

Council Members,

I am against the OCP and Zoning amendment Bylaw 2295,2020 and Bylaw No. 2296,2020.

Firstly, open spaces and parks are important to our city for recreation within walking distance of town. The very seniors and retirees that City Council is trying to attract and please are attracted by this openness. R7, is a zoning height of maximum 18 meters! That height, at street front, will block, cut off and or remove the continuous view of our hillsides to the southwest. We will no longer be able to look out our windows and see one of the reasons why we love this community and the calm it brings.

Secondly, the density of 90 units and 55 units is incredibly, and absolutely, unnecessary for Merritt. Yes, we need residential homes for first time home owners, but this is too much.

I have lived in Collettsville for nearly 30 years, this is my community, my neighbour's and my grandchildren's. I am beginning now to regret the day we joined the City of Merritt. Our area is now being changed from rural, in just over one year of a new City Council! A few developers, money hungry and wanting to take advantage of our small city, have been invited here by a few that want to also take advantage. A realtor that continues to be allowed to vote, a Mayor that just moved back here after decades away with the rest of their consortium have been able to convince many that this was for their benefit. Pine Street! Walters Street, and now "The Flats". STOP SELLING US OUT!

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