



**HORSESHOE FALLS REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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Councillor Nrinder Nann  
Ward 3 City Councillor  
Hamilton, ON

Dear Councillor Nann:

I am the senior administrative officer for The United Church of Canada in Horseshoe Falls Regional Council which includes the city of Hamilton and has responsibility for the United Church congregations within it, including New Vision United Church.

I am writing to reassure the city of Hamilton that New Vision United Church has the endorsement of the denomination of its plan to redevelop 85 Holton Street. In the United Church, all property matters require the approval of the regional council before they can proceed. New Vision United Church has engaged with the regional council at length and Horseshoe Falls Regional Council supports the congregation's efforts to redevelop the site and applauds its desire to provide affordable housing within the context of mixed housing.

The regional council also consults regularly with the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC). While New Vision United Church and UPRC take the lead in this, both keep the regional council apprised as we are partners in any decision.

The foregoing I write as a church official. What I say next I voice as a pastor. I would hope that people might realize that the 85 Holton Street site was once the church home of people who are now members of New Vision. There is no one who knows the building better or who cares for it more deeply. If they had been able to find a viable plan that sustained it, they would have been the first people keen to adopt it. New Vision has worked diligently to examine options. This one would have been their preferred if any of the information to date had indicated it was possible.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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