Regarding: Boulevard Café, 38 Hess Street south, Hamilton, Ontario

A request is before The Corporation of the City of Hamilton regarding granting to 38 Hess Street South permission to operate an outside boulevard café.

Our objections are as follows:

1. This area is currently saturated with Bars and licensed premises for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Every available space is occupied making the area ungovernable from both policing and effective By-law officer’s administration.

2. Noise from this area continues until 3:30 a.m. with screaming. Young people constantly urinate on both our and surrounding properties in the area throughout the night. Young under-aged drinkers and others bring in beer to continue drinking when the bars have closed. Throwing their refuse bottles and cans on our property and other city taxpayers as they leave the area. This nuisance continues through the months from April until October every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.

3. The Hamilton Spectator on July 16, 2007 article on Hess Village entitled “Local residents versus partiers-Vandalism, noise makes life miserable for locals” A similar article appeared in “Toronto Life” on the problems of ‘Entertainment Areas’ in Toronto that parallels our experience in Hamilton.

4. Now we have our concerns for many years over the decline in the operation of the bars in Hess Village through media articles. The impact of these newspaper articles provides, no encouragement, to help the stated objective of The City to improve the quality of life in downtown Hamilton.

5. When an area such as Hess Village is already full of Bars it is necessary for the City to say “Enough is Enough”

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