

Katherine E. Suggitt

May 1, 2013

Dawn McAlpine
City Clerk
City of Barrie
70 Collier Street
Barrie, ON
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Dear Ms. McAlpine:

**RE: Official Plan Amendment and Amendment to the Zoning By-law – City of Barrie,
155 Dunlop Street East**

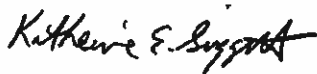
Thank you for providing me with notice of the above-noted complete applications and public meeting regarding the proposed official plan amendment and amendment to the comprehensive zoning by-law. Please accept this letter as my comments for General Committee's consideration.

In September 2012 I became aware of the proposal made by an abutting property owner to purchase a portion of Bayview Park and the City's consideration of deeming 155 Dunlop Street East surplus to the needs of the City. Like many of my neighbours and Barrie residents at large, I provided written comments and attended several meetings to express my grave concerns with that prospect and to stress the importance of maintaining City parkland in public ownership. It was through that process that I became aware of the apparent error that had taken place in the creation of the digital mapping of the City's comprehensive zoning by-law.

I am very pleased to see that now both City staff and City Council members have supported the motion for the applications to re-designate and re-zone the subject lands to the appropriate category as open space. Barrie's waterfront is a jewel in many respects and ensuring that the public parkland along the waterfront is maintained for future generations to access and enjoy is a testament to the vision of past councils and I trust that the present council will respect that community vision and support these amendments.

I wish to be notified of Council's further consideration of these applications and any final decision.

Yours truly,



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