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To: City Clerks Office <City.ClerksOffice@brampton.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Written Deputation for 5.1 Staff Report re: Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs), Draft Brampton Plan Policies, City-wide

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Hi Clerk's Team,

Could the following please be included as a written item for 5.1 Staff Report re: Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs), Draft Brampton Plan Policies, City-wide for Monday's Planning Committee meeting?
Thank you.

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Hi Planning Committee,

The Drew family of Brampton, and as members of St. Paul's United Church at 30 Main Street South, **welcome and generally support** the staff recommendations for the Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) for Brampton. We support the improvements staff have made and are recommending where more intensification will now be possible, especially for downtown Brampton. We encourage staff and Council to consider the further requests in the written correspondence by others for additional updates and improvements for the downtown Brampton MTSA.

This improved proposal will have many benefits for downtown Brampton:

- More people in downtown Brampton will mean more customers for local businesses and the opportunity for more ground-level retail and on-street patios;
- There will be more people in parks and for the entertainment programming in downtown Brampton;
- There will be more customers for the Farmer's Market. We love the Farmer's Market;
- It will further strengthen the case for the federal and provincial governments to provide capital funding for the Main LRT and Queen Street - Highway 7 BRT, in addition to a third track and additional track capacity for the Kitchener GO train line between Bramalea and Georgetown;
- It will continue to support existing and future Brampton Transit routes and continue to demonstrate the case that the federal and provincial governments should assist with operating funding for Brampton Transit;
- It will increase the housing supply and provide downsizing opportunities for families like ours that want to stay in Brampton. Specifically, we want the opportunity to live in downtown Brampton and walk to church;
- It will be good for fighting climate change as more people will live in an area where transit and walking are possible; and
- More people will be able to live in downtown Brampton including families and students. We will have more neighbours in downtown Brampton.

We kindly and constructively suggest that the staff recommendation be ***amended*** to include the following:

4. That assuming City Council adopts the staff recommendations for the the Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs), Draft Brampton Plan Policies, City-wide that the City Clerk forward the item 5.1 material to all Brampton MPs and MPPs as the federal and provincial governments have expressed interest, support, and potential funding for municipalities that approve and support housing supply near transit stations.

Thank you,
The Drew Family