

Hello Clerk and Councillors,

I am a Guelph resident living in Ward 2 just outside downtown. I am writing in support of increased density (including additional height) in the proposed development at 58 Wellington Street East at the corner of Wyndham.

We all know that Guelph is growing and we will be welcoming more neighbours in the years ahead. The best place for this growth is in areas such as this site in proximity to downtown, where people can easily walk to access work, shopping, services, and other amenities. While we also need to ensure walkable areas in emerging neighbourhoods such as the South End, if we only grow outside the core, it will only mean more cars on the road and more costly infrastructure. Sites like this present an opportunity for Guelph to be a leader in sustainability while addressing the desperate need for more housing.

In the upcoming council vote regarding 58 Wellington, I support increasing the density on this site while ensuring it promotes a healthy, liveable Guelph. This means a mixed use development, bicycle parking, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in the area (as per the Transportation Master Plan), protected intersections along Wellington to promote accessibility and safety for our new neighbours, and ideally some public realm (e.g. green space) on site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jay Wall
Ward 2 resident