

**Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the
Council Meeting for Public
Hearings held on Monday,
December 16, 2013.**

Good evening Honourable mayor, Councillors and Planning Staff,

My name is Andrew Nazareth and I live at 7480 Ash Street. I was born and brought up in South McLellan and did all my schooling at IJenry Anderson and graduated from McNeill Secondary last year.

Right through my childhood and especially over the last 10 years I have seen a lot of development in my neighbourhood. Growing up, I often asked my parents as to why so much of our natural habitat was being destroyed. Many houses, some as young as 5 years were being torn down to make way for condominiums. They explained to me that this was the price one has to pay for progress. But where does it stop? Do we have to take down every tree and decimate our neighbourhood in the name of progress?

Right through school we were taught how to recycle, how to respect our environment. The City has come out with Green bins and Blue boxes to reduce our impact on the environment and protect it for future generations. Today, I sit before you, a representative of that very future generation. I am being asked to do all these wonderful things for the environment and yet have no say when a whole swath of tree's are being demolished? If I cannot do something to protect the environment in my very own backyard, how do you expect us, that very future generation, to protect the world and reduce global warming? Honestly, I find it very difficult to understand the mixed messages we are getting from the current generation and people in positions of authority. Its almost as if they are trying to teach us to "Do as they say, not do as they do!"

Is it that the trees and the wildlife have no place at all in our neighbourhood any more? This past summer a whole nest of baby hawks were born on the very tree's that you are planning on cutting down. The coyote family that lives there has been so threatened by the current development off Bridge street that you can see them in broad daylight on Ash Street, something coyotes would not normally do. Not to mention the foxes, raccoons, squirrels, birds and other wildlife that abound there, many of which have already lost their natural habitat.

We are very proud of our neighbourhood, pl dont destroy it for a little more money! As a council I ask you to please give the future generations a legacy that we can all be proud of. In the words of Dr Seuss, "I speak for the trees for the trees have no tongues".

Thank you for your time and listening to me.