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WHEREAS:

- Although the City admits there is an affordable housing crisis, the proposed changes do nothing to guarantee building of such and adds fuel to the blaze that is the financialization of housing barring home ownership from the reach of many. The needs of those without housing or with precarious housing are not addressed in the amendments.

-The proposed amendments to the planning process is anti democratic and shifts responsibility from the Planning Committee and elected officials to a majority of appointed citizens. These significant responsibilities include:

- lot changes
- increases to zoned height
- reduced zoning regulations
- impacts on infrastructure, street safety and parking

-Williamsville is one of, if not the, most intensified district in the City, with a population that has recently increased significantly creating a need for more parkland and green space, bylaw officers to manage noise, parking and garbage infractions.

- Brock and Johnson streets were not originally designed to be main arteries into the downtown core and so have established neighbourhoods snug to the sides of these roads.

- Now that Rideau elementary is French immersion only and Churchill elementary serves Williamsville, young students must cross both Brock and Johnson streets each school day.

WE SUPPORT:

- Planned and managed growth and development in Williamsville supported by adequate data and analysis that is compatible with its actual population and takes into account recent intensification measures, and deteriorating street safety (especially for young children) and quality of life.

-Development in Williamsville that is compatible with the character and built form of adjacent properties.

-Motions:

to remove Brock and Johnson from fast-tracking development along rapid transit routes to the Committee of Adjustments.

if adding a fourth unit, you can only add two more bedrooms not four in Williamsville and Sydenham.

- Growth and development that is consistent with the City's climate goals, active transportation priorities, and directly addresses the affordable housing crisis.

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