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Subject: Comment for Apr 3 meeting

To whom this may concern,

I was told i could submit my comments for the Apr 3 meeting to this email, as i cannot attend in person.

Specifically this is in regards to the proposal to repeal the Secondary Plan for the downtown core.

I'm sad to say I believe our "downtown" is unwelcoming and offers no reason for me to take my family there, support the local businesses, etc. What can I do with 7+ nail salons, 3 carpet stores, a couple vacuum stores, several money exchanges, a bong shop, etc. I know these stores are not controlled by the town, but they are not exactly inviting, and for me to walk around, grab a coffee or lunch, take the kids out, I think there needs to be more inviting options.

I understand the current Secondary Plan's vision was for "an area that had ample pedestrian access, vehicle access, and parking supply. There were to be additional retail and hospitality, and patio opportunities opened up on the backs of the existing buildings where a connected series of laneways, courtyards, and mews would exist. All of this vision was to work within the confines of the area." (as discussed with David West).

I share David's concern that the new plan that will be proposed will substantially increase the allowable densities in the area to the point where the result will be gridlock and no real change to the atmosphere of the place - not revitalization.

We need a balance between redevelopment, adding an appropriate amount of residential density and welcoming pedestrian options to achieve our goal. I hope this is kept in mind when deciding on the next steps.

Thank you,
JP Morson