

## SAVE STONEBRIDGE

Dear neighbours,

My family and I live in Stonebridge. We bought our home in this community because of the greenery and the golf course. Many of my neighbours paid huge premiums to have lots that backed onto the golf course. They stand to lose tens of thousands of dollars if the golf course is transformed into a residential zone. Every homeowner in Stonebridge will potentially experience some loss to their home value.

I am **unequivocally opposed** to this development and will do everything in my power to support the Stonebridge community in its efforts to stop any development on the golf course. This has been my position from the first time I heard about this plan.

My responsibility as your councillor is to represent your concerns at city hall, not those of developers. The community is clearly opposed to this development, as am I personally as a fellow Stonebridge resident, and that is the position I would take as your councillor.

I was very disappointed when the first meeting took place on this issue and none of our elected representatives opposed the development. None of Stonebridge's elected representatives expressed a clear stand on this issue at the microphone in front of all the residents. Instead, they chose to stand outside the meeting room. This is unacceptable and illustrates that only the squeaky wheel gets the grease when it comes to residents and their interests. If it wasn't for the Stonebridge Community Association's grassroots efforts, Mattamy's application would likely have been approved.

The attempt by Mattamy to quietly move this application forward feels wrong. It feels disrespectful to all of us living here. We pay high taxes and expect transparency and honest communication from our elected representatives. This fiasco was the straw that broke the camel's back in terms of my entrance into this race. I know I can do better and that I can more effectively represent the interests of you, my neighbours. I would stand up for residents and vote at City Council according to what is best for our Ward.

The first pillar of my platform is **ENGAGEMENT**. This is about making sure that I listen to residents about what they need and want. It's about continually informing residents about plans and seeking their input **before** decisions are made. Engagement and consultation should not be an afterthought; they should be the highest priority. I would use technology to engage with residents early on. I would keep a careful watch on items going to the Planning Committee and communicate regularly with residents in Ward 22. I will have a mobile constituency office and be available in person throughout the ward to meet with residents in person, provide easy access to councillor services, and to keep the lines of communication open. I will implement a Councillor Report Card whereby residents can regularly review my performance and keep me accountable.

The second pillar of my platform is **GROWTH** – ensuring safe and sustainable communities. I believe that more vision is needed where all members of our community have an equal voice - you matter as much as a large company or developer. There's a better way - one that brings employment to our community and makes it easier to access services, one that ensures a safe

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space to live and prosper. Protecting our greenspaces and holding developers to account are priorities in this pillar. One of my key priorities is to Save Stonebridge. Residents deserve transparency and respect when planning decisions are proceeding through Council committees. In the Stonebridge situation, people paid huge premiums on their homes and all of the property values in Stonebridge are linked to the golf course. It is unacceptable that a developer can override residents' concerns.

My other infrastructure priority is to stop the encroachment of our green spaces in general to build more homes without consideration of the requirements for the underlying infrastructure – roads, transit, sewers, etc. We need smart development, not rampant development run wild.

**INNOVATION** is the third pillar of my platform and it focuses on implementing smart solutions to improve budget management and enhance city services. I believe that technology is changing incredibly quickly. We need to plan more diligently so we don't pay for failed programs but rather create a forward thinking plan that embraces value for money and better services. We need to diversify the local economy and implement smart solutions. My ideas include:

- establishing a technology hub
- creating a business accelerator (incubator)
- reducing water bills through technology
- making improvements to waste management

Should I have the honour of becoming your city councillor, I promise that I will engage with you, consult with you, be transparent, be accountable to you, and represent your interests at City Hall.

Sincerely,



Harpreet Singh