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**Subject:** For: Circulation to Members of Council via Circulation List

**RE: Proposed Stadium on Barrie Waterfront**

Dear Mayor Lehman and Members of Council,

The natural piece of City property to the east of the Barrie Southshore Centre is not a suitable location for a stadium.

Our trail around the bay provides a unique variety of experiences. Some areas promote quietness, others some social interaction. We need to offer both these environments as necessary to our healthy human needs. The proposed stadium would seriously detract from the first, i.e. our need for the quiet retreats.

A stadium on this site would require parking, access roads, stadium stands, special lighting, and food and drink concessions. In the limited space under consideration, all natural vegetation would have to be removed, and natural wildlife habitat destroyed. The balanced characteristics of this trail, a renowned gem in the heart of our city, would be lost.

City property that is allowed to grow "wild" can be an asset, not an useless void.

If Barrie needs a new stadium in town, Council must consider better alternatives.

As a concerned Barrie citizen,

Mary Howden