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REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED)
Concerns over escalating mental health, addition and homelessness in Downtown Brampton and the negative impact that it is having on my property/business located at 140 Main St. N.

A formal presentation will accompany my delegation Yes No

Presentation format: PowerPoint File (.ppt) Adobe File or Equivalent (.pdf)
 Picture File (.jpg) Video File (.avi,.mpg) Other

Additional printed information/materials will be distributed with my delegation : Yes No Attached

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Request for support of immediate action to deal with escalating mental health, addiction and homelessness in Downtown Brampton

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I am writing this email to appeal for your support of immediate action to deal with escalating mental health, addiction and homelessness issues in the Downtown Brampton Core.

I am the owner of the property at 140 Main St. N. in Brampton (corner of Main St. N. & Church). I purchased this property in 2010 and undertook significant renovations at great costs in an effort to revitalize this beautiful 168 year old building which is a prominent structure in the City's Core. I am an extremely proud property owner and take great pride in my building which houses my business, Wiesner Insurance.

While I have always been aware that the City has had issues with homelessness and addiction, as most urban centres do, over the past 3 years I have seen an extreme jump in the number of homeless and the intensity of these issues. Without a doubt, 2020 has been the worst year yet. I can only make the assumption that this is the result of the numerous social services located in the immediate vicinity that cater to this segment of society. My property is constantly being used by the homeless to congregate on at various times. This is not limited to just afterhours. We have seen open acts of prostitution, blatant drug use and vandalism. As a result, my property is continuously being littered with empty food containers, garbage, cigarette butts, beer/liquor bottles, broken glass, drug paraphernalia and syringes. These individuals will freely urinate/defecate in my parking lots and pass out on the stairs leading to our entrances. The last 2 calls made to 911 were the result of a person unconscious on our stairs, another face down in the middle of our parking lot. Since the individuals were completely unresponsive, we believed that they were dead. This was quite shocking and stressful for our staff.

We have many staff who, when confronted with someone passed out on the steps to our building are afraid to enter or confront the individual and have to call for assistance. What has become notable is how bold and brazen these individuals are becoming. They have no problem openly injecting and smoking drugs during business hours and many will not move when asked, often just responding with profanity and threats.

Up until now, I have been trying to deal with these issues myself and with the occasional assistance from our hardworking Peel Regional Police but this is becoming overwhelming. In speaking with a police officer who works in my area, he mentioned that one of the offenders has been arrested 27 times since the beginning of July. As soon as the offender is arrested he is released, and right back in our area, sometimes before the officer has even completed the paperwork.

I understand that these services have to be located somewhere but I think there is just too much focused in our area. We have a beautiful, historic downtown core but this is counterproductive to the hard work and effort put forth by our BIA and local business owners. I think it is unfair to locate these services in a community and then just expect the surrounding property owners to bear the cost of dealing with the aforementioned issues without assistance. If the services can't be moved elsewhere, we need help with security, cleanup and vandalism. Failure to take immediate action to address these problems will only drive businesses and people from the city we love.

As a stakeholder, property owner, business owner and employer who is being severely negatively impacted by these issues, I appeal to you for an immediate response. I urge you to have this matter added to the September 24, Regional Council meeting.

I look forward to your prompt reply and hope that relief is forthcoming in a timely fashion.

Respectfully,

Jason Wiesner | President



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