Hello Cameron,

I sent the e-mail below to Russ powers and HEARD but it did not make it to you. So here it is.

Hello Russ Powers,

I am opposed to this development.

Take a look at your post card collection, because that is all that will be left of this beautiful Valley Town of Dundas.

I arrived here in 1981 and Dundas has been TRASHED since then as follows:

1. Loss of rail way to industrial area at Hatt and Head Streets.
2. Loss of railway stop at Dundas Train Station.
3. Loss of park land (part of Driving Park) due to sales to developers.
4. Building on flood plain along Dundas Street.
5. Building in the quarry rather than park land or lower density housing. (This ruined the view from the Peak.)
6. Monstrosities at Amica. (Too close to road as was the former factory and higher than what existed there before.)
7. Monstrosities at Creekside Estates. (Too close to road along Ogilvie and too close to Spencer Creek and too high and three of them plus another one in the works!)
8. Closure of two schools plus another closure in the works!
9. End of Valley City Manufacturing.
10. Contamination of Spencer Creek via fire fighting event.
11. Loss of Dundas to Hamilton due to amalgamation event even though a very high percentage of the population voted against this via referendum.
12. Loss of adult emergency room adjacent to Dundas even though seniors and retirees are relocating to Dundas.
13. Potential loss of roadway into Dundas if Ben Veldhuis site is developed as planned.
14. Land rape and destruction of rolling picturesque terrain when Governor's Road was developed.
15. Potential land rape and destruction of rolling picturesque terrain (farm land!) and lovely view of Hamilton if development proceeds on York Road.
16. Seemingly loss of common sense and value of Parkway West Belt as a way of bringing infrastructure into Dundas.

That is a long list of negatives to explain to our grandchildren when they ask, “What used to be here?”
Now to this, the view, from below the peak looking up to the peak, will be destroyed, hindered, or obstructed by this development at 24 Brock St. N. Also this building will mar sight lines and awe striking vistas of the escarpment from long distances such as the turn from Osler unto Ogilvie Street and somewhat along Governor’s Road and the decent down HWY 8.

It is not in keeping with the density levels and size of housing in the area. Increasing density that close to environmentally precious areas as found upstream in Spencer Gorge and Webster’s Fall will only mean more human pressure on that sensitive environment. Keep the higher density and high rises in downtown Hamilton. That is where revitalization and intensification should be taking place.

I am sure I could add to this list but my blood pressure is going up and my tear ducts are filling up and Dundas is filling up. It is time to stop!

Thank you,

Ken MacDonald.