#### Desousa and Charlesworth

November 08, 2013

Corporation of the City of Barrie Clerk's Office 70 Collier Street PO Box 400 Barrie ON L4M 4T5

Dear Sirs:

Re: Your File D14-1566 - Amendment to the Zoning By-law Steve Saverino & Saverino Investments Inc. 556, 560, & 568 Essa Road, Barrie

Please be advised that we are opposed to the above-noted proposal.

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Yours truly.

Joseph DeSousa

Jennifer Charlesworth



# November 11/2013

Dear Mr. Stephen Naylor,

I recently received a letter in the mail informing my family that Steve Saverino & Saverino Investments Inc. will be planning to build an 8-storey Residential apartment complex in the land behind our home, which my family and I are opposed to. A lot of the residents in our neighbourhood located on Warner Road share the same concern. Some of my concerns related to this project are;

- a) Noise pollution with the construction of this project and future noise pollution from potential residents.
- b) Invasion of privacy, potential renters will be able to see into our home.
- c) We have already received a letter from the city regarding traffic concerns between ESSA road/Mapleton Avenue to Veteran Drive, and how the city would like to address these concerns, so where is the logic in adding an apartment/condo complex to the area which will increase these traffic issues?
- d) Additional traffic concerns at the bottom of Essa/Bryne Dr/Ardagh rd. area are already congested to Northbound 400 on ramp to Fairview rd. In addition, traffic along Mapleview Dr. would increase which is not something this area needs.
- e) This will decrease the property value of not only my home but the homes in our neighbourhood.
- f) With city granting permission to build this apartment project, it opens the door to place multiple apartment complexes' all along Essa road from Mapleton Avenue to Mapleview Drive.

- g) The amount of sunlight that we currently get in the back of our home would be completely removed with the addition of an 8 storey apartment building. Instead of a view of Essa road and an empty field, it would be windows into an apartment.
- h) There are no other buildings of that height in the south end. The addition of an 8 storey building would not integrate with the local content. There should be a height review.

I'm to the understanding that where they plan to build these apartment/condo complexes on, are R1 residential zone for single Family homes, and RH. I moved here because it is a great neighbourhood, and it is quiet. If we knew that the city was planning to rezone the area along Essa road to endorse such a project then I would not have purchased my home in this area. To have that taken away is inconsiderate. What I am in favour of, is the widening of Essa road to alleviate traffic concerns and make way for sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians. The safety of pedestrians is a major concern of mine. The city has neglected to address a sidewalk/lighting issue in this area. I have had a few close encounters at night with pedestrians walking on the shoulder of Essa road between Mapleview drive and Veterans drive, especially during deteriorating weather conditions.

If the city were planning to build single detached homes, or perhaps much smaller town houses, then I would be more open to the proposed idea.

The land behind my home is not very large and to place a project of this size to house an enormous amount of residents in such close proximity to our home is extremely concerning. Where would they park? The city is trying to accumulate more revenue via property taxes with these apartment/condo complexes on land that is not designed for that purpose. We should have been consulted and given an option to accept the proposed project or have the homes affected, purchased for the value of what it is worth based on previous sales on Warner road or slightly above market value for the inconvenience this has created. We should not be the victims of the poor urban planning mistakes that the city is currently trying to rectify. I do not believe we are being unfair with our concerns and the City of Barrie should take the concerns of the residents in this area into consideration before allowing a project of this nature to move forward. I appreciate you taking the time to review my letter and any assistance you may provide will be greatly appreciated. Thank You...

Jeff Cox & Jill Sleigh

November 07, 2013

Corporation Of the City of Barrie Clerk's Office 70 Collier Street PO Box 400 Barrie, Ontario LAM 4T5

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Re:

Your File D14-1566

Amendment to the Zoning By-law

Steve Saverino & Saverino Investments Inc.

556, 560, & 568 Essa Road, Barrie

Please be advised that we are opposed to the above noted proposal.

Among our concerns are the adverse effect it will have on property values, the daily quality of life, and issues of increased traffic and population density and the inability of the existing infrastructure to support this increase.

Yours truly

Patricia Jeffrey

Robert Jeffrey

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Mr. J.Brassard

In regards to the application for a proposed re-zoning change of the area occupied by 556,560 and 568 Essa Rd. by Saverino Investments we are in total opposition!

We are aware the developer has purchased adjoining properties and this particular application is not the first of several such ventures along Essa Rd . It is disheartening to see that both the developer and council are not being forthright with information regarding the full scope of intensification along Essa Rd. and the effects such construction will have on adjoining taxpayers. It would be a novel situation to see council stand up for the surrounding citizenry and not capitulate to developers.

Although the process is legal that in itself does not make it morally right.

This and other same such projects would only diminish surrounding property values, decrease privacy, increase noise and generally be an eyesore. The arguments not to accept this amendment far outway the benefits to the taxpayers of Barrie and the surrounding neighbourhood.

This construction and does not add anything positive to the surrounding neighbourhood.

The logic of bigger is better does not apply. With the increase requirements of both hard and soft services this type of poor planning does nothing but add cost to already strained tax payers and add to an already exorbitant and unacceptable debt load.

In closing yes we wish to be notified of decisions of council in regards to this proposed amendment. We also hope this amendment is rejected!

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From: Amon, Alan [Alan.Amon@bmo.com]

**Sent:** November 18, 2013 5:30 PM **To:** John Brassard; Barry Ward

Cc: Office of the Mayor

Subject: Proposed Condominium on Essa rd.

Good afternoon

I write today to urge you to rally and vote against the proposed 8 storey condominium project on Essa rd.

For 20 years we have lived in this neighbourhood and watched the city get closer and closer. The biggest complaint has always been about the increased traffic on Mapleview, but one we have lived with. The data centre built in our backyard was nice enough turn the parking lot lights down enough so they no longer shine into our windows at night. The noise they make all night long over there when clearing snow we have learned to live with.

But now I hear of our new proposed neighbour and find it quite upsetting. Gone will be the view of the setting sun over the houses of Barrie that gave some sense of the town I grew up in. Instead I will have an estimated 36 units in the condominium enjoying the view of me in my back yard. This was not part of the plan when we moved here.

When we look at "The Policies for Tall Buildings" It states that:

The Policies for Tall Buildings will be based upon the following eight (8) guiding principles:

- 1. Minimize adverse building shadows on waterfront amenity areas, on pedestrian-oriented streets, as well as existing and future planned open space areas.
- 2. Foster a pedestrian oriented environment that encourages street level activity.
- 3. Protect views and access to the City's waterfront.
- 4.Integrate new development within the context of the local urban form,
- 5. Minimize adverse microclimatic impacts on the streets.
- 6. Retain views of the Algonquin Ridgeline to preserve Barrie's "natural setting".
- 7. Protect views of major geographical landmarks, buildings, and principle viewing areas.
- 8. Contribute to a visually interesting skyline for the City of Barrie.

The proposed development fails this policy in many areas

- 2. Current and future traffic volumes on Essa road clearly do foster a pedestrian environment
- 4. The proposed development contributes nothing in the local urban form other than standing out in glaring contrast. As per Schedule B Planning Areas this development is proposed at the border of Industrial to Residential. There is no room for further integration. The condominium would stand out as a one off.
- 5. Remains to be seen but I urge the city to examine the local water table as well as the wind and shadow effects. My sump pump runs frequently through the day and there can always be seen a slight trikkle of water across the side walk on Mapleton just west of Warner where the road bends. The development of an 8 storey building so close will surely affect the ground water.
- 6, The condominium will be seen long before the described natural setting and will appear simply as a tall builing in a flat landscape.
- 7. On Quance st. and Warner our sunset is gone.
- 8. Will do nothing to the landscape other than stand out as a tall builing in the middle of an established resisdential area.

As well the location of the development is not located near an identified intensification Area, as per Schedule I March 11.

Aside from items 1 and 3, which pertain specifically to the waterfront, this has the condominium project as proposed failing all remaining guiding principles.

I have spoken with other residents on Quance St who where unaware that this proposal was even made, despite them living 10 houses down the road and only today saw the rezoning application sign.

This condominium proposal could have a great negative impact on both our quality of life and themsvalues of our homes. I again urge you to oppose the ammendment and help stop this project.

With respect,

Alan Amon
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Incident Management & Operations (Canada),
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Barrie, ON L4N 0M4
(705) 719-5071

From: Marlene Gala [

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 2:52 PM **To:** Merwan Kalyaniwalla: Ryan Windle

Subject: Written Submission Opposing Essa Rd D141566

#### Marlene Gialedakis

November 19, 2013

Corporation of the City of Barrie Clerk's Office 70 Collier Street PO Box 400 Barrie ON L4M 4T5

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This will also inevitably lead to compounding issues relative to satisfying essential services and traffic flow due to increased density upon completion.

Please be advised this is my written submission opposing this matter and am hereby advising that I wish to be informed/notified by the City of Barrie; of all developments, correspondence and further information concerning these matters.

Yours truly,

Marlene Gialedakis

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 3:05 PM

To: Merwan Kalyaniwalla; Ryan Windle; Stephen Naylor; Stephen Naylor

**Subject:** Written Submission Opposing Essa Rd D141566

## Karen Seeley and Brian Riddell

November 19, 2013

Corporation of the City of Barrie Clerk's Office 70 Collier Street PO Box 400 BARRIE ON L4M 4T5

Re: Your File - D14-1566 -Amendment to the Zoning By-law (Essa Road) by Steve Saverino & Saverino Investments Inc. 556, 560, & 568 Essa Road, Barrie

Dear Stephen Naylor (Director of Planning Services):

We are long-time residents of the City of Barrie, and are writing to express our concerns and OPPOSITON, to the pending decision to Amend the current Zoning By-law along the Essa Road corridor. I understand that the decision being considered is to enable the building of an eight story high rise condominium complex.

However, I do not believe that the benefits of allowing such a structure to be built in a established residential neighbourhood would be favourable to the benefits of keeping the existing zoning currently in place for the long standing single family properties on these lots. Some of our concerns are that it will have adverse effects on decreased property values, the day-to-day quality of life to the adjacent areas as well as quality of life and enjoyment of the current property owners/families; like light restriction, noise, and infringement of privacy (unsightly extremely large building structure looking in the vicinity of bungalows, homes and backyards) are only to name a few issues of concern.

This inevitably leading to further compounding issues relative to satisfying essential services and traffic flow due to increased density upon completion(which already over the last few years has become a problem on the following; Essa Rd, Mapleton and Mapleview at numerous times throughout the day times.

We are hereby sending this letter as our written submission opposing this matter and are hereby advising Barrie City Council, Barrie City Planning Department/Services that we are to be notified/informed as to any and all correspondence and decisions regarding all issues concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Seeley Brian Riddell

Re:

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Petition submitted on November 19, 2013 signed by 54 individuals.

Mr. S.Naylor

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### **Grant and Nicole Murphy**

November 20, 2013

City of Barrie City Clerk's Office 70 Collier Street Barrie, Ontario



Re: Amendment to the Zoning By-law – Steve Saverino & Saverino Investments Inc., 556, 560 & 568 Essa Road, Barrie File: D14-1566

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I write to make note of my grave concerns regarding the amendment to the zoning mentioned above. Our property backs on to 560 Essa Road. We purchased our home less than 5 years ago and inquired with The City of Barrie specifically about the zoning of the property behind our house at that time. We were concerned about any future development affecting the value and comfort of our property.

We believe that this development that is being proposed, a 92 unit, 8-storey residential apartment building, would drastically affect the value of our property and therefore our investment. We believe it to be an unreasonable project considering the houses that it backs onto. We are completely opposed to this type of development.

Further to this, our comfort of living will be decreased and we will be affected financially in other ways. We get abundant evening sun which decreases our cost of energy use for lighting and heat. We also grow our own food in our back yard. It would not be possible to do this well with the sun being blocked out for most of our day due to the size of the building that is being proposed.

We ask the City of Barrie to stop the approval of this type of building if the City has any concern for it's citizens and their well being.

Sincerely,

Grant and Nicole Murphy