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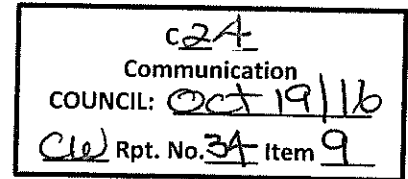
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Subject: Re: Report 34, Item 9 - Community Area Policy Review for Low-Rise Residential Designation Adoption of Urban Design Guidelines for Infill Development in established Low-Rise Residential Neighbourhoods (File 15.120.2)



Good evening John/Roy,

Unfortunately I will not be in attendance tomorrow as I will be attending Think Smarter Economic Development Forum in Niagara Falls.

I have reviewed in more detail the proposed urban design guidelines in relationship to infill development within established low-rise residential neighbourhoods and as well, all the communications that have been submitted in relationship to this file.

While I wholeheartedly believe that the proposed guideline is very much needed to assist stakeholders, staff and decision makers to have a better understanding, however I also believe that in the interest of the broader public, the guidelines need to have some flexibility under unique circumstances as opposed to the too prescriptive approach.

In my opinion, a guideline should be maintained as a guideline. We must allow flexibility within the policy set out so that not only the stakeholders can achieve the goals and objectives, but also allowing City's staff to administer it appropriately.

We know that not every infill development follow a cookie-cutter guideline because every infill development has its own challenges and its own uniqueness. Therefore, I urge that you work to provide a guideline that holds and maintain the principles and the intent of the infill guidelines while allowing it to be amenable and workable for all.

Please accept these as my comments for tomorrow's Council meeting.

Thank you,

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