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For: Circulation to members of Council via Circulation List

Dear Mayor Lehman and Members of Council,

I am writing in regards to the feasibility study on a stadium for the Barrie Baycats, and on a possible site, the waterfront. I am not against a stadium if it is found that one is needed, however I am against the waterfront location.

The City of Barrie has a 'Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan' which, after many years of much research and input from various City departments and consultation from diverse groups and the public, was implemented in 2015.

This plan has short term (5 years), medium term (5-10 years) and long term (10-20 year) forecasts. Nowhere in that 20 year forecast, which runs until the year 2035, is there a mention of a stadium/entertainment facility, on our lake shore.

Mayor Lehman, you are technically correct in stating that 'our waterfront is not for sale'. It is not for sale because the City already owns the land. However, if Council approves this location for a stadium, and thus, throws out a 20 year waterfront plan which has newly been put in place, we as voters will know, that it was indeed, 'up for sale'.

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