

Blumenberg,Catalina

Subject: FW: The Capitol & other applications

From: Lets Connect
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Bolognone,John
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I just received this email in my secondary email account: letsconnect@cityofkingston.ca. This account isn't visible on my smart phone so I'm just seeing it now, which is too late for the meeting she references below.

Will you reply to her or do you want me to direct her to a generic email address?

From: Gisele & Tom [REDACTED] a]
Sent: February-15-16 7:54 PM
To: Mayor of Kingston; Stroud,Peter; Schell,Elizabeth; Neill,Jim; Hunt,Gerard; Hurdle,Lanie; Adams,Alex; opzb_update; Leary,Ryan; Didrikson,Amy; Lambert,Lindsay; Venditti,Marnie; Forfar,Stacey; Leger,Denis
Cc: Hutchison,Rob; McLaren,Jeff; Newman,Greg; Blumenberg,Catalina; Bolognone,John; Lets Connect
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Dear City council and staff members:

I do not support the two proposed 20-storey Homestead applications for lower Queen Street, for the same reasons that I do not support the IN8 application as it still stands for Princess Street.

These proposed buildings are too high for Kingston's downtown core, and will ruin what remains of its heritage-rich and charming character and people-friendly human scale. Furthermore, it contradicts the city's Official Plan and by-laws and supposed vision.

It is still my hope that a more detailed long-range vision will be developed and upheld by all. Based on the modest research that I have done, I truly believe that the costs and risks of high-rises will soon make them passé. Architects now win awards for more sustainable and equitable/accessible low-rises. If we really want to be an innovative city, we ought to pay attention to what the new planners and geographers and other experts are trying to tell us.

While Kingston would benefit from some densification in its commercial district, this benefit will only occur if it is smart growth that fits in with a smart vision. I urge you to do the right thing and be forward-minded rather than at the mercy of every new development application that seems appealing at first glance.

Respectfully,
Gisele Pharand

P.S. - Please include my comments in the February 17 planning agenda, so that they are presented to the Planning Committee.

Adams,Alex

From: julie blunden <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 February, 2016 9:45 AM
To: Adams,Alex
Subject: Garret St Parking lot application

Hi,

I own the property that abutts the rear of the proposed parking lot. I'm on vacation until March 10th. Could you please email the application and plan to me?

I'm concerned that the plan does not include a bogus ROW across my property as the first plan did. I'm also concerned about interference with my tenants enjoyment of the property regarding shadow, lighting, fencing, noise and exhaust. Can you tell me what a car elevator is for? In your opinion what other concerns should I be aware of?

Thank-you,
Julie Blunden
[REDACTED]