SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

Item 9 of the Report of the Executive Committee Policy dated March 17, 2026 (Downtown Heritage Residential Conversion Grants – Additional Project)

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These 2 Agenda topics clearly indicate that the HAF program has failed. It was intended to add homes to small patches of vacant land and to enable flattening homes to build slightly bigger ones. Time after time, we hear that locals want to keep vacant land vacant. Builders do not want to fight local residents. None of the splashy media releases said HAF would fund the upgrading of a large, old, commercial residential space, regardless of the power of the entity which owned such a building. That the rules have changed, or are being ignored, suggests that we were misled.
Infill is inefficient for a builder. They like to fill long rows of empty lots. We have been told all along that infill development did not require any added infrastructure. The streets and water pipes and schools were already in place. We know that every infill neighbourhood needs little. To devote none of the taxes from infill to water treatment and emergency services is to deny reality. Infill increases the cost of those services. To spend tax dollars to try to sway voter opinion is never OK. To do it to try to build support for HAF is not OK.

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