor were for a community and seniors centre Not rented out rooms for school board stuff
- Would rather a rec center. This community desperately needs it
- HDSB deserves nothing
- unknown costs
- Because they still should keep ownership of the the Bateman site to hold it for 5 years for when Nelson is overflowing and they need another high school again.
- Nothing should be done until residents know the cost of the project

General Comments

Positive Comments

- This is a great way to ensure Robert Bateman remains an educational and community use, while also preserving Burlington Central HS by cleaning up ownership - part of what the city owns is actually a wall and driveway, as well as the track. It's time for the school to assume operation of the full building for the long term.
- I am looking forward to having a community hub for south east Burlington. I think it could foster a real sense of community for our area. When my kids were little, we used Tansley Woods - one kid could be in swimming lessons or Sportball or yoga and there was always lots to do with the other kids - the library, outdoor play space, etc - while waiting. I would love to see this in our area. Also as I am approaching more senior years, activities or opportunities for seniors is also something to look forward to. Right in our neighbourhood.
- Thank you for this opportunity for the community to comment - appreciate continued transparency and communication about this process as it continues.

- I am really pleased that this is happening! When I heard that Bateman was being closed, I feared that the School Board was going to sell it off to a developer and huge apartments would go up on the land!
- Let's do it!
- Excellent proposal - well done, City!!
- I agree with all proposals. It protects the lands in question from unreasonable development and has a tangible benefit for the community.
- It would be great that through this agreement that the surrounding community could still access Robert Bateman for potential recreational and community purposes- including the swimming pool. I believe a lease agreement with these two entities would be a positive thing for our community.
- I'm glad Burlington is taking this step instead of tearing down a perfectly operational building. This provides lots of education opportunities for our community.
- Love that a BPL location is moving into the space!
- I would like this to continue to to be used as an educational space. As well as a community cultural Center that is comparable to that of QE park this is much needed in Burlington. Arts/culinary/media courses would be wonderful
- Go for it, don't be pressured by negative people. If we waited until the "right time" to do things, nothing would get done.

Neutral Comments

- Let's make sure that the lands at Central can never be sold to developers by HDSB or at least that the City has right of first refusal. These lands are prime green space that must be kept as such.
- Use it for exclusive city use. Zero guarantee Brock will. Maintain building use for 25 years. What happen if Brock backs out of lease within the 25 years?
- Would advocate for some language in contract that transfer of ownership to HDSB requires that they do not sell land for development in the event of a program accommodation review (PAR) or other exercise.
- Further to my comments about the Board leasing space I think it should also not cause us to not bring the Appleby Fire station and the Appleby library down and into Bateman. That's moved would also save the city money and create more of a campus for the city. The city could seek the land where the Fire Station is and help pay for Bateman and enter a long term lease with the library.
- Only concern is around whether wellington park is part of the 5 acres and how do we ensure the land is maintained for educational/community purposes and not turned into residential or commercial development
- do not rezone any land for residential or commercial development
- Our community deserves a better library and to keep our pool and to have a gymnasium. We have nothing like Brant hills or tansley woods or the Haber down here
- Please let the public continue to have access to the running track behind Bateman. Many of us walk and run there. From seniors to families.

- Not aware the condition of central's field but city should ensure field meets current standards (ie quality of what the newer school properties receive) prior to transfer with provisions to ensure the city is accountable for issues stemming from conditions during their ownership that may arise after transfer of ownership
- Please include something for young kids in the community, library with play area? Drop in gym?
- iF the building is repurposed, it needs to be a community hub. This area is vastly under serviced, there is already a community pool and fully functioning daycare space, as well as theatre space, space for the public library, an industrial kitchen and mechanical shop. This building needs to be used as designed rather than reconfigured and these facilities gone to waste.

Negative Comments

- Again - I feel like we aren't being told the full story here. Is it truly a trade? That's it? If there is more to it, that should be clear and then these results aren't accurate.
- the city has been to dismissive about the cost with the asbetos and what this will cost - we are being not told the city anything
- hope that city council can put the needs of the community surrounding the Bateman site first. Many of my neighbours feel like we are the neglected, distant relative to the rest of the city. It feels as though council is more concerned with the downtown core than the east end of town, especially based on the number of proposed high rise developments with little regard for how they will affect the current residents. I understand the need for new developments and increasing density. But that means we need more rec facilities too. Bateman is the perfect spot for it
- There is NO published cost basis for which the public can give any tangible feedback about. What is the cost to taxpayers? Will this cost less, or more, than the Burloak Grade Separation project? How do we know that it would be less, since costs escalate without explanation?

- The plan is ridiculous and clearly orchestrated by the mayor for her full benefit of keeping her precious school open.
- Once again, the survey is skewed and does not allow for any true resident feedback
- The primary purpose of RB needs to be a community centre, NOT another Brock campus. I'm fine with them leasing part of the school, but it NEEDS to be a community centre first and foremost.
- The City made a purchase that it had no way of paying for. We were lied to.
- The pool track and green space in our area is the only remaining space left (except Sherwood Forest which primarily is soccer & baseballs diamonds) further more there is a growing need in this area for a pool ! Do NOT CLOSE OUR POOL
- Make the former Bateman site into a community center to boost the surrounding neighborhood. Making it a satellite campus for Brock university will cause more traffic and parking issues due to students and faculty driving and bussing into the neighborhood.
- Concerned about the parking situation and whether there will be sufficient parking on site to accommodate students. Also concerned about losing access to the public pool.
- Why did my City taxes go up when most of the big services like water, sanitary and garbage are taken care of by the Region? Spot so frivolously spending our money and why are there so many firefighters on the sunshine list?
- More congestion in the area + construction will destroy the neighborhood More than what's already been done