

Opposition to Application File # OZS-2021-0053

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Over the last couple of years, we've received notifications to build a variety of residential buildings (2-,3-,13- and 14-storey buildings) on the Elizabeth St N block. Then another notice – this time with taller buildings. All we've seen are attempts by developers to guide the vision of growth in our downtown core. What we should be seeing is a planned vision for the present and future of our downtown -- guidelines put forth by my city's planners and not by those of the developers!

We've seen 20-, 30-, 40-year growth plans for the city. In all of these iterations, have we stepped back and looked at the skylines created in the city's hubs to the north, the south, the west and the east, and along the Queen St and Kennedy Rd corridors, converging into our downtown core? I read a recent study in urban design, and it found a city's skyline to be "an intriguing and important aspect of our cities' built form." (see *1 below).

For me, this is true. I look at this current application and it proposes 2 tall towers that encroach on the skyline of the downtown core, burdening its infrastructure with the density and congestion that follows. Again, this is my opinion. I suggest we take the time now to step back and look at the skyline we want. Let's look at a plan, decide that it is attractive and that it sends positive messages about our city and then implement the guidelines to follow that plan. It WILL take time, but then the right development projects WILL come along! That's my hope for downtown Brampton.

Thank you for your consideration.

*1 Booth, Christopher G. (2012). Revisiting the Image of the City: Exploring the Importance of City Skylines, Waterloo: University of Waterloo.