

## Brett Stein

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**Attachments:** Portable By-Law- Roberts.pdf

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Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Tuesday July 7th 2020 4:50 PM with reference number 2020-07-07-090.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/732dc39e-ba33-4eb1-ba99-8f1c37ea0ca6>

### Application Information

- **First Name:**  
Holly
- **Last Name**  
Roberts
- **Email Address:**
- **Phone number:**
- **Street Address:**
- **Town**  
Waterdown
- **Postal Code:**
- **Are you representing a group?**  
Yes
- **Group Name**  
Jean Vanier teachers
- **Street Address:**  
1145 Bronte St south

- **Town**  
Milton
- **Postal Code:**  
L9t8B4
- **Council Meeting Date**  
7/20/2020
- **Please indicate how you intend to interact with the online Council Meeting**  
Provide written comments only

- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**

I have been a teacher at JV since it's second year of opening. We have seen the community expand and the town and government has known this since the schools inception. Because of poor planning and Funding not being released we are at the point of changing by laws to add more portables. This is a band aid fix and not a solution to this problem.

I watch the parking lot chaos every morning from my class window. I watch teachers and students already struggling to find parking. I watch events being canceled because our school is too big already and we do not have parking to support these events. We have a dome that hosts multiple tournaments and schools come in with parents cars and students cars taking up spots with tournaments starting at 7am.

This is not the right solution . We should not be adding more portables. I want to speak on the students, parents and staff behalf to let you know this is a horrible idea.

- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**

The last thing I want to do is see a person get hurt. Our parking lot as of last year is not safe. Cars can not get in and out, cars parked illegally, neighbours parking their cars in our lot.

Students can barely get in and out between class periods. The beginning and end of the day is sheer chaos with cars and students and staff trying to enter.

How are staff members and students going to get to the building on time if they are being shuttled from the satellite parking lots? What pressure is this going to put in staff and classes when a teacher or student who has a test can't get to school on time because of this?

- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**

I oppose this and have explained my reasons above.

- **Optional: Upload the written submission that you wish to share with Council (single document, maximum 15 MB)**
  1. [Portable By-Law- Roberts.pdf \[70.5 KB\]](#)
- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**

Yes I give my permission

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My name is Holly Roberts and I have been a teacher at JV since its second year of opening. Since the inception of JV we have known the rate at which our school and community was growing. The reason there are by-laws set in place is that there is normally a logical planned out reason as to why so many parking spaces are needed, it is not an arbitrary number. Changing the by-law to ensure 60 portables can fit in our parking lot is a disaster and will increase the risk of someone getting hurt in our parking lot.

With the current school population in 2019-2020, we already have problems getting students and staff to bathrooms and between classes because of the distance and number of current portables. I was on the health and safety team and it took months for holes to be fixed where water and ice was pooling in the portable areas. Students couldn't get to their classes without getting their pants soaking wet, we have had to change our uniform to allow students to have the appropriate uniform to get to class in these conditions. How is it that we want to add more portables when we could barely manage the number of portables we already had? Students and staff had to walk 5-10 min to get to a bathroom from the portables already in place. How is this safe for anyone, especially when there is ice, rain, uneven ground cover (unpaved, unlevel areas) and insufficient drainage causing pooling and ice build up? We have already had several teachers fall in these areas due to the lack of upkeep and now we want to add more portables to the ones we can't manage.

How are we going to delegate available parking spots? We already have neighbors parking their cars in our parking lot all day and night. Are we going to give teachers parking spots over students or students over teachers causing inequity? How do you manage which teachers get priority on parking spots if we are assigning them? How are staff and students getting from satellite locations to the school? Are staff and students arriving at school at 7:50 am only to realize there are no parking spots, drive to satellite location to park, wait for a shuttle and then be late for the start up of their classes? What about teachers that coach and run clubs and activities and need to stay? Is the shuttle going to run 24/7? What happens when a student has a test or a teacher is administering one and now is late because of this parking situation. Why add this undue stress to students and staff because of poor planning by the city and ministry of education who won't release funding to build a new school on time.

Every morning I watch the chaos in the parking lot and every day after school I witness or become a part of the chaos leaving the school. What is it going to take for us to wake up and realize this is

not the solution? Does a staff member or student need to be injured before we realize this is all a mistake? Is it worth it? The line up of cars outside the school is a disaster and a hazard for anyone in the community driving by. Parents are stopping on the main road, on the bridge or in front of bus stops to drop their kids off as it is. Parking a car in the middle of traffic to let a student hop out to avoid the already chaotic parking lot has so many levels of issues and this is during the 2019-2020 year, before we hit 60 portables. What is going to happen when we hit 60 portables as this By-Law is proposing? How is adding more portables, reducing the flow of traffic and parking spaces the right solution to an already chaotic environment?

We are also going to begin losing supply teachers wanting to come to our school to cover for absent teachers who are in meetings or sick. Supply teachers will also realize the parking chaos and it will not be worth their time to deal with the chaos and risk of getting into the building safely in all kinds of weather. This will in turn lead to classes being cancelled because of lack of supervision as a result of this proposed By-Law.

JV also houses a city dome on their field. What happens when we are hosting tournaments that begin at 7am. We are increasing the population of our property by hundreds of students, parents and additional staff to run these tournaments. By the time staff and students arrive at the school there will be no parking spots left with the parents and students taking up parking spots because they are in a tournament at the dome. These tournaments may seem like they are not a necessity to our school day, but they add community building experiences for our students. Are we adding more portables not considering what our student life will be like in our school building? Are the students and their high school experience not worth it?

I have also seen great events for our students at our school get cancelled because we can not host a group of 30 guests due to lack of parking spots. We are sacrificing our students high school learning experience due to poor ministry and city planning and the lack of advocacy by the people who are supposed to be fighting to ensure we are safe. As staff we are working towards building a safe community and future for our JV students and this By-Law is sacrificing all of this.

There must be another solution to taking over our parking lot for more portables. This is not a safe solution for our students and staff, this is not conducive to a healthy learning atmosphere for anyone and this is not what building a community and creating a safe learning environment looks like. I know many JV staff members share the same sentiment. Do not let this happen!