Dear Mayor Bob Bratina,

I am a resident of the Hamilton west mountain escarpment area, and I have serious concerns about the Deanlee proposed development of the Chedoke Browlands.

As our Mayor, and leader of our city council representatives, I am appealing to you to carefully consider all ramifications and consequences of this high density intensification development.

Our community has undergone many changes with the sale and development of the Chedoke heritage lands. And we have absorbed with some resigned acceptance the increased traffic, construction and population with these housing, residences, community centres and commercial developments. We are not unreasonable.

The Chedoke Browlands, however, deserve special considerations.

We have an obligation to preserve our Niagara escarpment; and to limit intrusive and excessive developments that will have an extreme impact not only on our quiet community, but on Hamilton's continuing concern to safeguard and preserve the escarpment for further generations.

Any development of the Chedoke Browlands must recognize this intrinsic obligation. And needs to abide by restrictive zoning bylaws that will protect not only this community, but will maintain zoning and environmental preservations that will help protect our city from future development proposals as well.

I attended the June 10, 2010 public meeting when you chaired the Economic Development and Planning Committee 10-013 city council meeting at the Peoples' Church, in place of then Mayor, Fred Eisenberg. And based on information presented then, the Deanlee Management development proposal was turned down, despite City Staff's recommendations.

The concerns raised by city councillors and the community at that time still exist. (Despite the OMB hearings and involvement; and despite minimal concessions by Deanlee Management.)

I respectfully request that we continue to prevent this development from proceeding.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this letter.

Darlene McIlveen

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