

## DID YOU KNOW?

UNIVERSITY PLAZA **METRO** IS UNDER THREAT OF BEING  
REPLACED  
WITH CANADIAN TIRE AND **10-BAY AUTO GARAGE**

### What about the impacts to our livability, environment and long-term needs?

- **NO** more grocery store at the Plaza?
- We have **only 2 grocery stores** in town but **over 17** auto repair shops, ample hardware stores, and **2 larger Canadian Tires just 11 – 17 minutes away.**
- Seniors/students/residents walk to Metro. Fortinos/downtown Metro over 1 km away, not walkable.
- Dundas has **highest population of seniors** in Hamilton & trend is growing with high number of 55+. Aging in place **requires access to groceries.**
- The 10 auto repair bays will border **sensitive Conservation Land/Wetland & residences**
- **Long term contaminants, noise, increased traffic, reduced parking, reduced safety in the Plaza**
- **Reduced livability** of the area, **reduced property values**
- City is giving approvals with NO environmental impact or livability studies done

## What can you do to help?

How can you ensure University Plaza retains its Grocery Store?  
Show your concern for our conservation land, the negative impacts this will have on the community?

1. **ATTEND THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING** on Dec. 6 at 3:55pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, City Hall. This is the **ONLY public hearing, so everyone is needed!** Demonstrate the meaning of Community. Offer rides to Seniors and those who don't drive. Write to the Committee. Hearing is about minor parking variance therefore comments need to be relevant.
2. **Sign the Petition.** Hard copies are being circulated around town or sign online (include postal code to verify identity) at <https://www.change.org/p/we-need-groceries-in-university-plaza-not-more-repair-garages>
3. **Make your concerns known.** Call, write to RioCan, Canadian Tire & City Councillor. Write letters to the editor of the Spec & Dundas Star.
4. **Like, follow and share on Facebook & Twitter:** <https://www.facebook.com/groceriesnotgarages/> Spread the word. #GroceriesNotGarages @SayNoToCanTire
5. **FUNDRAISING- PLEASE HELP with expenses to fight this!** <https://www.gofundme.com/groceries-not-garages>
6. **Volunteer or become a member of the new Residents Association, or FOR MORE INFO email:** [uparainc@gmail.com](mailto:uparainc@gmail.com).

