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EVICTIONS DISPLACE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

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After 42 years in downtown Stoney Creek, Joanne Wynhofen is preparing to close her fine art and custom framing shop for good at the end of July, but not by choice.

Like other tenants in the block of King Street East buildings sold by former owner Britannia Cleaners when it closed in 2018, The Picture Palace is being evicted by the new owners, who plan to redevelop the property with an eight-storey mixed-use building.

"They're going to tear it down, so they don't care two cents about what happens in this building," said Wynhofen, 81, who moved to her 19 King St. East spot 24 years ago after plying her trade at two other nearby locations for 18 years.

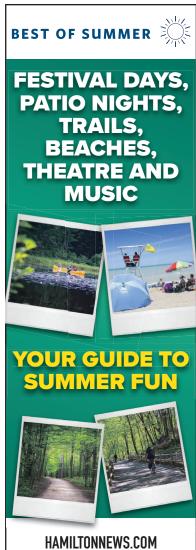
"Actually, it's devastating for me," she said. "It's a terrible situation because what am I going to

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Joanne Wynhofen is preparing to close The Picture Palace at the end of July after getting a recent eviction notice from her building's new owners, who want to redevelop the property with an eight-storey mixed-use building.



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