

2.16.45 Councilor Borrelli:

We've heard almost hours of dissertations from Councilor Bortolin and Councilor Holt. I appreciate their questions but all their questions, all their analyses were based on theoretical figures as we already know. They're just conjectures. As the administration already stated, Mr. (Thom) Hunt (Executive Director and City Planner at City of Windsor) said we actually provided conservative figures and they do that for very specific reasons. All this questioning perhaps is for naught. And the reason I say this—were going the wrong direction on how to revitalize the Core, which Councilor Bortolin was so intense on that, justifiably so, and so is Councilor Holt. The way we can revitalize and truly make our core alive again is to provide the best health services in this city. Provide. Health. Services. This particular facility, high tech facility state of the art, in conjunction with the university of Windsor teaching hospital all that will attract people. When you attract people to the area because we have the best health care like London Ontario, that's where the health facilities are. We are going to have that here, it will attract people and downtown will become alive again. That's my statement on that. The ministry of health and the WRH and the assigned hospital selection committee all worked together for a couple of years, intensely, diligently and collaboratively, with the public and the administration here, to extensive consultation on the site selection. The selection was made using a very fair process. It confirms with the Provincial policy statement and it conforms to the City of Windsor Official Plan. Everything was done properly. That was in their jurisdiction. What's in our jurisdiction now is the decision on our table right now, which is called rezoning so we can have this hospital which will change the face of the whole entire region, not just Windsor. And that's where we are at now. For those reasons, I will absolutely support the motion.