Dear Mayor Bratina, Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Johnson,

I am a resident of the Browlands community, and have serious concerns surrounding Deanlee’s proposed development “concept” plan of the Chedoke Browlands.

Today you will be voting on a settlement offer from Deanlee Management.

As a community member, we are appealing to you to carefully consider all ramifications and consequences of this high density intensification development. The proposal being brought forth today by Deanlee is well outside reasonable limits set by Jamie Bennett, outside planner for the city of Hamilton.

Today’s offer regarding unity count, maximum building heights, preservation of ecology and green space is not materially different than what was previously declined by council. The only material difference is the understanding that Deanlee will allow the city to purchase parkland with a price tag between 1-1.5 million or perhaps more?

It should be noted Deanlee’s settlement offer has not reduced unit count accordingly despite the reduction of development land and will therefore be allowed to maintain intensified development above reasonable levels. In addition, if the city accepts the settlement offer, tax payers will give the developer a significant cash injection for the price of the property. Bottom line, Deanlee has made no concessions on unit count while pocketing a sizable taxpayer cash contribution if accepted.

Our community is undergoing many changes with the sale and development of the Chedoke Browlands. Given the significance of the property, the Browlands deserves special consideration. We request the matter be resolved at the OMB.

The cost of resolving this matter at the OMB is significantly less than the cost of the piece of property Deanlee would be willing to sell the city of Hamilton at premium prices. Given the importance of the property, the residents of Hamilton deserve our elected officials continued support.

Community concerns still exist surrounding the Chedoke Browlands development and since we are heading to OMB hearings tomorrow, it is more important than ever to vote against this degree of intensification and Deanlee’s settlement offer.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Again, I respectfully request the city of Hamilton decline the Deanlee settlement offer and proceed with the OMB hearing.

Roy Wolker