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Subject: Library location

On Tuesday August 10th & Thursday August 12th the Hamilton Library will ask City Council to support their recommendation to pursue plans to build a new Waterdown Library on Highway #5 near Clappisons Power Centre former site of Flamborough Municipal Service Centre. There has been little consultation with the residents of Flamborough.

The new Waterdown Library must remain and be built in the core area of Waterdown. There is no question Waterdown needs a new updated Library – it must stay located in the core of downtown Waterdown. The Hamilton Library wants to tear down the Flamborough Municipal Centre building on Highway #5 and build the new Library on what is now a busy 5 lane highway. A community Library needs to stay located in the core of the community. Citizens of Flamborough are asking for it to be built in the core, either on the Mary Hopkins School property or along Parkside Drive, perhaps in Memorial Park. Mary Hopkins sits on 4 acres of land and will be closed in 2012 when a new school is opened in East Waterdown. The School Board officials are very interested to enter into discussions for this site as a possible Library site. So far the Hamilton Library says it is not interested in these discussions.

A new Library in a core location would be within two to three blocks of five schools, the YMCA, WDHS, the seniors centre, five senior housing facilities, 3 Churches and the new Youth Centre to be built on Parkside at Hamilton St. Building a new library in the core will be a location where seniors, students, young families can easily walk to and greatly improve Memorial Park and clean up the layout. The skate park would be safer with security around the Library and more families would be drawn to the park for all amenities.

The Hamilton Library proposed Highway #5 location is an ill thought-out solution for this location. It has no supporting schools, churches, facilities of any kind and will not be accessible walking for young families, students and seniors. For the Waterdown community to remain vibrant, we must keep key infrastructure services such as the Library.

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