

Selling off of the town owned Hollingsworth Arena to Briarwood developers.

To start off I would like to say that I am not against the redevelopment of 693 and 713 Davis Drive. This development and 'The Davis' development on Deerfield (and maybe Slesor Square?) are good and needed for the town for the town to grow. I am disappointed that there are no affordable housing options included in the Briarwood scenarios.

What I am against is the selling of ANY part of the Hollingsworth Arena property. I understand the need for growth and development in Newmarket but not but selling off town owned land. There should be enough time before a decision is made by council to look at all the options for this land.

The residents of Newmarket were not given any say in the purchase of the \$24 million Mulock property and now you are considering selling off town owned property for development. If the town has money to purchase new property it should be able to invest in town owned property.

In the Briarwood scenarios they have only shown 2 and both included some or all of the Hollingsworth property and nothing without the property. Both scenarios fail to show the first entrance to the medical center across the street.

The main reason I am against the selling of ANY of Hollingsworth is the traffic nightmare that this will create for the residents around the area. It will not have as much an impact for those Ward 3 residents in Leslie Valley, but it will for the residents close to the arena and could impact residents on Bolton, Lundy's Lane, Bayview Parkway, and Huron Heights as residents avoid the Patterson /Davis congestion. There are times now that I head out of the ward by avoiding the Davis/Patterson intersection. Currently the left turn lane into Patterson is not large and more volume into the Ward will back up traffic along Davis. Davis can be backed up heading west as far back as Huron Heights depending on the lights and time of day. When going up Patterson from Davis you are frequently stopped as traffic is trying to turn left into the medical center. With the entrance to the new development on the east side (Hollingsworth) the extra 300+ cars, delivery trucks, garbage trucks would be a cause for further congestion. When Davis Drive was being redeveloped the residents on Queen St voiced their concerns over increased traffic. The increased Patterson traffic could have an impact on many of the streets north of Davis both east and west of Patterson.

I would ask the town to please refer to their Recreational Playbook for ideas for Hollingsworth. The new Philmore Hamilton rain park will be a wonderful and innovative addition to Newmarket. Given time, which we have, I'm sure that the town with the help of residents can come up with something just as great for Hollingsworth and keep the Hollingsworth name. There will be a cost for this and I am sure that the town can budget or perhaps reach out for corporate sponsors for this.

As none of the current council resides in this area may I suggest that a visit to the area at different times of the day to observe the traffic congestion then council would better understand the community concerns?

Residents are frustrated as we have been thru this with the previous developer and feel that we are not being listened to. Many feel it is a lost cause to even speak out as they feel council has already made up their minds to sell as it is all about the dollar.

I believe it was recently stated in council that we have over a year of the arena functioning and still standing. And to quote the Mayor from the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce 'You don't build a community FOR people. You build a community WITH people'

So hopefully council will take the time to work with the community and make the right decision of the fate of Hollingsworth.

Thank you,

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