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Dear Mayor and City Council Members

When strong mayor powers came into effect in 2023, we understand that the mayor and city council did not object. Three councillors have now brought forth a motion to delegate these powers back to council and city staff. We are unaware of what precipitated this action.

We are now more concerned as an additional council member has indicated she will support the three Burlington councillors who brought forth this motion.

One person or a minority vote having the power to make decisions for the city appears to be very undemocratic. Our concerns are based on our initial opposition to Doug Ford's announcement regarding strong mayor powers and that is now heightened.

We hope our concerns are heard and council chooses to support the motions to delegate powers back to council and city staff put forth by Council members Galbraith, Nisan and Stolte, and supported by Councillor Kearns.

Respectively, Tom and Fern Petrie