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Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Council,

In regards to paid parking in downtown Stoney Creek, why would city council ever think to implement a plan that would only prove disastrous to local business? Nothing good can come from the implementation of paid parking in downtown Stoney Creek, unless the city is determined to contribute all profits from this initiative to the losses accrued by local business, which would defeat the purpose of paid parking.

The City of Hamilton already has a struggling downtown core, why on earth would they want to replicate those problems in Stoney Creek or any other of the former municipalities? Paid parking would put pressure on seniors and regular patrons who support business in Stoney Creek. The seniors who attend seniors’ activities, those who patronise the legion with no on-site parking — and visitors to these venues, may now need to plan fewer visits or decide not to come altogether.

Yes, there is a city-owned parking lot, where those patronising local businesses are given two hours of free parking; however, it appears to be on the chopping block as well. The question that remains is what will the city do to combat the inevitable financial loss this plan would create on local business?

I call on city council to re-consider this ill-advised plan. If this plan is approved, the city of Hamilton would not only be responsible for increased job loss, but the economic & social disfiguration of downtown Stoney Creek.

Sincerely,

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