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Dear Mayor Lehman and Members of Council,

I am writing regarding my opposition to the proposal for building a stadium at the South Shore property.

My family moved to Barrie in 1990 from the Brampton area to flee thoughtless urban growth. We were impressed with the development of Barrie's public spaces, especially the waterfront. Unlike Toronto, Barrie had not surrendered its public spaces to property developers and clearly planned for the health and happiness of future generations in this city.

This is why we stayed and built a successful business. It is why one of our children has returned to build a professional practice here after studying away. It is the reason we have urged others to move here and bring their talents and capital over the years.

Let's not spoil it now. The waterfront is beautiful and becoming even better every year. It makes us proud of how our tax dollars have been used to create a permanent heritage by preserving what can't be replaced once it is gone.

I am not opposed to building a stadium that could attract many events and people to Barrie. however, I am convinced that there are better locations to accommodate crowds and parking such as the old fairgrounds, among other sites.

Yours truly,

Alan Atkins