

To whom it may concern,

My name is Trevor Heywood, and I am a local downtown resident living within 200 metres from the subject site. I wish to express my support for the above-noted Zoning By-law Amendment.

I believe this development will considerably improve the vibrancy of downtown and the city as a whole. Additional residents downtown will provide traffic to our downtown businesses, and increase the vibrancy of downtown nightlife (or even evenings in the dark fall/winter months). I was an undergrad at the University of Guelph 15 years ago, and I can say that additional residents downtown, coupled with recent improvements in public space, GO train service and other things like downtown patios and lighting have transformed the downtown into an amazing destination. Approving more housing in and around the core, like what's proposed in this application, will keep propelling these improvements forwards.

I want to voice my support specifically for the reduced parking rates. This is a development that will encourage and attract transit-oriented residents. We should be encouraging more built form that locates close to transit and enables less car use, particularly in our downtown.

I also want to commend City staff for considering the development concept as a whole, and identifying the various specialized regulations (e.g. tower separation, stepbacks, sideyards, floorspace ratios, townhouse uses) needed to enable it. Taking this approach without additional process delays is a great approach to getting housing built, putting weight on the intent and spirit of City policies, as opposed to the letter of it.

Regards,

Trevor Heywood