



Legislation Text

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DEPUTATION REGARDING MOTION 18-G-152, YEAR ROUND DOWNTOWN MARKET.

Ms. Cathy Colebatch provided a deputation in opposition to motion 18-G-152 concerning the Year Round Downtown Market. She expressed concern about the associated impacts such a development would have, including moving and building a new transit terminal, while retaining a smaller downtown location, moving the downtown Barrie Police Service, the impact on the convenience store and the changing ridership habits. Ms. Colebatch commented on the proposed costs associated with the project, both capital and operating. She also expressed her concerns associated with the amount of grant funding that would be available. She questioned the ability to change shopping patterns and what would happen if the Public Market is not successful. Ms. Colebatch put forward several alternative suggestions including leaving the transit terminal as is with revisions to bus schedules, leasing space for a Public Market for a trial period, using existing City owned land for a Public Market or using the existing Historic Train Station for the Public Market. She advised that she believed there are too many unknowns and unanswered questions at this point in time to move forward in the proposed direction.