



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: WATERFRONT PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Staff Report ACC001-24 concerning the results of the public consultations related to Marshall Green's report, entitled *The Southshore, Barrie Sports and a Revitalized Downtown*, be received.

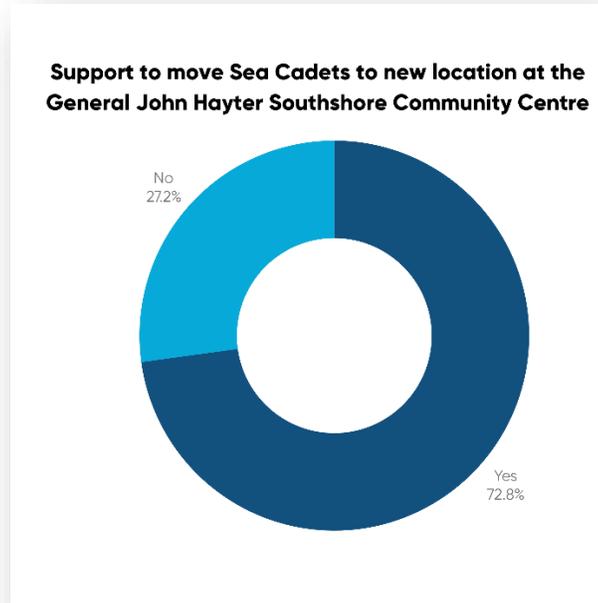
PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On May 15, 2024, Barrie City Council approved motion 24-G-111 (Sea Cadets Parade Ground & Multi-Use Sports Field) to build a Sea Cadets parade ground and youth multi-use sports field in Allandale Station Park, east of Military Heritage Park.
3. The recommendation includes a new Sea Cadets parade ground for parade ground events and multi-use field that would offer opportunities for enhanced use of the waterfront for residents, visitors, and for event planning by the city and the community.
4. The project includes a 600m² addition to the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre to accommodate the Sea Cadets. The Sea Cadets have long been located near the Spirit Catcher and finding another location for safety reasons for them has been before Barrie City Council for many years. This move will ensure the Cadets have a suitable location on the waterfront to ensure the safety of children and youth participating in their programs. It also aligns with Barrie's Waterfront Strategic Plan, which was updated in 2023.
5. Further to direction by Barrie City Council in May 2024, staff refined the location of the Sea Cadets Parade Ground and Multi-Use Sports field to reduce the impact on existing trees in the area, making the field smaller and closer to the road, to ensure the paved walking path is not impacted and to consider the use of natural barriers over fencing. A refined location was shared on June 18, 2024.
6. Mr. Marshall Green was asked to gather information about the parade ground and multi-use sports field including feedback from various stakeholder groups/organizations to help guide the waterfront and downtown vision. On August 14, 2024, Mr. Green shared his report, *The Southshore, Barrie Sports and a Revitalized Downtown*.

7. At the request of Council, Mayor Nuttall issued Mayoral Direction on August 15, 2024, to the CAO and staff to pause actioning Council's motion 24-G-111 to allow for public consultation to occur on Mr. Green's report.
8. The Mayor's Direction provided to staff: *Since the Council approval of motion 24-G-111 concerning the Multi-Use Sports Field, new information provided in Mr. Green's report and an exciting opportunity that emerged in early July, the City is actively working with a global entity on a promising venture that could significantly enhance the future of sport tourism in Barrie. I direct the CAO and staff to pause actioning Council motion 24-G-111 in order to allow for public consultation to occur and be presented back to Council later this fall.*
9. Public consultation began on August 22, 2024, and ran for five weeks, concluding on September 25, 2024. During this period, the city heard from approximately 3,307 residents.
10. An online survey was created on Building Barrie to gather feedback on Mr. Green's report and an in-person public consultation event was held September 24, 2024.
11. The public input opportunities were promoted in the following outlets beginning on August 22, 2024: website updates (homepage banner, event listing and update on the project page), eDigest, social media posts and paid advertisements, This Week in Barrie, digital monitors and media releases were used to promote the survey and in-person consultation.

ANALYSIS

12. The online survey was hosted on Building Barrie between the days of August 22, 2024, and September 24, 2024. A total of 3,101 surveys were completed. The complete survey results are provided as Schedule A.
13. On September 24, 2024, an in-person public consultation event was held between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre. There were approximately 206 attendees. A summary of feedback is attached as Schedule B.
14. Recommendation #1 from Mr. Green's report suggests that *"the site to be offered to the Sea Cadets for their parade ground be at the location and the size shown in Figure 1 to this report and that it have a suitable hard surface as might be recommended by that group."* Overall, 72.8% of residents are in favour of moving the Sea Cadets to a new location at the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre to ensure the cadets have a suitable location on the waterfront to ensure the safety of youth participating in their programs.

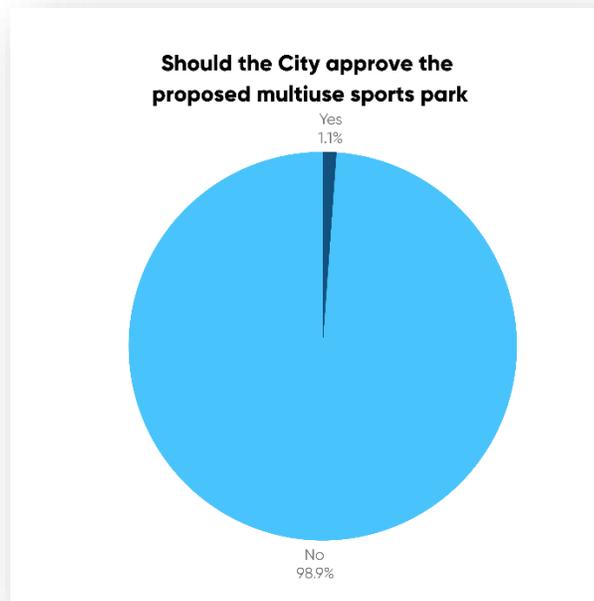


15. Respondents to the survey shared a variety of possible uses for the area when not in use by the Sea Cadets for sports groups or individuals at the proposed new location at the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre.

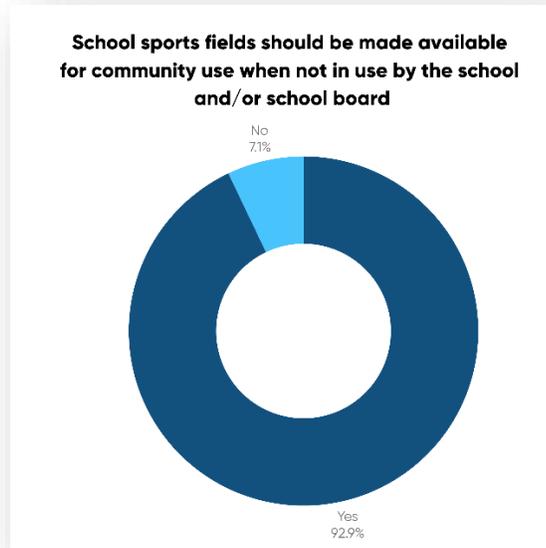
**Top Five Suggestions for the Parade Grounds
When Not in Use by the Sea Cadets**



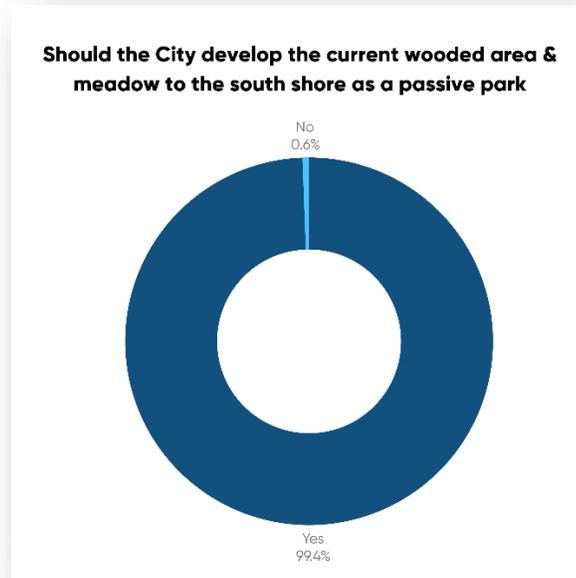
16. Recommendation #2 states that the “City not approve the proposed multiuse sports park on that site, nor, at all.” 98.9% of participants agree with not proceeding with the proposed multiuse sports park on that site.



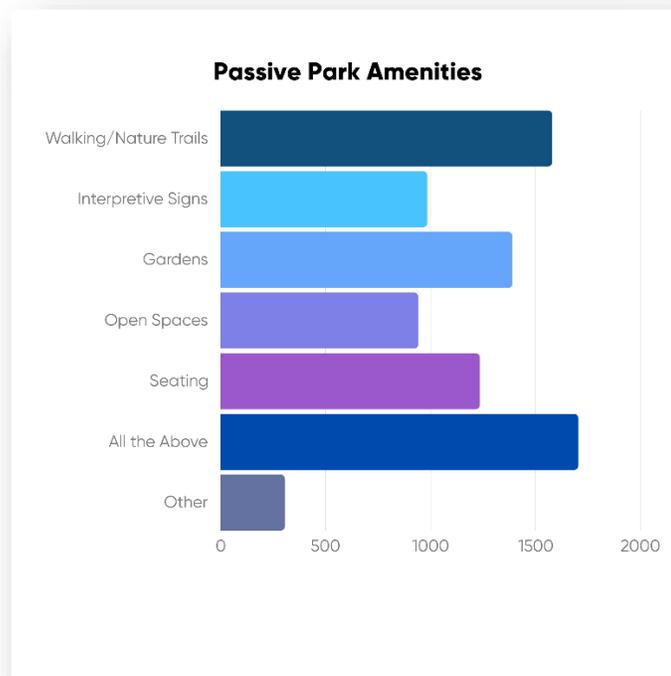
17. Recommendation #3 from Mr. Green’s report was that *“the City encourage representatives of the various sports organizations to meet cooperatively, with the assistance of City Recreation Staff, to organize the proper and most efficient use of the existing fields on City lands; and that the city make a priority in any future subdivision “park dedications” that the land be set aside for minor sports; and that the City Recreation Staff meet with school board officials to ensure that school sports fields are made fully available to minor sports organizations.”* 92.9% of residents agree with Mr. Green’s recommendation for school sports fields to be made available for community use.



18. Recommendation #4 states that *“the City develop the current wooded area and meadow to the south shore as a passive park that protects existing wildlife and with trail systems that are accessible; and that the park also include an educational component; and that citizens groups and service clubs in the city be engaged with the City’s Parks Department to develop the park; and that the lands ultimately designated for this part of the park be zoned “environmental protection.”* 99.4% of residents agreed with the recommendation in Mr. Marshall’s report.

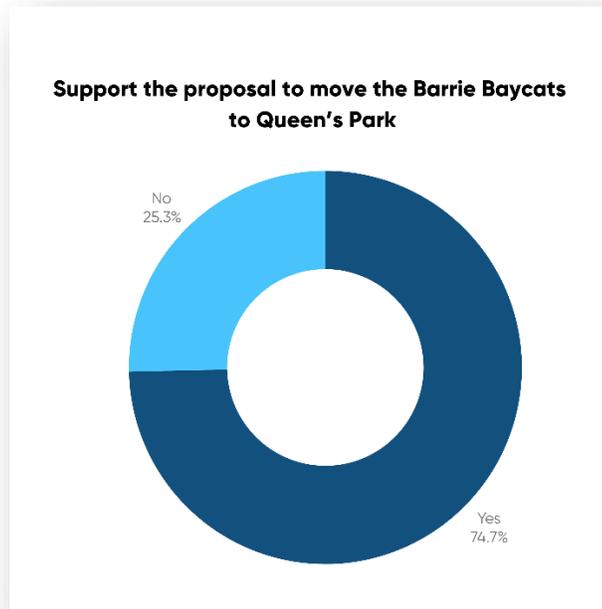


19. Respondents to the online survey support all the amenities recommended in Mr. Green’s report to enhance the area on the south shore as a passive park.

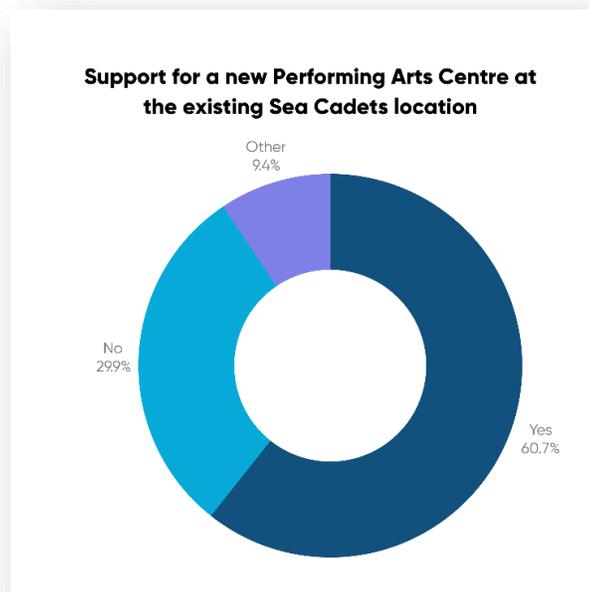


20. Recommendation #5 from Mr. Green’s report proposes that “*the Barrie Baycats be approached to move from their existing home at the Midhurst Sports Park; and that the city work with the Baycats*

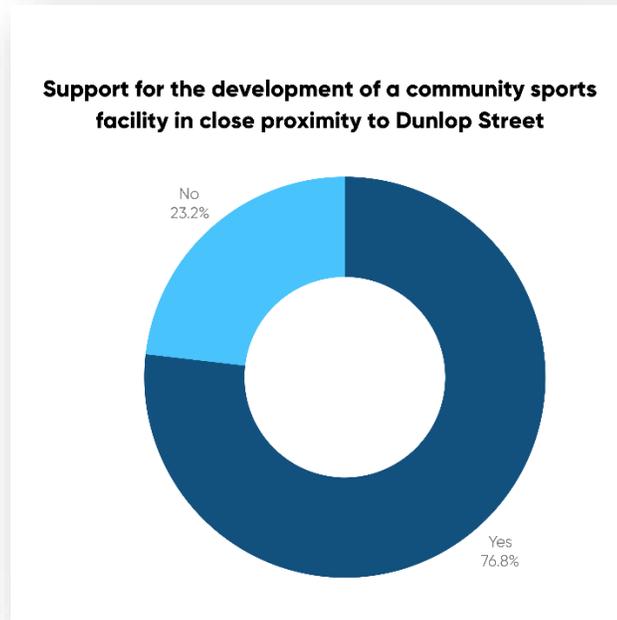
to reconfigure and renovate Queen’s Park to accommodate the team.” 74.7% of residents support the idea recommended in Mr. Green’s report to move the Barrie Baycats to Queen’s Park.



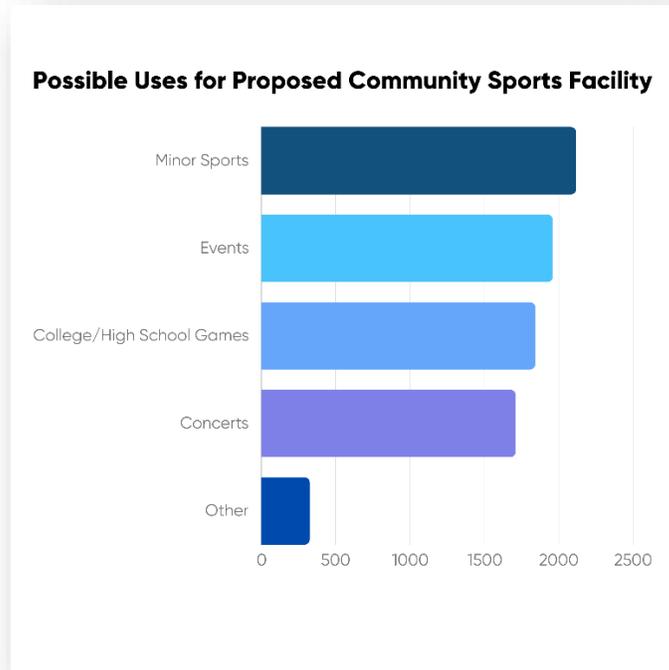
21. Recommendation #6 from Mr. Green’s report is “that the former Sea Cadets site and required surrounding City lands become the site of Barrie’s new Performing Arts Centre.” 60.7% of respondents support Mr. Green’s proposal that the former site of the Sea Cadets and required surrounding city lands become the site of Barrie’s new Performing Arts Centre.



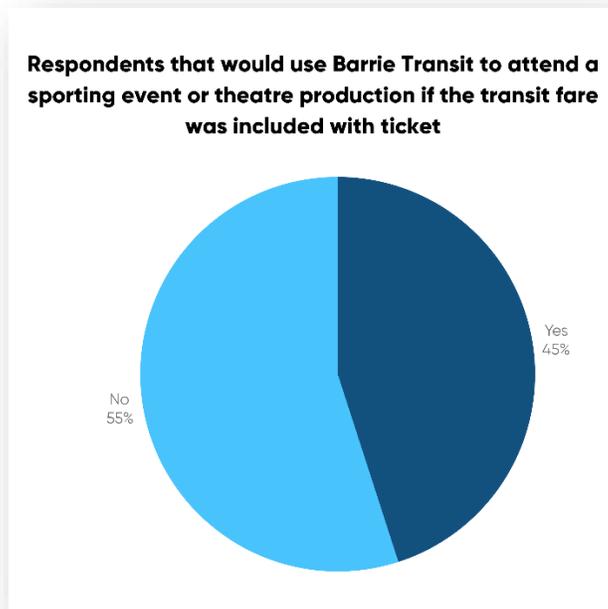
22. Recommendation #7 from Mr. Green’s report proposes “that subject to Council coming to a satisfactory formal agreement with the new entity, that the City owned lands that are part of the former Barrie Central Collegiate lands be made available for a soccer stadium to become the new home of the Simcoe County Rovers soccer team.” 76.8% of respondents support the development of a community sports facility in close proximity to Dunlop Street for a professional sports team and for use by the community.



23. Respondents shared a variety of possible uses for the proposed community sports facility recommended in Mr. Green’s report that could also be accessible to field sports organizations and for community use.



24. 45% of residents indicated on the online survey that they would use Barrie Transit to attend a sporting event or a theatre production if the transit fare was included with their ticket.



ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

25. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

26. Council could choose to direct staff to hire consultants/architects on elements within the recommendations from Mr. Marshall's report.

- a) For example, to complete the schematic design (only) of this new Performing Arts Centre (new scope) for the existing Sea Cadets site it is estimated to cost approximately \$200K. No project-related due diligence work on the Sea Cadets site has been undertaken to date. The site is a source water protection zone sitting atop an active drinking water aquifer, which presents additional development challenges, and a review will need to be conducted. There will also need to be consideration of the future of the Spirit Catcher as part of this site.

27. Council could choose to pass one or all the recommendations contained in Mr. Marshall's report.

28. Council could choose to do nothing or to direct staff to take a different direction.

FINANCIAL

29. There are no specific financial implications from the results of the consultation. There will be financial implications to consider should Council decide to proceed with any of the recommendations in Mr. Green's report both from additional studies and site works and capital investments.

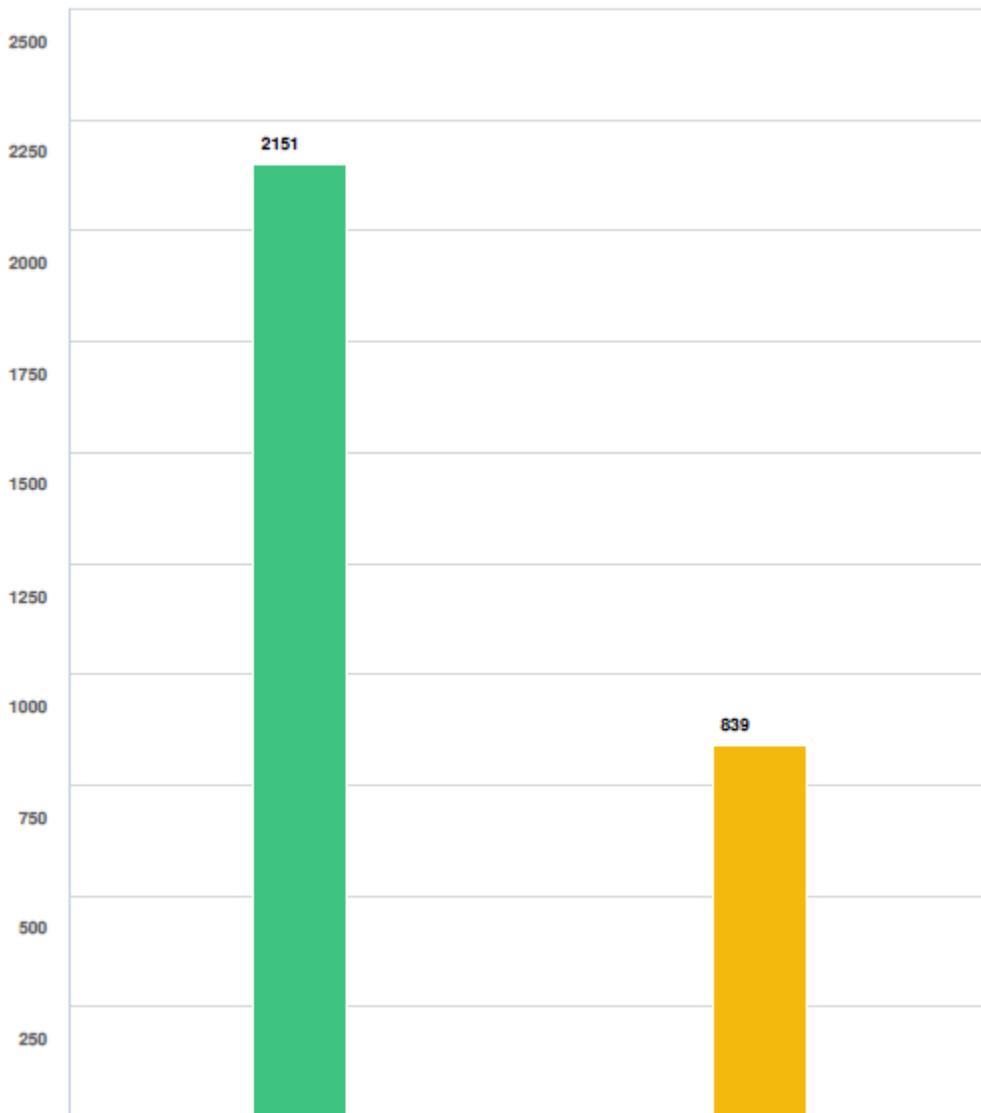
LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

The information included in this Staff Report supports the following goal identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:

- Thriving Community

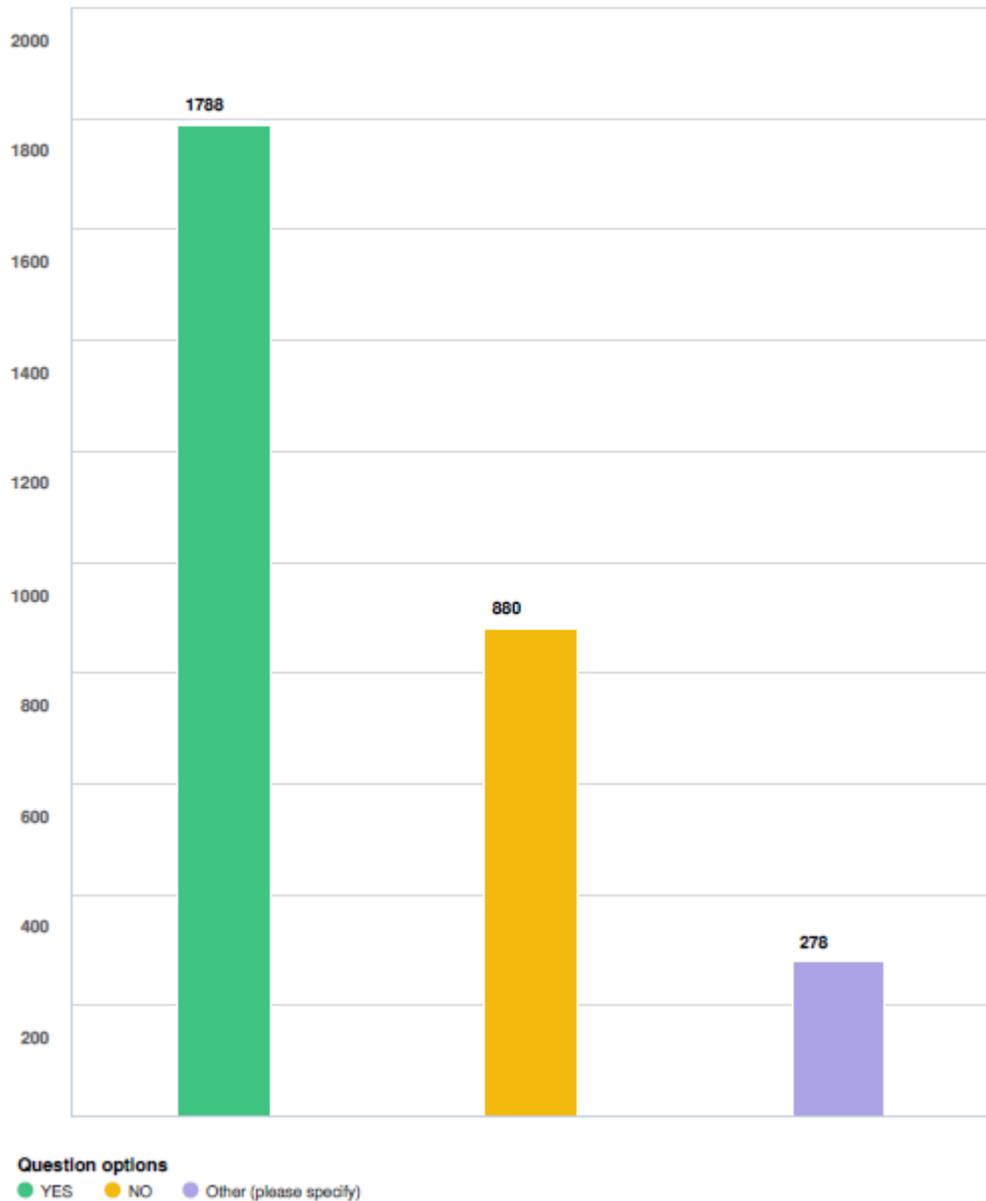
Schedule A – Online Survey

Q1 | The Sea Cadets have long been located near the Spirit Catcher and finding another location for safety reasons for them has been before Barrie City Council for many years. Motion 24-G-112 was approved by Council to accommodate moving the Sea Cadets ...

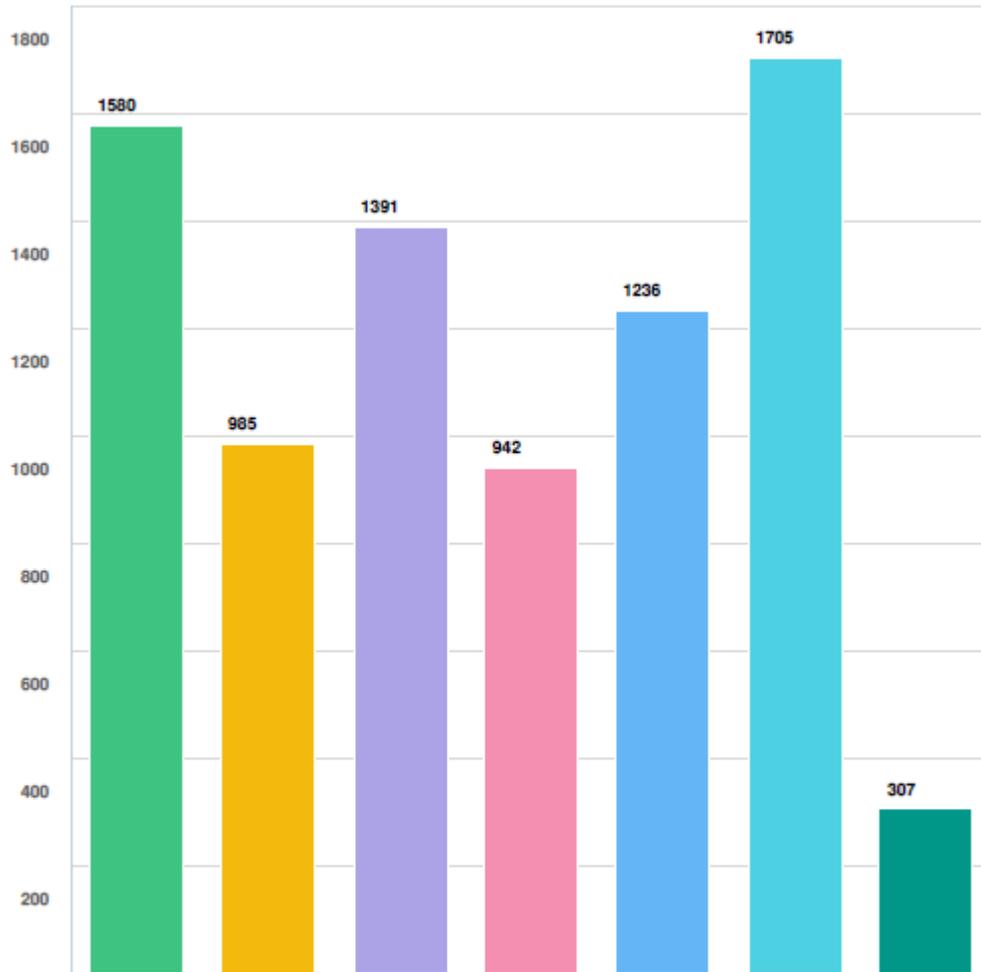


Question options
● YES ● NO

Q3 | The vision for a performing arts centre within the downtown has been longstanding. The City's 2006 Cultural Master Plan recommended the downtown as a logical, creative and natural home for the arts. When the Sea Cadets move to the General John Hayte...



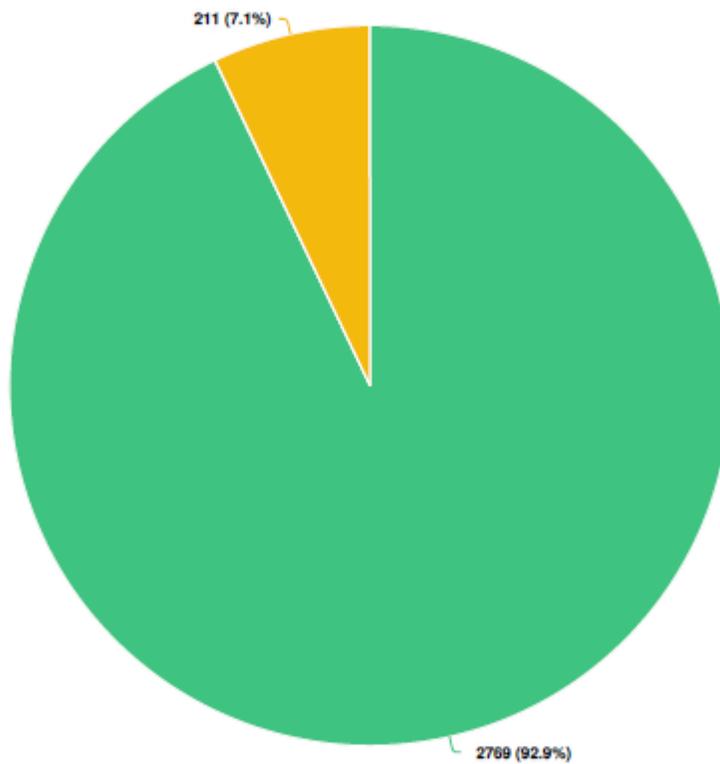
Q4 In the heart of Barrie is our waterfront, complemented by parkland and an extensive network of public trails. To enhance the area on the south shore (Fig 3), Marshall Green recommended that the city develop it into a passive park. What specific amen...



Question options

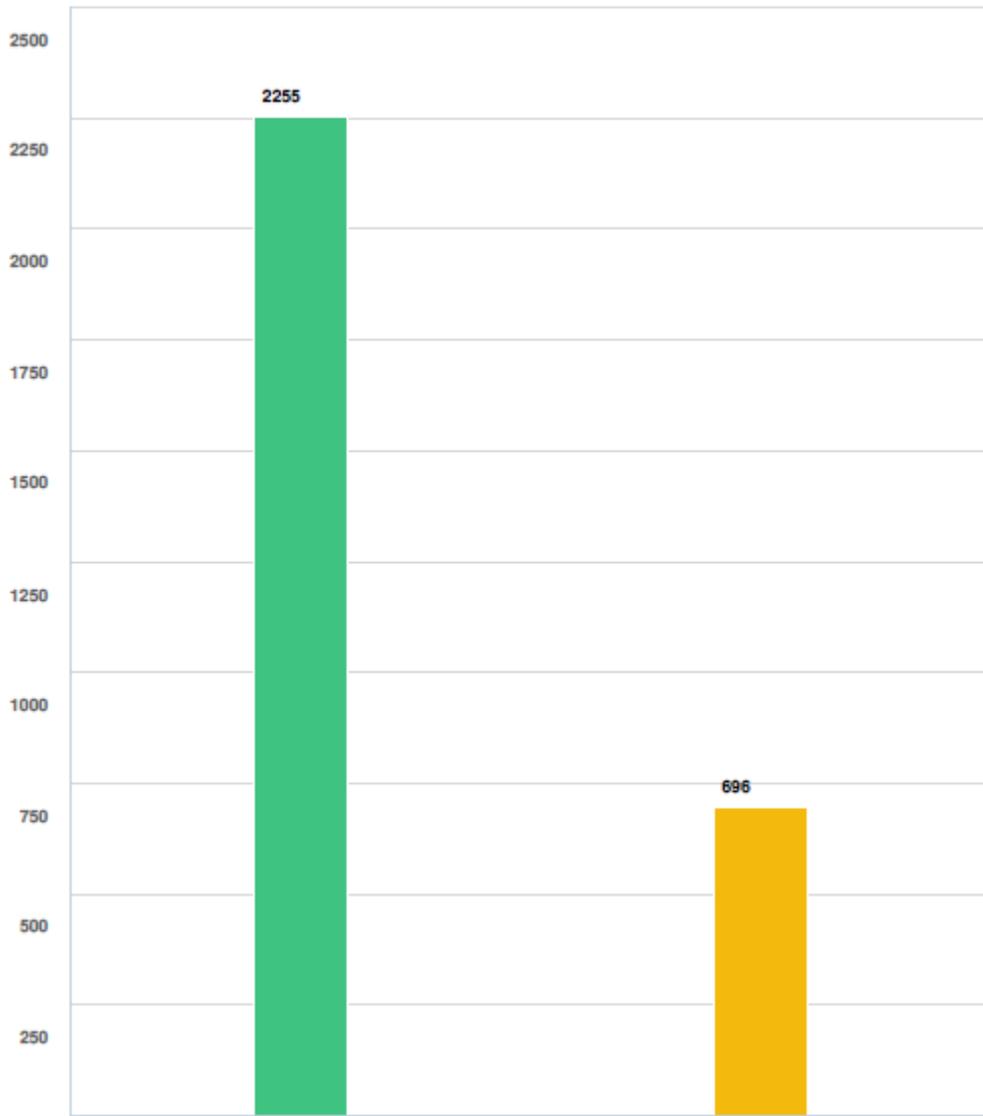
- Walking and Nature Trails: Well-maintained trails that encourage exploration of the natural landscape and are accessible by all.
- Interpretive Signs: Educational signage that provides information about local flora, fauna, and ecological features.
- Gardens: Native plant gardens, butterfly gardens, or pollinator gardens that attract local wildlife and promote biodiversity.
- Open Spaces: Unstructured areas for relaxation, picnicking, or informal games, allowing for a sense of openness and tranquility.
- Seating Areas: Benches or shaded seating spots for visitors to rest and enjoy the surroundings.
- All of the above
- Other (please specify)

Q5 | The Marshall Green report recommended the use of school facilities for minor sports teams. Do you think school sports fields should be made available for community use in the evenings and throughout the summer when not being used by the school and/...



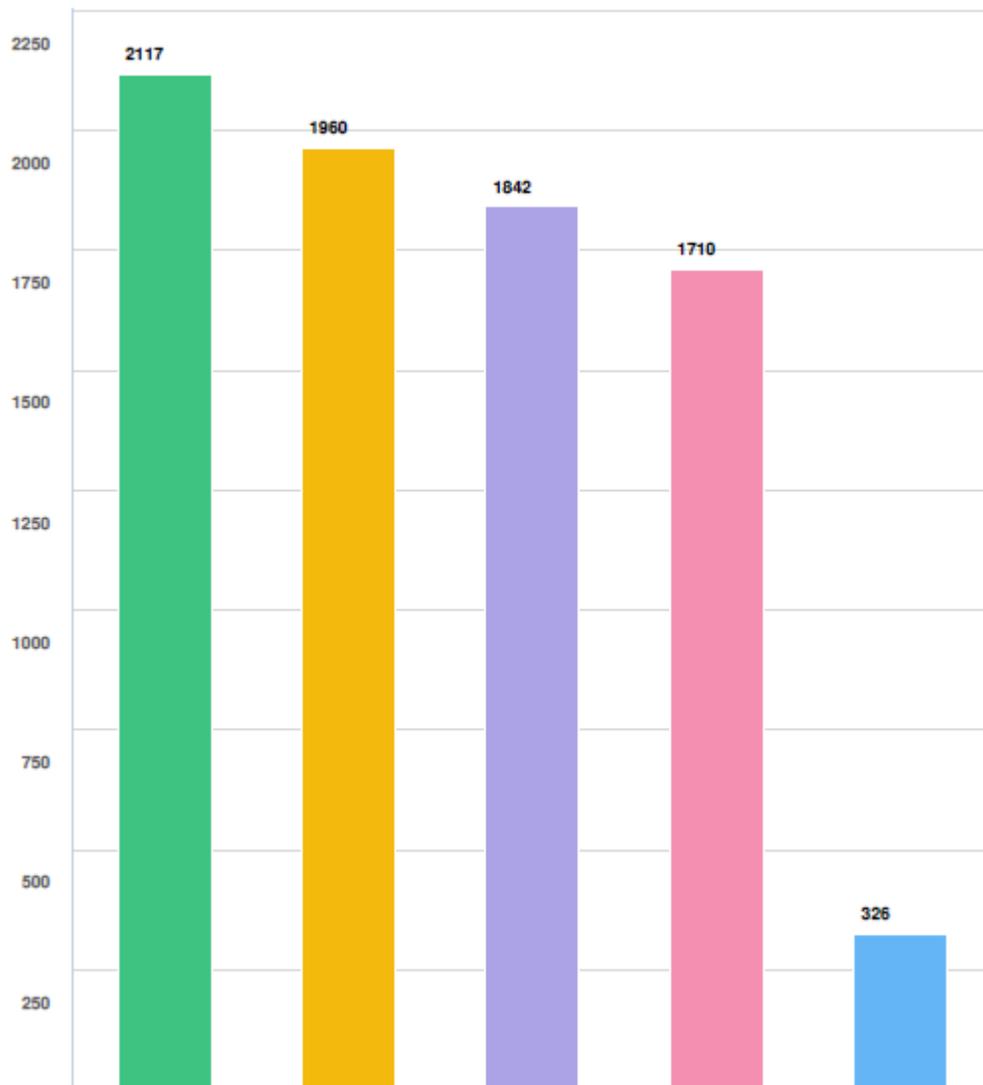
Question options
● YES ● NO

Q6 An exciting opportunity has emerged since July. A global sports entity has contacted the city about an exciting opportunity for a professional sports team to call Barrie home. They would require a soccer facility that could also be used by the comm...



Question options
● YES ● NO

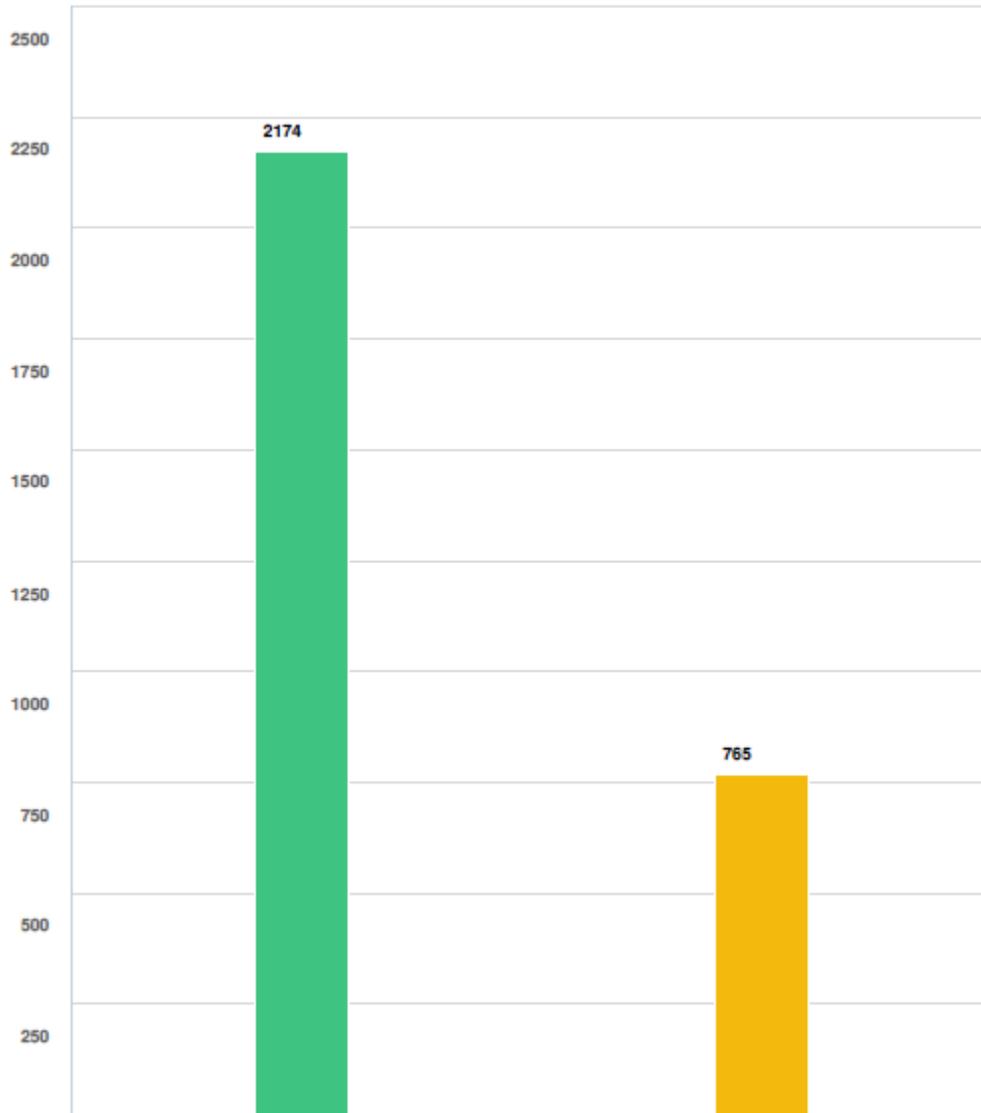
Q7 The proposed community sports facility would be accessible to field sport organizations and for community use. What uses would you like to see at this proposed new facility?



Question options

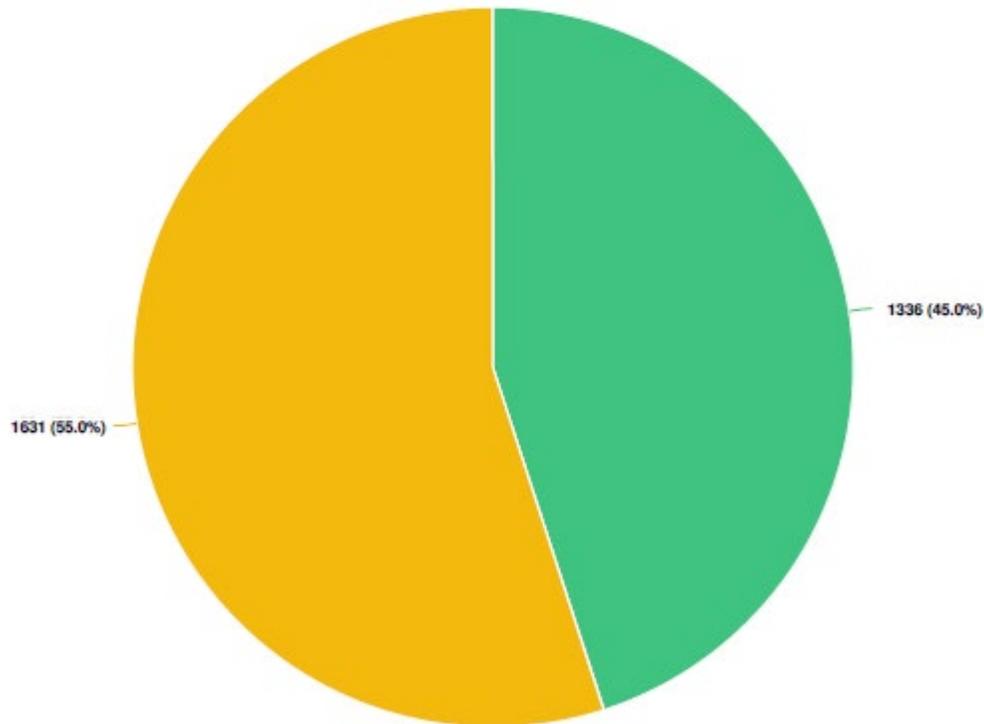
- Minor sports
- Events
- College and high school games
- Concerts and high school games
- Other (please specify)

Q8 | Queen's Park has tennis courts and a skateboard park that are well used, and a baseball diamond that has recently become less used. With the evolving landscape of our downtown and the increasing number of new and under-construction condominiums, m...



Question options
● YES ● NO

Q9 | Would you use Barrie Transit to attend a sporting event or a theatre production if the transit fare was included with your ticket?



Q10 | Any further comments on Marshall Green's report, The Southshore, Barrie Sports and a Revitalized Downtown?

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I do not agree with much of Mr. Green's report. The old collegiate site is excellent for the (wonderful) proposed Pontarini design which accommodates parking, a green space and room for future expansion. (Exterior noise is not an issue in modern theatre design and construction.) Placing a Performing Arts Centre into the historic downtown will add to road congestion as well as parking problems. The original proposed site is closer to the transit hub making it walkable for most people using transit. As the population in this area rapidly increases, a neighbourhood park becomes even more necessary. The Park on Kempenfelt Bay is a lovely show park and meant for the entire city and the tourists coming to Art events. I have extensive experience in the Arts in Canada and have attended seminars presented by economists where it is demonstrated that the Arts are a much better investment in a city's economy . People attending sports events drive in, eat at McDonalds and drive out again. Barrie needs to evolve from being a city catering to hockey dad's and soccer moms and become one which recognizes the importance of culture to the economic and social well being of our city..Your job is to erase the term "Barrification" from the planning Vocabulary. Arts facilities bring in overnight visitors who stay in hotels, eat at real restaurants, shop at interesting stores and leave much more money in the local economy than the much more expensive sporting centres built for rich team owners and corporations like rogers. Further more a much larger majority of citizens attend concerts and exhibitions than sporting events. Leave Queen's Park as a community park and let the rich team owners buy farm land to destroy. Stick with the original Performing Arts Centre plan. It was a good one.

Most visitors to a sports field will DRIVE, PERIOD.This will discourage people from meeting friends/ shopping/ enjoying the waterfront. Downtown will be avoided, because you will be concerned that you will not get parked.

Barrie has had these issues going on for so long. Why did it take an outsider like Marshall Green to see the great possibilities here?

I believe that Marshall Green's intention all along is promoting the Performing Arts goals and has nothing to do with being concerned about the Sea Cadets or Sports in Barrie. That being said I believe there are a couple of glaring problems with his proposals.

1. Barrie BayCats...They have wanted to move into Barrie for a long time but the Queen's Park proposal just won't work. They would need 3-4 acres to create the proper venue for professional baseball and the Queen's Park location is just not big enough. I would suggest working WITH the Baycats organization and try and find a piece of land that would work for them..... maybe the old Barrie Central location?
2. Queen's Park... definitely needs a "refresh" and then starts scheduling Minor Baseball both Girls and boys
3. "Global Sports Entity"- if we are talking about a Professional soccer team I would recommend using and updating the Georgian College facilities.... add washrooms and clubhouse..... create professional atmosphere and lots of parking already available. Bus routes already in place.
4. Sea cadets Parade ground- Parade grounds are traditionally very ugly and plain by

nature... to have that placed by the gorgeous South Shore would not be a good idea. I think it would really be a blight. Can the Sea Cadets go further along the shore to just past the Military park and build a proper access to the water and tuck in the parade ground in a sheltered area opposite the their water access? This would give them better autonomy and privacy.

5. School grounds for minor sports: this was the way it was done years ago and I am not sure why it stopped except there was talk about insurance and exorbitant fees... worth looking into.

6. The only thing that surprised me about Marshall Green's report is that he didn't specify that the Performing Arts Theatre should be named after himself! [...] this report [...] really had nothing to do with enhancing Minor sports in Barrie.

In order for the citizens of Barrie to use these items safely, changes need to be made to support those individuals who are living in crisis throughout Barrie's downtown. Many citizens, myself included, are refusing to use those areas due to these individuals we so not feel safe to take be down there on our own, or with our children. With individuals openly using drugs, and the debris from said experiences being left everywhere it does not create a sense of wellbeing in the area. Before we have the ability to move the baycats OR engage in an event space, these things need to be taken care of in a manner that supports individuals who need mental health and crisis support.

These concepts are great way to invite more individuals to our downtown. It would be great to see these spaces being used to show off what Barrie has to offer. But when you are fearful of the area (and to be honest Barrie is becoming a scary place to live. And I've literally lived here my whole life) the amazing spaces won't end up being used. No matter how great they are.

Please don't ruin it

stop with the development of the water front. Let's not over populate the area. Let's keep the waterfront used for walking, cycling etc.;

more transparency is required to make any knowledgeable decisions regarding a sports team;

sea cadets require not only a parade square but a place to store equipment and conduct training inside. Build them a proper building with access to the water or they should stay where they are and invest into the property currently leased by them;

the growth in Barrie as of late is rapid and is not well planned. Large tall condo buildings along the water front, condo buildings at Yonge and Mapleview, discussion of art centres on the water...slow it down and let's ensure Barrie is sustainable both environmentally but also long term. Ie. Mapleview/400 traffic issues, friday harbour traffic along mapleview etc

THE PERFORMANCE CENTER IS A MUST HAVE! We don't have anywhere to see a play, concert or any type of performance. It is ridiculous, when you consider the size of this city. The 5 points theater is an embarrassment .If parking is a concern, consider implementing a shuttle service to the performances...use the city buses..give this some thought. We have tons of sports facilities, but nowhere decent to see a play. You could go to dinner and a play, attracting business to downtown restaurants. If it does not go ahead downtown, build it near the old Barrie Central site, where you are considering yet another sports facility that we don't need.

the sea cadets building has always looked unkept and a mess - I've lived in Barrie over 50 yrs and I am no stranger to the waterfront . No wonder they can't parade there . Who ever is in charge of the upkeep - get them replaced . Keep added stress of anything that involves more view obstruction , need for more sparking and building structures away from the waterfront !!!! There are so many more open land spaces away from the lake front in need of attention and occupancy. And if you move the bay as to queens park - there's another open piece of land

that will go to waste and ruin . The only thing to make downtown better is to find help and housing for the homeless and get care for the people in need of mental health .

Very well throughout. We need to maintain our waterfront as a green space for the most part. We need very careful management of this city which will expand dramatically in years to come. Keep it attractive to good businesses and the people will come.

This survey was very biased and worded in a way that some respondents could not answer properly. Please have an epidemiologist review your data collection tools.
Thank you Mr. Green. Our downtown area is beautiful and should not be ruined with sport fields that take over green spaces. This report has great ideas that vitalists the downtown but also preserve Barrie's beauty.

9 : Comments : Question # 1 : Military Cadet groups are operated by and the responsibility of the Armed Forces and the federal government. Stay in your lane and stop interfering in other governments' jurisdiction. Residents of a municipality (such as a city) should not be forced to pay for something which is a federal government responsibility. Stop wasting city residents' money on something which the federal government should pay for.

Q2 : Barrie has spent large sums of residents' money on the McLaren Art Gallery and the Five Points Theatre already. City residents should not be forced to pay for yet another City Council pet project, such as another "performing arts centre" downtown, a few minutes walk from the one we already have (the Five Points Theatre) and a few minutes more from the Art Gallery. Stop wasting our money on silly, pointless, wasteful, frivolous projects that only a small fraction of residents will ever be able to or be interested in using.

Q5 : Residents should not be asked to write a blank cheque (for tens of millions of dollars?) to City government for an unknown corporate company (sports team?) to take over public property for the purpose of taking millions of dollars (event tickets fees, etc.) out of the City and residents' bank accounts just to pad their corporate profits. [...] Tell residents all the details first before asking us to write a huge cheque [...] City Council should begin being open, fully honest and accountable to all city residents; particularly about the financial costs it's proposals, plans and secret deals will impose on city residents for decades or even generations to come. City Council's [...] attitude toward the residents it is supposed to represent needs to be replaced with open, fully honest and fully accountable government and governance practices.

Q8 : Residents should not be forced to pay for a transit ticket with each art or sport even they want to attend; but transit use should be promoted to event ticket buyers (as an added benefit, if event customers want it). After the widespread service cuts the City made to regularly scheduled transit service, many city residents (who didn't have one before) have given up on city transit (just as City Council has) and bought a vehicle instead. Since the city has abandoned the residents of many parts of the city (with it's most recent reductions in regularly scheduled transit service); a transit ticket is useless to many residents because they are now unable to plan when they must depart home, arrive at a bus stop and arrive at a destination because City Council has cancelled regularly scheduled service (which is close to where they live or work, when they need it) in their neighbourhoods and the second class, unscheduled, unreliable, wait-and-hope transit service can't be relied upon to get residents where they need to be within a reasonable amount of time which can be planned for.

Nonetheless, the City should actively promote transit use for event customers to get from their home to and from each event by offering big ticket price discounts for groups of people (to leave their car at home and take transit to and from events). This benefits event customers because they can leave their car safely at home, they don't have to waste time

<p>searching for a parking space or pay for it and they can leave the event safely even if they have had a few alcoholic drinks (by letting the bus driver drive them home). There are some other ideas I have which would help the City get more cars off it's roads (especially during arts or sports events) and entice more people to take transit (especially to festivals, sports and arts events) instead and for which the City could charge more than a regularly priced commuter transit fare. Contact me at [...] to find out more.</p>
<p>#5 answer...Only if the grounds are cleaned up after usage. Also if over usage wears out area then these persons must fix problems.... #6... I really don't see where you could fit a sports complex in the West end of Dunlop St. I don't want you pulling down more of our downtown Just to satisfy the condo owners.</p>
<p>I think hi ideas are well thought out and definitely what Barrie needs to become a thriving downtown once again</p>
<p>What about housing or some sort of program center for the people.suffering from homelessness and addiction? Instead of funding the cops (that do absolutely nothing to show form that money) fund detoxes, rehabs, safe consumption sites. What about investing in the PEOPLE THAT NEED THE HELP MOST!! Stop hiding all the overdose deaths and stop sending homeless people to pematang jail for the summer to make the rich happy and feel.comfortsble so they don't have to look at them. This city is horrible and it's ran the same.</p>
<p>A beautifully designed arts centre on the waterfront with a cafe would be an excellent addition to the downtown. Space for another destination restaurant on the waterfront beside the arts centre should also be included. The downtown sports facilities are an excellent idea</p>
<p>A breath of fresh air! Better use can be made of all the sports fields and schoolyards that sit empty much of the time. And Barrie is definitely in need of a performing arts theatre, as soon as possible. I love Mr Green's proposal that all the groups involved get together and discuss what they need. Let's make use of what we have, and revitalize the downtown!</p>
<p>A comprehensive report that made excellent use of details and provided well-reasoned solutions that benefit the vast majority of those impacted by this study.</p>
<p>A dock for kayakers and SUPs would be nice downtown of the north shore like what is available on the south shore.</p>
<p>A limit on how tall the building are around the lake</p>
<p>A master plan for recreation and sport is needed before implementing Marshall Greens report. A master plan uses a more comprehensive approach than his report addresses.</p>
<p>Marshall Green's report mandate was to look at the planned use of the Sea Cadets marching field and its best to look at that first before tackling other spaces.</p>
<p>A Cultural plan may include discussions on a cultural centre if that is needed. Engage City staff and reports from master plans before using Marshall Greens report which misses many opportunities for community engagement. .</p>
<p>The City of Barrie's jewel is its waterfront parks and amenities. The City has done an excellent job managing these spaces and increasing their uses over many decades. It is a vital and important part of our city. Well done!</p>
<p>A performing art centre would be perfect.</p>
<p>A performing arts center is much needed, the site would be great!</p>
<p>A performing arts centre in a prime location like on the waterfront would help being in even more tourism to the downtown as visitors could take the time to explore our waterfront and</p>

local shops along Dunlop street. Barrie is sorely lacking in arts amenities when compared to smaller cities like Orillia which has an opera house and regularly hosts excellent concerts
A performing arts space should be a priority- there are lots of places for sporting activities. While the need for sports facilities is real, especially as the population increases, it is critical that arts are seen as important as well.
A revitalized downtown means added shopping and less bars and carnival atmosphere.
A revitalized downtown should include a serious response to the issues of drug abuse and homelessness. Its time. There is an opportunity to create a vibrant and healthy environment. Development of transition facilities for the homeless and proper mental health treatment for those using street drugs for their anxiety depression and sense of hopelessness. As a community I believe a comprehensive solution including housing and mental health services and substance abuse treatment can be developed. I believe these services would be best located at a location other than the core of downtown Barrie. A full service campus could be developed for this important supportive work. Create something that users of the services can be proud to be part of, and that could be a model for other communities to follow. Barrie can lead by example. Further, these same programs could lead to revitalization of many lives , who would also benefit from the collective community revitalization efforts. Win-Win.
a revitalized downtown should not come at the expense of parkland around the bay more benches and picnic tables should be available in the parkland if school sports fields are to be used by outside groups, maintenance and clean-up should NOT be the responsibility of school caretakers.
A Revitalized downtown should not have included that massive, ugly [...] development downtown
A safe consumption space should be considered and is necessary in our downtown area.
A sensible report
A shuttle service from downtown parking lots for specific events might work.
A solid report, prompting the community to become engaged in discussing future cultural, recreational and sporting facilities.
A very thorough look at how to best use our City's resources and boost opportunities for more profitable events to be held within the City.
A very thoughtful approach building on spaces Barrie already has.
A very well done report Marshall. Much appreciate the effort you have put into this in a very short time. I agree with all the recommendations EXCEPT the use of the waterfront parcel for an arts centre. NO buildings should be constructed between Simcoe Street and the water or Lakeshore Drive and the water. That waterfront area should remain open public space for complete and unfettered use by all members of the public. PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE Placing a building on the Sea Cadet site removes passive public use and destroys the visual waterfront. Architects promises of "world class" and "rival performing arts centres around the world" are either self serving, or dreamland or worse. Barrie may need a performing arts centre but a promised \$65million will become much larger. Guaranteed, The fill in the waterfront is an issue as is the peat and the environmental contamination they are likely to find from the old usage such as an oil, coal and fuel facility in the immediate area before 1970s. Saying nothing about the expense of foundations on the waterfront. Just ask the consultant that constructed the Lakeshore sewers. There are many nearby empty lots that could accommodate a new performing arts centre, say on Bradford Street. The Mayor's "not a \$100million" will come to fruition if they put it at the Sea Cadet site, Surely we can do better than adding \$65million - plus costs paid by the City to our already egregious \$300million debt. Respectfully submitted.

A visionary, forward looking proposal, which would put Barrie on an exciting journey. It would bring people to Barrie and revitalize parts of Barrie that are under-utilized.
A well thought out plan. However further discussion is needed on amendments to the plan.
A well-researched Report
About using Queen's park for the Baycats: While it's a great idea to have the team play in Barrie, and possibly downtown, it looks like the field required would overwhelm the park, leaving no room for passive, landscaped areas, as well as squeezing out both the playground and the path crossing from Parkside Drive to Toronto Street, an important link for neighbourhood residents.
The Performing Arts Centre location is ideal - close to downtown and its amenities, and taking advantage of a stunning lakeside location to be enjoyed by attendees, while leaving access along the lakeshore. There is plenty of parking in the area, and more can be developed on City land.
Absolute NO to Southshore sports field.
Absolutely do NOT build a stadium of any kind at the waterfront.
Absolutely no artificial turf area should be placed at Barrie Waterfront. As it is parking is an issue and having a Sports complex with artificial turf will simply make it worse for local enjoyment.
Absolutely no to the proposed sport's facility location at the Lake the old Barrie High School location would be ideal
Absolutely oppose the use of the waterfront for yet another empty sports field
[...]
Add fishing docks on the south shore to reduce busy area fishing but increase accessibility for the past time
Add paid by use ebike charging stations with supervision so that people from nearby towns can visit, charge their ebike and be able to make it back home.
This will increase local tourism without increasing the need for more parking.
\$10 to charge an ebike in absolute safety is more appealing to some people than a \$30 parking spot. People want to be outdoor in fresh air if the infrastructure is in place.
Adding a sports complex in downtown Barrie would be a huge mistake. The infant structure that is already there would not be able to handle this and these spaces around the water should be kept into large spaces and parks and places where people in the community can sit. A theatre or a sports complex can go in another area, but these areas should be kept in a way that people can enjoy the waterfront.
Address the drug and homeless situation first. Once that works, move on to revitalizing it! I hate bringing my kids downtown. Meridian place is a joke with junkies everywhere! Try fixing one problem before throwing another in the mix!
Address the homeless and drug use, a lot of people feel unsafe visiting downtown Barrie
Again Marshall is not a planner. So why are his comments being taken so seriously. Ask the city's planners and parks planners for their professional input.
Again to specify the city needs to provide more washroom facilities throughout its park areas and include a cricket field. While I don't know much about cricket I've talked with players who tell me the city has ignored their pleas for a proper cricket field.

Again your questions include a bias towards the Sea Cadets. You raised a safety case. What is it?

The factual information is absent from the report.

I strongly believe that any development towards a multi-use sports facility on the southern shore of the Barrie waterfront be terminated before it even begins. A natural green space is what most cities around the world hold as a necessary part of their infrastructure and community.

Agree that the best use of the southshore area is NOT a large sports field; keeping the majority of it as trails and nature type area is in the best interest of the City and the people.

All these great initiatives have a prerequisite: clean up homelessness, panhandling and high people accosting folks downtown. I'm a regular walker to downtown and beautiful places like meridian square are overrun with homeless people. It's awful.

All downtown spaces will be overwhelmed by the homeless community. These people deserve better, as do the people of Barrie who want to use the outdoor spaces downtown.

All excellent ideas, and needed in this growing City. Sooner the better for all.

All great ideas to bring more zest into the city! I like how it will drive more people to downtown area, where there are amazing restaurants, local shops, and beautiful scenery to admire. However, more police presence and patrol is needed to ensure that these spaces will not be overtaken as encampment sites, or worse, breeding grounds for violence and drugs. We are talking about these spaces for youth, which are vulnerable to these dangers. Please consider fines or arrests for anyone who uses these spaces for encampments, drugs, or irresponsible drug disposal.

All groups need to learn to compromise and work together for an outcome that helps benefit more people and children. The new proposals were full of common sense. It is ridiculous that so many school fields sit empty most of the time. There are ways to work around problems; it just takes sitting down and working on solutions. It is POSSIBLE when you put your mind to it and make it a win win for everyone. It enriches your community ten fold. We have to work together and come up with creative ideas and maybe even make concessions to get where we need to be. If these proposals could come to fruition over time, the downtown would be a much more vibrant place. There is lots more planning to be done to fill in other blanks. But it sounds like a terrific start!

All of Dunlop street, starting from High Street, continuing East, is completely run down looking, buildings need painting, drug addicts removed, meth clinic moved, better parking for longer than 2 hours to encourage shopping and staying downtown, the old Central high school location and abandoned buildings should become a University .

All of these developments are very much needed in Barrie, especially new fields to accommodate quickly growing participation in youth flag football leagues and the extreme need for more youth baseball and softball diamonds. (Youth should not be playing games at 9 or 10 pm because there's no other diamond availability.) However, locating any of these developments close to downtown is not at all advisable. It is no longer a safe area for families. Negative and threatening interactions with drug users and mentally ill individuals are so common, we generally avoid the lakeshore and downtown areas for our children's safety. Please reconsider locating all of these facilities outside of the downtown area. Many people will be hesitant to risk their safety to park or walk in these areas.

all of these ideas are amazing as long as they don't remove any existing old growth trees- especially at queens park, there are so many lovely old trees and if even a single one is cut down, i will vehemently oppose it. those trees are our heritage. but this is all wonderful, i'm really glad that an agreement could be reached by city council and the city! as someone who

<p>considers themselves a member of the far left in this city, i'm very pleased at these new proposed ideas (as long as the existing flora isn't affected). especially the public transit angle, i hope to see barrie transit become the quickest option from point a to point b in my lifetime.</p>
<p>All of these ideas have to cost and how can any of us say yes to something we have no idea regarding the amount of money it will cost. Slow down and have a plan that is not scattered all over the place. Sport complexes are all over large cities and that is such a cost effective idea. Downtown maybe not a good idea</p>
<p>All planning close to or near the lakeshore should be maintained in its natural state. Any developments just lead to more to follow</p>
<p>All the years I spent in Parry Sound I admired their Performance Arts Centre on their waterfront and envisioned Barrie having the same exactly as Marshall Green suggested. I am Ok with the new proposed site for the Sea Cadets marching grounds as long as it does not effect the Kempenfest concerts and shouldn't if done right. When speaking to one of the mayoralty candidates in last election, [...] he also mentioned to me moving the Baycats there- Thought it would be a great idea. Lets get all done!</p>
<p>All these sound like a great way to keep our down town vibrate and a place worth visiting. Yes to all this has vision</p>
<p>All this sounds bright & shiny with no serious thought to the impact to resident who live & work in these areas. Or is the Barrie council's plan just to go [...] we want the profit? You can be voted out just as easily as you all were voted in</p>
<p>All the revitalization leaves no where to park and you need to work on the serious drug and human trafficking issue that is very obvious in the downtown core. Traffic is also Going to become a huge issue</p>
<p>Allendale Station Park should be rezoned as ENVIRONMENTALLY PROTECTED LAND, and active, intentional rediversifying of the passive park with native Ontario grassland species</p>
<p>Allocate that money to deal with the homeless issue. No one I know feels safe downtown anymore. There's people begging for money and passed out every 20 feet. Crime is terrible downtown and you all seem to be ignoring the issue but have lots of money for things that are just going to congest lakeshore even more .</p>
<p>Allow the marina to expand with other facilities into the old sea cadet area!</p>
<p>Although I don't think Queens Park is the right place for the Baycats, it would be great if the team played somewhere within City limits.</p>
<p>An arts centre on the waterfront would block the waterfront from the public. The sea cadet site should become a park once the sea cadets lease is finished. There should be open space that allows the public to access and view Kempenfelt Bay.</p>
<p>An excellent look at many features or possible features for Barrie and its core area. A waterfront location for a performing arts centre is wonderful. Check out the Parry Sound performing Arts Centre for a comparison of the benefits of having such a feature on the waterfront. Keeping a section of the current bike trail as a natural habitat is a positive for current and future generations.</p>
<p>An excellent report at no cost to the city! PAC should help improve the downtown and bring a better class to spend money on good restaurants and stores and less emphasis on the crappy tattoo,drinking facilities,cannibas outlets,etc</p>
<p>An excellent report with a good vision for Barrie in the future.</p>
<p>An excellent report!</p>

<p>An excellent report. It points out the need for better communication between various sports organizations and city staff to optimize the use of parks and schools. The city has only approved preliminary work to evaluate the feasibility and cost of relocating the cadets. It would be totally inappropriate to construct a facility for the cadets to use for marching before a firm commitment to proceed with the expansion of the Southshore Centre and a funding plan. It may not prove practical to expand the SS Centre or be too expensive!</p>
<p>An excellent well thought out plan that should meet the needs of many groups of Barrie residents.</p>
<p>An excellent, thorough and well thought out report done by an independent volunteer. He has done the work that Council should have done. They will be wise to follow through with all the recommendations. If my own Councillor votes against this plan he will never receive my vote again.</p>
<p>An extremely well thought out report that provides a plan that the city that the city would be wise to follow. Cancelling the the plan for a multiuse sports field on the lakeshore proximate to the Southshore Community Centre is the right thing to do. A new sports field on the old Barrie Central HS site would be welcomed.</p>
<p>An outstanding report! Thank you Mr. Marshall Green.</p>
<p>Another option would be for further development of the property around Sadlon Arena and/or the former Red Storey sports field. With the former there is already ample parking existing and access to city owned amenities at Sadlon Arena.</p>
<p>Another public library location downtown would be amazing if modeled after the Painswick or Holly branches. They are also offered year round always bringing people to the area</p>
<p>Answer to question 9 is due to the nightmarish state of Barrie Transit, not a refusal to use public transit. You can get to Union Station faster than crossing Barrie.</p>
<p>Answers on transit are based on current transit application in Barrie. Frankly, a couple of LRT lines would better serve the community .. 1/ from painswick to Shanty Bay, 2/ from georgian-bayfield to the waterfront lrt, 3/ from Holly to the waterfront lrt. This type of service would be faster and connected enough to make transit visits to the core a viable option compared with drive/park that we currently use.</p>
<p>Any development needs to take the culture and beautiful landscape into consideration. It can't be just building for the sake of building.</p>
<p>Any plans to revitalize downtown Barrie has to consider the homeless problem. Putting more stress on the downtown area will not help the situation. There are so few good restaurants in the area and downtown stores have limited hours and scope . Where will all the theatre goers park, dine and shop while feeling safe to wander around without being accosted by individuals in need of money and services.</p>
<p>Any sport's structure should be located on outskirts where land is cheaper and parking and access do not impact the nightmare of parking downtown. It's already a problem with restaurants occupying the sidewalks!</p>
<p>Any sports at Queens Park is a poor idea. The area is a haven for drug addicts, prostitution and homeless.</p>
<p>Any type of legitimate community and social investment is a worthwhile one for the people</p>
<p>Anything that brings sports and entertainment to the downtown core is great, and please get the bay cats home</p>
<p>Appreciated Marshall's many interviews and collaborative approach. Seems like this was missed by the city prior to their moving forward with their very ambitious and non collaborative original plan. People need info and people need to be heard before such radical steps are</p>

<p>taken. Citizens of Barrie felt left out and that does not hold mayor and council in good stead. These further steps are hopeful</p>
<p>Appreciated the vision and collaboration/consultation represented in this report. The emphasis on using existing sports fields is welcomed. Cooperation among field sports organization would help to make better, more effective use of existing lands.</p>
<p>Are used to be so proud to call Barrie my home, Now it is a pit. Not enough police, it takes the police too long to even respond to serious problems. The entire city is a dump.</p>
<p>As a 50 year resident of Barrie I think residents need to be open and accepting of the changing nature of Barrie. We are no longer a sleepy 30k person bedroom community, these changes and upgrades are welcome.</p>
<p>As a city, we have a lot of underused sports facilities. Let's develop in-house and not expand the footprint into 'natural areas' especially along the waterfront. The idea of building a performance arts facility on the waterfront is very wrong-minded. Our waterfront is our most precious feature let's not deface it with buildings and more parking.</p>
<p>As a former track athlete from Barrie I used to have to drive to Midland or York to train. Our new high school has a proper rubberized track that is gated off and locked. This should be open to the public during non school times (summer and weekends when teams aren't using it). Still fenced but simply unlock the fence gate. Not everyone can afford to join the local track club or travel an hour away to other facilities. A track is a huge asset for our city (particularly for our youth and older age groups) and it is a massive shame it is sitting unused and empty majority of the time.</p>
<p>As a high school student currently attending a SCDSB school, I believe it is very important to utilize the empty space we have in our city without impacting forests and natural areas. I find it extremely difficult to understand why SCDSB will not let the community use their fields and tracks as someone who has been disappointed by the lack of open running and playing fields. I also want to make note that I have traveled many places and always find that the most beautiful places are the places with the most green space and trees. I think Barrie does a good job at planting trees, but we can always do more. Thank you.</p>
<p>As a long time resident I am thrilled with these ideas. Barrie has long needed a vibrant downtown and these suggestions would help lead to that. We need reasons for people to want to go downtown or to visit from other cities.</p>
<p>As a long-standing member of The Huronia Symphony Orchestra, I am not alone in my incredulity that a city the size of Barrie has no proper performing arts centre. Many towns on par (Burlington), and smaller (Ancaster) have built beautifully appointed PACs. Time for that to change.</p>
<p>As a resident of queens park, the proposed changes take away most of the open space in the park and wall it off to only a select few. The only reason the baseball diamond is less used is because the city of Barrie and its council have neglected our neighbourhood for so long and let things get way out of hand. And then when people who do not live here complain the solution is to remove infrastructure and stop using the existing facilities. Now because you created a situation where it "isn't used" through neglect you want to wall it off from the community. It is I credibly frustrating. I live here and see how much that park is used everyday. You can't take that away.</p>
<p>As always, the main concern is the parking at the places near the downtown core. The more downtown is developed, the less parking areas we seem to have. It is not fun to go downtown for an event or even for dinner and have to always be jostling for parking or walking from blocks away. Yes, folks could take public transit but I challenge you believe that a majority will.</p>

As an emerging artist in Barrie, I have been impacted greatly by the Canadian Musicians Cooperative and their unique and cutting-edge programs. I think having them connect with the film festival and to create a hub for the arts in Barrie would be an incredible thing, both for the careers of young artists and for the community. I am also a new homeowner in Barrie and am planning to build a family here, having a centre for the arts like this with a theatre close to downtown is something young people like me are looking for when thinking about where we will put down roots

As for my concern about excessive pavement being enlarged near the downtown Art Center, I'm wondering if concert and theatre goers could park in various parking locations in downtown Barrie and be shuttled from those locations to and from the art center, even for a small fee.

As long as South shore does not become a sports complex or anything being built on the area surrounding the south shore.

As long as there is no effect on the environment and natural water shed

As long the city does something about the homeless problem's down town. As of yet it feels unsafe to go downtown alone especially if you have children. Barrie has become increasingly unsafe to walk alone outside let alone down town Barrie. Before the council decides on major construction sites, the mayor should be helping the homeless situation that has become an ever growing concern.

As mentioned earlier. Nothing should be built in the existing area around the lake. (Other than washrooms, change rooms) Filling it in with larger buildings or altering the area for sports takes away from the area. Leave it alone!

As much as I'd love to see the Baycats playing at Queen's Park, parking is already very limited. Would it be possible to locate them to the proposed location for the soccer field on Dunlop. Perhaps that location can serve multiple sports purposes. And if not, then at least make enough parking at this Dunlop location to accommodate the Queen's Park location. People can walk a couple of blocks to see a baseball game.

As reported, there are many properties underutilized in Barrie that could accommodate a soccer field. Not the Southshore area. This proposal was poorly thought out as Green's report verified. [...] As noted, no regard for the impact this development will have on Lake Simcoe, the cost to the taxpayer for maintaining an artificial turf field all year, traffic congestion, no plan for parking etc.... I hope City Council reconsiders.

As someone who walks across the waterfront almost daily unless the city is cleaned up as in the removal of homeless persons their encampments their garbage their use of heritage park benches and gazebo as places to do drugs more and more people don't want anything to do with downtown Barrie. Not many people will feel safe coming to the downtown after dark let alone during the day. The paths are filled with motorized vehicles and are an accident waiting to happen. Smokers under the no smoking signs. Drug users are openly doing them on benches in the bushes and around the buildings along the pathways. Tents and tarps are everywhere. If you can't feel safe in Barrie downtown and elsewhere why would anyone go down there to see a play. You can't take a bike anywhere because they are walking around with stolen bikes and shopping carts. I do not know if revitalized is a strong enough word for the overhaul that Barrie needs.

ASP being rezoned as ENVIRONMENTALLY PROTECTED LAND, and active intentional rediversifying of the passive park with native Ontario grassland species.

At the Southshore, provide interpretive signage that includes the bird species who migrate through the area. Or a link so someone can look them up on their phone. And water fountains around this side of the lake.

<p>Avoid developing the lakeshore area any further, or disturbing what's left of natural areas.</p>
<p>Bad ideas generally speaking. You would be ruining Barrie's best features all for profit, I'm sure. People are already avoiding the downtown core because of drugs and homelessness. Condos are ruining the beauty of Barrie. And yet, many sports fields are empty most days....what a waste of taxpayers money</p>
<p>Barrie badminton club would need a dedicated place to promote badminton at large and provide more courts for the practice of this game.</p> <p>Just as pickle ball practice is gaining momentum, badminton also has a huge number of players in the community... except that this sports is played indoors and no one sees the crowd that cannot access and enjoy the very limited badminton courts.</p> <p>Peggy Hill community gym accepts only 24 players per session in a Saturday or any slot during the week... players need to queue up for at 45 mins before the sessions begins just to be able to secure one of the 24 tickets available.</p> <p>The Eastview Secondary School where Barrie Badminton Club offers game nights is over crowded.</p> <p>Thanks to consider this appeal.</p>
<p>Barrie Baycats question. Parking may/would be a problem unless some additional areas are found such as the United Church site next to the old hospital.</p> <p>It would be nice to see this area (ball field) more used. It does not appear to be used at all at present. Playing tennis, I have never seen it in use.</p> <p>There is no way that the original proposal for a sports field at Southshore should ever see the light of day.</p> <p>Stop expanding the armed forces memorial area. Enough.</p>
<p>Barrie Baycats should move to the Sadlon Centre area to share existing parking now used for hockey, easy highway access, shopping, restaurants and lighting. Also, an existing bus route. Bayview and Mapleview have already been widened to handle the additional traffic load. All noise is away from residential housing and located in commercial areas.</p>
<p>Barrie Baycats should pay for the Queens Park renovations and maintenance as they are semi-pro.</p>
<p>Barrie Baycats should play by the Sadlon Arena property</p>
<p>Barrie desperately needs areas for musicians to perform at. Park place should have had an amphitheater included in the design.</p> <p>We also need a place for actors to perform plays that has sufficient free parking, and perhaps is on the waterfront. A city that is the size of Barrie is grossly lacking in this regard.</p> <p>Our waterfront should have a lot more restaurants in order to attract tourists and residents alike.</p>
<p>Barrie desperately needs attractions to revitalize downtown and to support restaurants and businesses. Downtown Barrie is an intimidating, sorry place to go. For the sake of downtown commercial establishments downtown residents and all of the citizens of Barrie, and its visitors, it needs help and we believe that the implementation of Mr. Green's recommendations would provide a great start to a positive path forward.</p>
<p>Barrie does not need another Performing Arts Centre, the two we have in Barrie are under utilized. The location proposed for the Performing Arts Centre would add additional buildings right on the water, we shouldn't block the site lines of Lake Simcoe from downtown Barrie,</p>

Barrie doesn't need a big performing arts centre use the Five Points theatre. There's already no parking downtown and by putting in a large theatre that won't receive a lot of use, will be taking away vital parking, will cause more congestion on the narrow roads and emergency vehicles will have more obstacles to face. Please do not destroy the waterfront where all the paths are, it's a beautiful walk to enjoy the nature and wildlife have already been displaced enough. There used to be a family of foxes that would live there, coming back each year and being photographed by local photographers but construction to put in monuments sent them away and they haven't been back. It's only okay if it is done in a way that won't disrupt the existing environment and only encourages more wildlife

Barrie downtown needs cleaned up. It is filthy and dumpy. It seems anyone can open a store and not enhance the store front to reflect the community. It is like putting lipstick on a pig. Barrie needs investment but projects are always built too small, and limiting opportunities.

Barrie had a rich history of ignoring issues and raising taxes. Break the habit.

Barrie has become inundated with the homeless and drug users. It's not a place residents can attend in the evenings due to the criminality. This needs to be cleaned up.

Barrie has essentially 2 very busy streets, surrounded by several streets waiting to be developed. Why is everything trying to be crammed into one small space? Maybe some actual growth for the city would happen if you tried EXPANDING the downtown area. Why not make Blake St more appealing to the general public? Or Dunlop *west* of the 400? I don't think anyone in Barrie would appreciate an overly populated, Toronto-esque downtown core. I would very seriously consider moving if that was the case. A lot of us came up here to escape that urban hellscape.

Barrie has suffered from sports groups not working together. Mr. Green raises this in his report. Address it. Take steps to help these empires work together for our community.

The skateboard park at Queen's Park also needs to be opened up and made safer. Remove the fencing as a start, now.

Barrie is a growing community, by having all these proposals will add economic stability to the city.

Barrie is a rapidly growing city. It's very easy to clear cut a piece of land to build a new one better or whatever but we must remember that we are supposed to be environmentally conscious and we should be trying to preserve as many trees as we can as we move forward.

Barrie is about much more than sports. The city has many natural settings that provide residents and visitors with opportunities to enjoy beautiful natural surroundings. Trying to mix the two experiences of sporting events with nature settings is flawed and bad for the city of Barrie. There are plenty of suitable areas other than the waterfront that could be utilized for a sports complex. In addition, The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority will never give their approval for a sports field being built beside the lakeshore. The environmental impact to the shore line will be detrimental and destroy the sensitive eco system there. Barrie city council needs to act responsibly, listen to their constituents and start making plans to address the real issues of this city such as homelessness and infrastructure repair. A sports field on the south shore is not a responsible choice.

Barrie is growing rapidly. Keep as much waterfront as possible for residents of today and the future. We will need it.

Barrie is in desperate need of a long course (Olympic) size swimming pool. Markham, Guelph and Sudbury are the closest facilities forcing adequate training and events to be held away from the city. As well, the city lacks adequate basketball courts. There is an immensely

<p>growing interest in volleyball and basketball and not enough permits to allow the city teams adequate practice times. The current city run recreational facilities are inadequate for volleyball and basketball use and seldom offer permits for practice- it's disappointing.</p>
<p>Barrie is not only the waterfront area. Not all new constructions and developments need to happen at our waterfront! Please consider that nature and access to the waterfront are a priority for many residents of this city.</p>
<p>Barrie is not the city it was! And putting all these things in the downtown core is ridiculous! There is no room for sports areas! Where is ever going to park! People who work downtown have to pay for parking it's ridiculous that people who are making minimum wage even afford to pay for parking!! Putting more expensive places to live is also not right all the building that is happening is not helping the little guy or seniors who are on pension! Wake up councillors your city is falling apart!</p>
<p>Barrie NEEDS a large performance venue- at least 500 seats with no shortcuts taken in the development in music/theatre halls.</p>
<p>Barrie needs a new modern skatepark (in addition to Queen's Skatepark). On or across from the lake would give Barrie a bit of a Venice Beach vibe while providing a safe, highly visible facility for families and young adults.</p>
<p>Barrie needs a racquet facility with indoor squash, pickleball, tennis. It could support a facility like this and think it is needed in our town.</p>
<p>Barrie needs a theatre with more seats than 600 seats. I would support a downtown theatre if there were more seats in it. Barrie has no performing arts centre that is large enough for a city of its size.</p>
<p>Barrie needs outdoor hockey rinks in some of its parks. With real boards! To my knowledge there isn't a single one where kids can go and play. Yes we have small skating rinks maintained by community members. But not one has boards where kids can play pick up hockey in the winter. It's embarrassing that Barrie has not taken hockey into consideration with future sports planning.</p> <p>Furthermore, since the Barrie ball hockey club shut down, the city has done nothing to support the ball hockey community. There are thousands that played at the Dunlop facility and frankly nothing was done by the city staff to try and bring the sport back to Barrie. I'm fact, when the planning was done for the sports complex, the city staff had no idea ball hockey was even popular. We used to have 4 rinks that were packed every night and on all weekends!! It is an affordable sport for children to join and play and the fact that our staff had no idea it was here with thousands of members is a cruel joke.</p>
<p>Barrie needs to be much more than a sporto city. The placement of the proposed Performing Arts Centre at the site of the former collegiate school is perfect. It is a large space, with room for parking and complicates traffic flow less than a location further into the downtown where parking is already an issue. Mr. Green's observation that emergency response vehical sirens would be an issue is bizarre: modern theatre spaces are designed to be both light and sound proof. The proposed design is gorgeous and the placement is well thought out. To quote the sportos: just do it! Mr Green was never mandated to interfere with that process.</p>
<p>Barrie needs to start listening to its residence. [...]</p>
<p>Barrie needs to start prioritizing natural areas before there are none left in the City. The Green report is a good start.</p>
<p>Barrie sports should incorporate INDOOR fields for recreational use. The individual facility the city currently has no longer meets growing demand. With over 30 outdoor fields, and only 3 indoor fields; recreational organizations are marginalized into cutting or condescending programmes for the winter months.</p>

<p>Barrie transit needs a revamp. Service is too infrequent to use to attend sports games.</p>
<p>Barrie transit should be fare free all of the time. Public transit should be free for all or it's not really public.</p>
<p>No public money for these sports entities.</p>
<p>Barrie was being revitalized until the government started going easy on drugs and gave so many handouts and freebies to the homeless addicts. If that isn't remedied, then whatever is put together will be ruined. Stop trying to take up the entire waterfront. Leave it as a place for people to enjoy, not restricting it by putting in businesses. Plus there is already too much traffic and not enough parking to start putting in more waterfront businesses.....unless you take up more use of the green space. Leave it be!</p>
<p>Barrie would be a great market for a Professional Baseball Team. If we build a downtown waterfront stadium with the proper amount of seats 6,000+ there is no reason why we couldn't potentially land an affiliated pro baseball team (possibly the Blue Jays A or AA) or at minimum an independent professional team. This venue would be great for other outdoor events such as concerts, if build properly could also host pro soccer. It would be of great value to the businesses downtown to have a stadium downtown and people would eat or go out before and after games.</p>
<p>Barrie, a city of 150,000 people, is woefully underserved with proper performing arts (concerts, stage productions, etc.) facilities. As such, it gives the appearance of an oversized, unsophisticated "Hicktown" (bluntly put). Consider what is typical of other similar sized communities. Barrie has some catching up to do.</p>
<p>Barrie's city planning is a mess. All parking lots should have been set back at least a block from the lake front which would have lessened congestion on lakeshore and provided opportunity for business to engage with people visiting the waterfront. It would have also provided the community more parkland space. A sports complex on the waterfront will take away waterfront & parkland area from a growing community and result in gridlock when combined with the new condo buildings now erected and proposed. There are not enough current roads in and out of the downtown centre to support the resulting increased population and visitors to the waterfront. Unfortunately there is very little room to change this so future approvals of condo development must take in to account best locations for reasonable traffic flow. The waterfront and downtown (along with added arts community) should be a draw for tourists and support use from the entire Barrie community. It should not become a place only for a few who can reasonably make their way through the gridlock.</p>
<p>Barrie's downtown has become a dumping ground for the homeless, transient, and out of town visitors. A person cannot walk through the downtown without being accosted by way of aggressive behaviour, and/or, asking for money from these people. These people are now grouping in larger numbers, leaving behind garbage, used clothing, and bodily fluids. Some days it's quite disgusting and disturbing. What few shops the downtown has remaining will likely be gone in five years. Weekends along the waterfront is the same. I imagine the cost of cleaning these areas daily is high.</p> <p>Barrie and it's surrounding areas have plenty of space for sports facilities already established, and space that can be used for that purpose without destroying the national habitat in order to build. I would like to see the the focus on what I hear the residents of Barrie talk about every single day; the homeless, the garbage, and the disappointing fact that these huge, unaffordable condominiums are taking over the waterfront.</p>
<p>Barrie's downtown unfortunately has become the place to avoid, due to it becoming unsafe in recent years. The city should take charge and do what's needed to make downtown safe again.</p>

<p>Barrie's waterfront is a NATURAL gem. Keep it that way. Yes, the downtown is crumbling, but revitalizing is more than buildings. The congestion is a glaring issue that needs to be addressed first.</p>
<p>Bay cats at Queens Park is not a good idea for traffic and parking would be an issue! If this was not a problem, then a downtown ball field would be attractive, like other cities!</p>
<p>The homeless situation is a problem for any revitalizing! The Meridian Square is not attractive, as these folks congregate here! Facilities need to be clean and safe for all citizens and to attract participation / attendance! Another city had a problem at a sports park where parents refused to allow their kids to play team sports at the park, with many homeless congregated at the park!</p>
<p>Bay cats belong at their home in midhurst they deserve the respect to remain a part of all the young teams and community growing up around them playing ball on diamonds they once played on as kids not shoved into a crappy neighbourhood on some nasty field next to a skate park that's usually full of people drinking or doing drugs. No one who supports the bay cats wants to bring their family to a field like that, where they feel they are in danger or where their children might be exposed to some sort of drug related danger in the downtown core which we all know there is no shortage of. I think it's great to bring an arts performance centre and a new location for the sea cadets and to make more things to do for people who aren't from Barrie but I think what's important is cleaning up the streets. Putting more officers on patrol stoping the drug problems getting the drug addicts out of town like they should be, take the people smoking crack off the street corners and the people using needles in alley ways water front and fitness trails destroying our waterfront and downtown core with needles and visible drug use. I think that is what's important before we decide bringing more life to a city that is in distress.</p>
<p>Bay cats playing downtown should specify at Queens park. I am happy to see the park revitalized but would not be happy to see waterfront property used as a sports field</p>
<p>Baycats downtown would have me going all the time. Performance arts center could help make Barrie a world class city.</p>
<p>Be mindful of not increasing Barrie residents property taxes to make any changes,</p>
<p>'Be very mindful of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- traffic and parking availability in the downtown core- preserve the waterfront in its natural state- make sure everything is accessible to people with disabilities.
<p>Before encouraging more new and existing residents and visitors to occupy new spaces in the city by means of building on and renovating a space, a solid plan needs to be made to give the homeless and mental unwell people on the streets, and in the parks, the tools and tangible resources they need to live a safer, healthier, happier, and more meaningful life. These new facilities may be built but the number of people living on the streets and in the parks will keep going up unless there are adequate resources and care within the city for them. What's the point of making the city look nicer if the people don't feel safe?</p>
<p>Before putting people or children in the downtown area spend the money to clean it up remove the homeless and make them a shelter elsewhere. Barrie is unsafe i would never go down there in its current condition or have my kids in the area</p>
<p>Before the city spends any money on these proposals, something needs to be done about the homeless and drug addicts. Once cleaned up people will be more inclined to use public</p>

transit and will be eager to eat in downtown restaurants before going to a sporting event or to the performing arts center.
being able to experience the talent of local, Canadian artists in the Barrie community has been a privilege. Finding a well established home for young artists, like those affiliated with the Canadian Musicians Co-op would be able to positively further connect with their community and be a space for innovation in the creative space
Bold, creative, terrific. All ideas are worth pursuing and funding.
Bradford St from DunlopSt/High St to Tiffin St/Essa Rd should be part of the Downtown Revitalization plan and made a high priority to improve the area and have it connect to Dunlop St making it a cohesive and continuous Downtown core and having it linked better to the Waterfront/Centennial Beach.
Brilliant
Brilliant ideas. There does need to be further indoor sports complex options as our weather only allows for outdoor sports use for a few short months of the year. Another large indoor sports dome needs also to be considered in future. Maybe at the Barrie Sports Park or across the road.
Brilliant revitalization of downtown—this will make Barrie a true city with a heart .
Brilliant! Common sense suggestions.
Build it some place else !!
Build more minor sport areas. Barrie is useless for keeping up with the demand of people moving to the area for recreation. These things should all be downtown and stop playing to the vocal minority that's stopping recreation and cadet and parade areas being built. A public track field so Barrie can host track events! Seriously get things moving. We are looking to move out of Barrie due to the lack of public sporting spaces.
Build the field on lakeshore. Nobody uses the land
Build the intended sports field
Build these places like "they will come" because they will.
Build up the immediate downtown core facing the waterfront. All the bars and restaurants on Dunlop (from the former Hooters down to Bayfield) should have patios and a boardwalk out the back. Get rid of all that parking. Offer people a place they can sit and see the water and have a meal and beverage. This will attract people downtown, not a performing arts centre. This will also bring in tourists.
Building the queens park field for the baycats would only allow hardball to be played on that field, leaving out girls softball and slow pitch. BDGSA was a big user of queens park but the needle infestation and harassment from the homeless wasn't appealing. Although I'd love to see the baycats intown for accessibility, queens park doesn't have the parking for those that attend currently and Public transit is awful in this city! Please keep those that use public transit to get to their sports in mind. Special Olympics athletes use transit to attend their sports and are often forgotten about! It's an adventure to get them to Madeline park in the evening for baseball and even more to find two baseball diamonds open together. (We're still looking!) We won't use Queens for the same reason as above - they deserve better than 'what's left over'. At the end of the day, if you build on Dunlop - maybe include a diamond or two with the soccer field? Start with your vulnerable sector teams when handing out permits for use...consult with Special Olympics in addition to all the big player clubs in town. They deserve equity! They ask for one night a week unlike big clubs taking multiple days and times to be left unused. Sports keeps people occupied and out of trouble! Whatever is decided to

<p>be built, please keep the WHOLE community in mind. This is going to be a big moment for Barrie and I am excited to see what happens!</p>
<p>By moving the sea cadets to a new location we have an opportunity to create something that would attract people on a daily basis, year round, to meet, eat and enjoy the waterfront. We do not need yet another empty arts facility that is publicly funded.</p>
<p>Calling it a "revitalized downtown" is a bit of a misnomer, as when I hear that, I have visions of a vibrant shopping area, complete with grocery and clothing stores, pedestrian walkways, and an overall atmosphere of peaceful beauty. The new condo buildings will mean that stores will have a built-in base to draw from, and that will lead to revitalization. The idea of an arts center and a sports centre will be a wonderful draw, and I sincerely hope it comes to fruition. Thanks for all the hard work that goes into planning a brighter downtown.</p>
<p>Can Marshall provide some advice on the train station? All of these proposed developments sound great but having the station continue to sit empty and unused doesn't invoke confidence in the city's ability to make progress with redevelopment projects.</p>
<p>Can the tennis courts at Queens Park be configured for use by tennis players and pickleball players?</p>
<p>Can we make some of these proposals make them have gates for the areas because of Barrie's homelessness problem, they might get in and take over the spot and it might be a dangerous spot for families with young children.</p>
<p>Can we renew the downtown splashpad it's so old and doesn't work half the time. 1 splashpad for such a huge city is not enough!</p>
<p>Can't stop progress.</p>
<p>Canadian music co-op joining with performing arts downtown</p>
<p>Canadian Musicians Co-operative & Barrie Film Festival collaborating would only lead to positive outcomes for artists and creatives in Barrie and area. As a Co-op member it would be exciting to have a suitable home for our programming year round. Celebrating the arts in Barrie and nurturing talent would be revolutionary and bring many tourists, artists, and creatives to the scene. Many artists in the area would flock to Barrie to be celebrated.</p>
<p>Can't wait for all these great facilities.</p>
<p>CHEERS to Marshall Green. This was an excellent report. It was well researched and reflects the wishes of MOST citizens. The passive Park will serve many condo dwellers who are looking for peace and quiet. If Council approves the report, they should be reelected.</p>
<p>Children's museum similar to what they have in London Ontario.</p>
<p>City Council should make a timely decision on these valid recommendations and not waste any more time nor tax dollars [...]</p>
<p>City needs to address homeless population because currently unsafe and many avoid the downtown area. Until this is addressed the city should not be trying to increase use of downtown. Make it safe and then people will want to be there, until then find another location in Barrie where there is less violence and homeless people.</p>
<p>Clean up the downtown sector find a place for the homeless</p>
<p>Clean it up! Relocate the shelters etc out of the downtown core. Make it safer. I no longer shop downtown (even during the day) because of safety concerns.</p>
<p>Clean up downtown area. Too many homeless and druggies. Barrie has a beautiful waterfront.</p>
<p>clean up downtown get druggies and homeless people out of the downtown</p>

Clean up downtown! let the public use downtown instead of closing it off for others to use the space. the reason for queens park not being used is due to used needles making the baseball diamond and park unsafe for children to run.
Clean up Downtown! The homelessness and drug addicts out number regular residents. We need a convention centre and good hotels. We need more transient slips at the waterfront and we need to give people a reason to dock their boats in Barrie.[.....]
Clean up downtown. It's disgusting. Get rid of stores like Dollartree, easy loans etc. They attract low income people. Not hard.
Clean up downtown. Remove safe consumption sites. I won't even go downtown the way it is now. It's why I love our lakeshore
Clean up the downtown area of homeless people. Beggars and youths that have no where to go. Downtown barrie has become less safe and because I that I really don't care what is done because I stopped going downtown
Clean up the downtown core, Make it safe to go downtown. Sitting on a patio is uncomfortable while strangers walk past with in feet, sometimes inches of patrons at the tables. There is nothing for me downtown but bars/restaurants.
Clean up the downtown streets. I would love to shop, eat and spend more time downtown but do not feel it is a safe place. It's a great location but underused due to the heavy presence of drugs and street people.
clean up the downtown!!!!It's a shame, homeless everywhere, disgusting place won't take my kids
Clean up the drug problems, make it safe
Clean up the homeless and addiction on the streets to allow cadets and citizens to enjoy our waterfront and spirit catcher! Stop freaking building anything other than schools and hospitals. While your at it doctors would be greatly appreciated!!
Clean up the homeless. Looks terrible on potential investors. As well as people that pay astronomical taxes, and you guys do nothing with it.
Clean up the junkies. No point in having nice things when people are too scared to attend because of the threat of violent drug addicts. Haven't been downtown in years because the open hard drug use is disgusting and the police turn a blind eye to it. We have a home in Florida and their parks are beautiful and safe because police have zero tolerance for degenerates loitering
Clean up the unhoused issue. In 24 years I've never seen the situation as bad as it's been this summer.
Cleanup Dunlop. Homeless and junkies should have a proper place, not in downtown Barrie.
Community is important when trying to change and adjust what the rest of the city gets to be a part of. Having a space for people of all ages to be able to be themselves and display their passions outside of just their living room is important in developing a happy society for all to be a part of.
Community is important, of course. The community is made up of people. There is a housing crisis, and the survey is basically asking if we are okay with this city spending money to move things that don't need to be moved, to renovate things that don't need to be renovated, to essentially fix what isn't broken, while ignoring the things that actually need to be fixed. If you want to revitalize downtown, maybe start with having police actually be there when bars get out. If you're going to throw all that money at them, maybe they can do their job.
Complete the Allendale train station project now. It's been at least 15 years in the making, with the people of Barrie paying for the building upkeep and maintenance.....
Comprehensive and well thought of with the future of Barrie in mind. Kudos Marshall Green.

Congratulations to all in the city and on council for listening and allowing Marshall Green to research and provide his analysis and recommendations to us all. City Council does need to reassess its priorities. There are three lists: Must Do; Should Do; Nice to Do. The P.A.C. falls under the third list. The Major Sports opportunity falls under the second. Downtown revitalization is in the first category. I have no brilliant ideas to accomplish that, but until that happens, no P.A.C. is going to bring more people downtown, especially not at night. Our downtown is quite tiny for such a big city, thus the homeless and the users are clustered in a small area. With the Province's new focus on rehab, I believe that every ward in Barrie should be required to have a rehab centre, ones with a phased approach: intervention; education; support; housing. At the moment, addicts encounter each other in the downtown core everyday, which makes it difficult for those who wish to turn their lives around to extract themselves from the situation. There also needs to be an improved aesthetic for downtown businesses and storefronts. Incentives such as reductions in business taxes could be considered or interest free loans from the city to undertake such enhancements. I used to enjoy strolling around downtown, but it has gone so far downhill, I avoid it. I don't even feel like going out to a restaurant at night as I sometimes feel unsafe.

Consider parking and access to disabled residents

Consider replacing the baseball diamond in queens park with soccer fields for community use; they are relatively cheap to establish, and it provides recreation that does not require expensive equipment like baseball or tennis, but where anyone with a soccer ball is able to play.

Consultation, consultation, consultation with the public prior to Council making such significant decisions.

Could you please post an elevation of the conceptual Arts Centre so we can see the height and extent of the building, please include the Spirit Catcher in the drawing.

Council needs to take a long look in the mirror about the direction of this City. Barrie borders go beyond the downtown core. Spot this obsession with turning downtown Barrie into Stratford/Kitchener/Brampton, etc.

Why not break ground on one of the south ends planned Rec Centres. STOP all the focus on Downtown. Everyone on Council looks terrible when every project, program, initiative relates to downtown. Enough is enough!

Council should have NEVER approved the sports field at the Southshore site. Follow the recommendations in thr Green report please.

Crazy idea about the southshore project, really concerned about parking and congestion on the road system. It makes no sense as this is prime parkland that is used every day by our citizens. And if Barrie is going to cleanup the downtown and do all of the revitalization projects, you will need to address the unhoused problem and pan handing. It has gotten out of control and I do not go downtown because of this.

Create a task group of City staff and local residents charged with creating a realistic timeframe and plan for implementation with specific milestones for completion to be presented to Council for approval by no later than December 2025.

Cricket field or lacrosse field at queens park and expand the skate park

Dedicating space and funds to allow for the return of a boat tour operation, similar to the Serendipity, could generate revenue for the city while offering visitors to Barrie as well as residents, another summer recreational activity. Including lunch, dinner and twilight cruises as well as private booking opportunities, would help maximize occupancy. Re-purposing the boat operation when the lake is impassible, ie dry-dock restaurant / comedy club, etc, would allow year-round revenue opportunity and create more reasons to visit Barrie's waterfront.

<p>Definitely keep the south shore area as natural as possible. If Baycats came to Queen's Park where would the teams and spectators park? This is why I voted to keep the team on Midhurst.</p>
<p>Delighted that sports fields NOT be placed on waterfront parkland.</p>
<p>Design an amazing sports complex outside of the downtown core. Development should be inclusive to all the needs in barrie and that complex will allow for larger events to occur and not be under used if in the core. As a tax payer I am not interested in using my tax dollars to support a sports team. My taxes are high enough. Let's solve other issues in our downtown core before we invest in nonessential items like a sports team. They can play at the multi sports complex designed to incorporate everyone's desires.</p>
<p>Develop a Noise Bylaw for the downtown core, in conjunction with these plans. We have so many condos, apartments, and above-store residents here and there is ABSOLUTELY no control by Police, by-law officers, or the Downtown Barrie Business owners to have quiet hours daily from 11 pm to 7 am! If we truly want to attract people downtown, and keep them here, this must be addressed.</p>
<p>Develop the waterfront, encouraging people to go downtown, get more young people to participate in sports, don't neglect seniors as they pay their taxes, [...] something to attract new residents. A salute to Marshall Green and progress.</p>
<p>Do not put a sports field at the southshore centre or anywhere near Kempenfelt Bay. Leave the waterfront alone. There was no public consultation on developing the waterfront. Never do this again.</p>
<p>Do not build a huge structure / building close to the waterfront and / or on existing trails and parks. Push these big developments away from downtown and from the waterfront. Barrie needs to grow AWAY from the water. The lake is clean and swimmable as is, anything can change that!</p>
<p>DO NOT BUILD A SPORTS COMPLEX/FIELD NEAR THE WATERFRONT!! That would further congest lakeshore and take away from the beauty of it. Plus, parking would be a HUGE issue! I do support making a field just not at the waterfront.</p>
<p>Do not build anything on the lake front. There are enough highrises and buildings there already. The waterfront needs to be kept as it is for all to enjoy. Barrie is getting more built up, we need to keep the lake shore area as it is.</p>
<p>DO NOT BUILD ON WATERFRONT PROPERTY. The waterfront is Barrie's focal point and should not be destroyed with commercialized interests or serve only small parts of our community. Other uses for the Sea Cadets parade grounds could include: Fitness classes for everyone (elaborating on the waterfront exercise equipment already in place); Community workshops, Lake Simcoe / Environment educational sessions, historical reenactments; Charity events held by community groups such as Rotary, Lions Club, Scouts / Girl Guides. Basically making at available, thru an organized booking portal, that would be free or low cost for community and educational endeavours.</p>
<p>do not build the sports field beside the waterfront. let all citizens use and access to waterfront the city took the boat houses out so citizens have access, kept it that way all the way around the bay</p>
<p>DO NOT BUILD THE SPORTS FIELD ON THE WATERFRONT!</p>
<p>Do not cut any more of the trees! There are other locations that have trees cut down already which means more condos that middle class will not be able to afford while ruining our beautiful lakefront. Not acceptable!!!</p>
<p>Do not destroy the landscape</p>



Do not destroy the waterfront.
Do not develop the waterfront with any type of sports field. Leave it the way it is with beautiful walking trails and nature at it's best.
DO NOT put a major sports field at or near the . waterfront as it would spoil the crown jewel of Barrie which attracts people from all around the area!!
Do not put a sports centre downtown. Find a spot like midhurst baseball diamonds. Leave the waterfront alone.
Do NOT put a sports field with or without artificial turf to the east of the Southshore Centre. It will destroy the beautiful waterfront. We must leave these passive and naturalized areas in tact for everyone to enjoy and for the future generations to come for hundreds of years. It is our stewardship for the future we have to keep our eyes locked on all around the waterfront of Kempenfelt Bay.
Do NOT put a sports ground east of the South shore Centre as originally voted for by council, it will destroy Barrie's beautiful waterfront and the passive natural area. We must save this land for generations to come. Marshall Green's report is an excellent example of wisdom, foresight, forethought and an unrushed recipe for Barrie to excel.
Do not remove parks...
Do not ruin our beautiful Lakeshore by putting a sports complex or any other structures on this land.
Do something about all the homeless down there
Do something please to help the homeless and take back the downtown
Do you support the development of a community sports facility in close proximity to Dunlop Street? I need to see it on paper first.
I believe the Barrie Baycats field would be best suited at Essa and Fairview. Where the old race grounds used to be. Plus, the stadium needs to be state of the art with indoor hitting and pitching facilities that can be utilized all year round. Proper training treatment rooms and locker area for both home and visiting players. Proper press and media rooms, lounges and concession stands. Plus, it needs proper parking accommodations. Go see some minor league baseball or college baseball fields. If your going to build it. BUILD IT RIGHT!! I would be more than happy to provide input. Most minor league parks are built near on/off Ramps of highways. Imagine driving down the 400 and seeing a game being played under the lights. It would be amazing! Sorry, the current location for the proposed Baycats ball field is a joke.
Don't build it. It's not necessary
Don't change the area around the Spirit Catcher, except to make it more accessible (fix sidewalks/parking lots). Barrie does not need a performing arts theatre as it already has one
Don't do any of it until the downtown is cleaned up of crime and homeless. Barrie doesn't deserve nice things. Clean the streets and then develop. Listen to the residents
Don't feel that our tax dollars should be spent on a sports field for professional team. If they want their own sports field, they should pay for out of their own funds.
don't move the bay cats, traffic is shady bad enough as is and the BCSC is a beautiful facility, moving the cats would be horrible for an area with bad traffic age roads already.
Don't put any ugly sport field in our lake shore use this money to actually fix our city . The last thing the city needs is a sports field when you residents can't even be safe . Change your priorities
Don't want more development on the lakeshore. Let the cadets stay!

Don't waste money on a performance arts centre
Don't be like Toronto....Don't ruin the waterfront with big buildings....that's what Park Place is for
Dont build a private sports field in downtown barrie by the southshore center next to the bay. Especially when you plan to destroy a protected naturalized area to do it.
Don't build on the waterfront. Leave it as green space.
Don't build sportsfield on Lakeshore, make Sea cadets pay for their own sports field and purchase land to use. Get rid of on demand bus system as it's crap and no one can use it, people are being fired for being late for work, they're not going to use it to watch the baycats.
Don't destroy the lakeside to make a multi-use sports field. The first thing anybody does when 'developing' a lot is cut down all the trees and destroy the native flowers. Please don't do that.
[...]
Don't impact the grass field area north of the Armoury. This area is also used as an informal parade ground and should be considered in any redevelopment of the park. Architecture for the PAC should reflect Barrie and Indigenous history of the area with iconic features that make it recognizable (like overlook decks of the water from performance levels layered with surrounding boardwalks for public use even while shows occur (images of the Sydney Opera House). Parking should be very minimal on site as the waterfront location should complement the building function with the adjacent parkland spaces.
Dont put the sports field next to the water front and ruin any green space we have left
Don't touch our waterfront. It's clear that the majority of residents DO NOT want this to happen. Start listening.
Dont want to be negative in general - but the lack of even the roughest of cost estimates prevents anyone from understanding the value of the funds spent. These are not the times to be spending on luxuries without thinking about value.
Down town needs to be cleaned up (homeless, open drug use/abuse) all of these great plans are irrelevant if people don't want to visit downtown because of how bad those problems have become the past few years.
Downtown area is progressively becoming clogged with many condos. It's overcrowded now, God help us in a few more years. Build condos outside the city core. We need them. Downtown doesn't.
Downtown Barrie has become an absolute disgusting cesspool of drugs and filth. What could be a beautiful waterfront community has turned into a nightmare that people don't want to be around. Unless the city decides to take action and clean up the downtown, all of this will be a waste of money.
I'm assuming the "safety" reasons the sea cadets have to move is because of all the degenerate and dangerous activity in the current area? Pretty sad we have to move the location instead of dealing with the problem at hand... moved here 10 years ago, now like most people in the area, looking at options to move away.
Solve the GLARING problem at hand first!
DOWNTOWN HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKE TORONTO OR A BIG CITY I WILL NOT GO DOWNTOWN NOW A DAYS AS IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE MY HOME TOWN ANYMORE ALL THE OLD BUILDS WHERE TAKING DOWN WITH NO RESPECT TO SAVE THEM OR TURN THEM IN TO SOMETHING THAT CAN BE USED. PEOPLE LIKE A OLD TOWN FEEL AND BARRIE HAD THAT GOING FOR US AND THAT IS WHAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD COME TO SEE THE OLD VICTORIAN HOUSE AND BUILDS THAT

<p>DATED BACK TO HORSE AND BUGGY TIME IF NOT FARTHER. I UNDERSTAND THAT THINGS CANT STAY THE SAME BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE IF WE AS IN BARRIE BORN PEOPLE HAD A BIGGER SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR CITY MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE BLIND SIDED BY THE NEWS OR THE CHANGES</p>
<p>Downtown has turned into a drug wasteland so spending any money before addressing the issue of safety is backwards.</p>
<p>Downtown is busy enough with tourists that locals can't enjoy it. It's time to take back our city! Remember who voted you in and that you're here to serve the people</p>
<p>Downtown is in dire need of becoming a safe, accessible, inviting environment for pedestrians and retailers.</p>
<p>Downtown lost its green zones making it inhospitable in summer and fall on sunny days. Would be nice to return more trees to downtown. Also, downtown should be a more walkable relaxation and art zone. Less cars - more people. I would shut it down for weekends for cars at all.</p>
<p>Downtown needs revitalization and an injection of care - but southshore is not the spot!</p>
<p>Downtown revitalization is key to Barrie's continued growth and promotion as a destination. Social determinants of health include access to nature/green space for all, our waterfront offers affordable opportunities to stay and play.</p>
<p>Downtown traffic is already an issue adding a sports team will only make this worse, the team should be close to highway 400</p>
<p>Downtown will not be saved by new facilities. The homeless and addicts will ruin it for everyone. Address this fundamental problem first or building anything will be destroyed and unused because it is not safe to go downtown. PERIOD!!!</p>
<p>Driving more people (local taxpayers) into the core for highly utilized sports and fitness uses will rejuvenate the area and hopefully decrease the derelict and transient people from overwhelming these areas of the city core. It is a true step in the right direction.</p>
<p>Dunlop Street is a better location for a sports field because it's well served by transit and there's lots of parking lots downtown. The Performing Arts Centre sounds great, but the Five Points Theatre is barely used... could that venue be part of the performing arts venues (like Stratford has different theatres but they're all considered Stratford Theatres</p>
<p>Each one of the above issues requires its own separate discussion. I have no opinions on baseball, performing arts and sea cadets, but I do feel that a sports field on the waterfront is not an appropriate use of the space when there is so much open space elsewhere in Barrie.</p>
<p>I appreciate that someone has taken the effort to put a survey together but unfortunately it's not very good and will yield wild results that are open for interpretation.</p>
<p>Each student in Barrie should receive a bus pass to use for free from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm as they do in most European countries. It increases independence, confidence and also reduces traffic and traffic related offences that create safety concerns for our children. It promotes the use of public transportation as it becomes a habit later on in life. Drinking and driving wouldn't be as popular if the public transportation was improved and promoted. Not to mention, helps reduce the number of vehicles on our roads that cause wear and tear to our roads and the impact on the environment.</p>
<p>Education about natural habitat and nature should include information about CLIMATE CHANGE and POLLUTION (ways individuals can reduce impact and make SUSTAINABLE choices). Also educate the public about the native waterfront habitat that was LOST when the waterfront was filled in.</p>

Ensure enough parking is included in the plan. To revitalize the downtown, people need to feel safe to venture downtown. What is the planned solution to the opioid epidemic and homeless taking over the city?
Ensure that the greenspace and our beautiful waterfront is not obstructed by new stadiums. Leave it as natural as possible.
Ensure that there is sufficient parking that is free for residents.
Ensure the Vimy Ridge trees are protected and as proposed no development take place on the waterfront
Environmental groups can give tours of the natural space. Signage is not necessary. Paths should not be paved but use natural hard materials which can be used by wheelchairs. Only the main path needs to have the hard materials suitable for wheelchairs.
Environmental protection of Allandale natural area. Indigenous garden promise kept that was supposed to be at Spirit Catcher, maybe move to Allandale. School field use for sports done on case by case basis as some are often used casually by lower income families. NO INFORMAL GAME AREA in Allandale Natural area, as no different from sports field problem.
Every one of his recommendations made perfect sense and should be adopted without hesitation. Protecting the natural environment of Barrie's waterfront is vitally important.
Every step needs to be taken to protect the waterfront forest so that this mistake by Council does not happen again. The mass public transportation vision is not realistic in the grand scheme for Canada and Canadians. Increasing the cost of admission on event tickets to include the bus ride just does not solve for the larger problematic model.
Excellent ideas for developing Barrie responsibly and with imagination.
Excellent ideas!! Thank you for having us review and revive downtown !!
Excellent report
Excellent report by excellent person. Big picture. Queen's Park and Central sites much better sites - closer to restaurants and stores as well. Downtown definitely needs much more than just over tall condo buildings. Think what is best for generations to come please.
Excellent report by Marshall Green & Bill Scott. One more recommendation for Barrie City Council - going forward, do not enter into 99 year leases. Concerning that a small group can have such power over a city with more than 164,000 citizens. "Navy League Barrie Branch says enrolment prior to the COVID-19 pandemic was approximately 80 to 90 Sea Cadets and 75 Navy League Cadets in their annual program. The branch also manages approximately 50 cadets for each of the two-day weekend sailing programs during 17 weeks of the summer and approximately 200 Navy League Cadets during summer weekdays." "Barrie Today"
excellent report from a very knowledgeable Barrie long time resident. Why could not staff have come up with these ideas? he used common sense
Excellent report outlining a way forward that leaves the naturalized areas of the south shore waterfront intact while satisfying additional requirements for sports teams.
Excellent report!
Excellent Report! Thank you.
Excellent report, well researched and forward thinking. Its implementation would create a destination downtown and revitalize downtown neighbourhoods.
Excellent report, well written and well thought out.
Excellent report. It will take many years but start the planning now.
Excellent Report. Well thought out and what I believe is consistent with the foresight that encompasses the vision of what Barrie's future development should include.
Excellent suggestions!

Excellent work Marshall.
Excited by thr possibility, especially a performing arts center
Excited to see how this space is used to increase arts and such in Barrie
Extremely well done!!!
Factor in the parking and noise on local taxed paying people
Fantastic suggestions for correct use of lake side properties
Fantastic vision for the City. So sorry no one on the City of Barrie staff or council had any vision for the City at all....
Field should be used for marching band
Finally some innovative and practical ideas have been brought forth. Well done!
Finally something reasonable and sensible is being proposed.
Find a solution to the panhandlers and aggressive behaviors by the homeless. Used to love going downtown and walk my dog on the lakeshore. Went recently with my grandson and had a few occasions where we were approached for money or cigarettes by homeless Will not use until this issue resolved
First priority is to clean up the downtown. It's not pleasant to go downtown now. Yesterday I had to go downtown and it had been a while since I was there. We were at a lovely water facing restaurant patios and we were constantly bugged sitting at one. We eventually moved inside the restaurant. We wanted to walk a bit of the waterfront after, that was blocked by a group with their blankets, bags. STOP the high rise building downtown. We need a safe support site for those living rough with mental health and addiction issues. You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig. Go to the source to fix the problems first or Barrie will never have a revitalized downtown.
First, the downtown needs to be "cleaned up". Many people do not feel safe down there especially after dark.
Focus on the homeless and the [...] drug addicts, get them out of our parks. When feeding them - make them bring a bag of garbage that they have collected to pay for their meal.
For community safety, id suggest installing emergency push buttons along the pathways, id encourage the city to host forest bathing events within the the South shore area, if installing benches- make them so homeless people cannot sleep on them, host garbage bins/poop pins for dogs throughout the South shore, maybe host a Greenhouse or Gardens (12 - 4 pm chapel available for private rental- similar to that of Chinguacousy Park in Brampton, or have indigenous people create a space within the park,maybe build a lookout for people to see beyond the trails and into the water areas, makeavailable an audio learning significant facts, insights and details about key landmarks while walking the grounds, the barriers sports field area consider putting in an outdoor pool, for revitalizing downtown - create dinner and event tickets or a city wide event pass similar to Toronto city pass.
For the Baycats baseball park at Queen's Park: Don't make the design drab and boring: Design it in the fashion of a 1900-1920s baseball park to match the Victorian buildings which surround it (Home-run idea for sure. It would attract baseball tourists from all over North America).

<p>For the love of God, Build something beautiful. Public spaces should be a love letter from the elected representatives to the citizens. Modern art is rubbish, modern design lacks character. You have an opportunity to transform the shared spaces. Please refrain from glass and metal and opt for timeless building materials. Again, using materials that last a lifetime will be the Greenest choice</p>
<p>For the performing arts centre, I suggest prioritizing the outdoor performance space - make it a venue that can attract major music acts for summer concerts.</p>
<p>Forget all this nonsense and clean up this City, it isn't safe for residents anymore. Focus on the REAL problems!</p>
<p>Fortunately the southshore area has parking facilities. Apart from the Collier street Parkade, I do not see parking facilities made at the other locations</p>
<p>Free transit is a great idea since parking is so limited but the Barrie transits is unreliable with its new system. And people who don't regularly take the transits won't understand the app and how times change constantly</p>
<p>Fully endorse the Green Report</p>
<p>Further investigation with the school board for shared resources. It all com s out of our tax dollars so fiscal responsibility is important.</p>
<p>We need an art centre and a YMCA downtown. We need to be smart about where to place this entities. I want to thank Marshall Green for his contribution to the city of Barrie.</p>
<p>General concerns over ongoing costs, impact on property taxes, impact on traffic, attracting more homeless and drug users. Agree that bringing more people downtown is a good idea. Maybe need better solutions for societal issues first rather than building all of this stuff only to have it neglected due to area safety concerns?</p>
<p>Get rid of all the junkies and have more police presence, there should be no reason a family sees people injecting themselves in the open while trying to have a family day downtown</p>
<p>[.....]</p>
<p>Get rid of the public drug use</p>
<p>Get rid of the unhoused and drug addicts. Clean up the downtown area and make it safer so more of pl will want to spend time and money there. Create an addiction centre and housing in the north end close to the hospital for these ppl. Let the businesses flourish without fear. Better parking structures for the next population density. Better maintenance of bathrooms.</p>
<p>Get the Baycats downtown! Also, small minded Barrie chose to build small in the past (Sadlon Centre, Meridian Place). If you do build a new soccer stadium, do it right. Doing it right, does not include the waterfront.</p>
<p>Get the sports field out of the SSCC area and move it to Queens Park. Thank you for listening.</p>
<p>Get the unhoused out of downtown. I realize difficult situation for you considering the special interest groups.</p>
<p>Getting rid of the sea cadets downtown building is a great idea. This should not be replaced with a performing arts center or any other building. With the sea cadets building gone we have the opportunity to expand parkland, allow for more public access to the shoreline and have a less encumbered view of the lake.</p>

Getting to be old story. Agree with cadets, it is needed. The rest, cost money. Tax payers in one way or another are part of it. We need to fix problems, not glorify Barrie. The homeless are growing and bringing Barrie down fast. Who wants to draw law abiding tax payers to anywhere in Barrie. Fix what's broken first. Sports and arts, can raise money for those additions after Barrie is cleaned up.
Glad common sense prevailed.
glad someone is listening to all the reports and consultants making recommendations.
Glad to hear the sports field will not be on our waterfront
[.....]
Go with it
Good ideas, honestly.
Good job. Please consider adding seats to the main performance centre to move it to 800 to encourage bigger shows to come to Barrie
Good report, well written. I would continue to find out how we deem the Allandale Station Park Environmentally Protected, so we do not have to go through this again. Could some of the 4.6 M that was going to be used for the MUSP be now used for the parade ground , the enhancements to Allandale Station Park, and other developments?
Good report. Some innovative ideas that negate the need for a soccer pitch on the waterfront. Keep this space natural. In fifty years there will be little left unless we preserve what we have now. The youth playing sports now will in future become seniors who enjoy walking along the waterfront.
Good report. Some problems, especially with parking and noise where the outdoor activities are close to residential/proposed condos.
Great
Great ideas but homeless issues need to be dealt with as many people avoid downtown and the area proposed for the theatre due to feeling unsafe because of the many homeless in the area. Use of school sports fields is logical. That is what used to happen 25 years ago. Parking needs to be available for success and out of town visitors to the theatre will not want to spend \$10 per hour to park for the theatre.
Great ideas to keep the waterfront for everyone to use and also revitalize the downtown core with other sports, arts, drama, entertainment and culture.
Great ideas
Great ideas!!!
Great job Marshall
Great proposals!
Great recommendations, especially the use of the queens park baseball diamond for the Bay cats, as well as using school sports fields and great advise to nix the proposed lake shore Sportsfield . Thank you Marshall Green!
Great report
Great report Lets get it done!
Great report - thank you
Great report but a 1000 seat auditorium for large events would be more practical.
Great report he used common sense that staff should have focused on
great report looking at what the city has already that is not being utilized properly!!! thanks Marshall Green



great report that actually accounts for what exists now in the City and provides ideas on how to better use them
Great report! Fully support!
Great report, very encouraging.
Great report. I wish this kind of creative thinking was applied earlier in the process so environmental groups weren't erroneously pitted against sports teams. We all just want a healthy city. Green space and passive space makes us healthier and happier. It is just as important as health care and sports. It is good for our brand as a city that values nature and recognizes that the lake IS Barrie. This is how to grow our economy.
Great report. Kudos for thinking outside the box and widening the scope of the initial requested report.
Great report. Leave the area wild so we can see what a natural area is like. There is not much naturalized areas
Great report. Thank you Marshall Green and others who worked on this.
Great suggestions for solutions. Love the idea of facing the waterfront for performing arts. I do think if we add value to our downtown core with healthy living and recreation, then we are doing the right thing for Barrie long term.
Great thoughtful recommendations. Concerned about parking in downtown core. I am concerned about cleanliness of downtown area and parks. I have personally witnessed 3 people in the last month peeing in public. There needs to be more public washrooms to support the volume of people the city is attracting to these areas. I try to enjoy waterfront in summer but cannot as garbage is piled everywhere and now people going to washroom in public areas. I witnessed a person trying to bring their child to washroom and a city staff person telling the person they couldn't use the washroom and to go over to pie and see if they could use theirs? Not ok. Protect our downtown area, preserve out waterfront of our city.
Great work Marshal Green!
Great work!
Grow more trees , more undistributed spaces , stop the frenzy apartments and complexes , downtown needs to be for its citizens to unwind and relax , not made for more concrete and limit flora and fauna
Have a direct shuttle from the bus station downtown to the Baycats' Midhurst stadium for those who take transit.
Have any of these proposals conthe lack of parking that already exists downtown?
Have Hospital employees and Police cleaning up walking path where homeless people stay along walking path from Centennial to Johnson's Beach. There are cloths and strange fishing wire traps along the water there devalueing property and making a mockery of the bicycle Police that drive by all that. Either enforce it or don't be there at all. Sad to see their wages being used for them to just go for a bike ride and not investigate who is living along that path.
Have to disobeying to move homeless people out of downtown for safety of public
Having a dedicated building for the performing arts, which may include bands, youth bands, theater plays both youth and semi professional would be a great asset to the City. It would also promote our youth to engage together in the performing arts.
Having a park as per question 3 instead of a field is the correct decision

Having been born (1962) and raised in Barrie, I was both relieved and pleased to see Mr. Green's report and the coverage related to this issue on CTV's Barrie news. So much of the focus over the past decade or two has been on creating a giant bar atmosphere in downtown Barrie and the creation of expensive high rises (that most residents cannot afford to live in) around the waterfront. Mr. Green's recommendations support environmental protection of the south shore and make great use of Central Collegiate's grounds, a high school I attended and was saddened to see it torn down rather than restored. Mr. Green's recommendations satisfy everyone's needs while allowing Barrie to grow in a manner that is respectful of its beauty and charm and, from sports to the arts to the environment, it will entertain all of its residents in one way or another. Thank you.

Having lived in Barrie for decades, I am pleased to see such a positive, thought-provoking, non-invasive plan for our city in all its levels, passive park, sports, Sea Cadets, etc. Marshall Green has produced this amazing document as a service to his beloved city, without bias to any one group, using a great deal of common sense. Sad to see that any Barrie City council in the past 20+ years couldn't arrive at such a well received document as has now been thoughtfully produced!! Perhaps he should be Barrie's next mayor!

Having read his extensive and thorough report I have to say Mr. Green has come up with some excellent recommendations to save and protect our very precious waterfront. While I am a bit mixed as to whether the Barrie Baycats need to be in downtown Barrie I do think it would revitalize Queen's Park and make it safe and useable by the community again. I do not agree [.....]that a "significant sports venue" on that site would assist in boosting Barrie tourism. [...] people come to our waterfront to enjoy the water and the nature areas it provides. What Mr. Green proposes is far superior and a lot more people will be able to enjoy it. There are other areas away from the waterfront that have been proposed that will give plenty of opportunities for sports venues.

Having read Marshall Green's report "The Southshore ... Downtown", I agree with each of the proposals outlined there. This is a finely researched report that realistically considers the needs and aspirations of the whole Barrie community. Time and money will be required to fulfill these recommendations. But it can be done. For example, check out the Midland Cultural Centre on King Street in Midland. It is a gem of a facility. Barrie should be envious. It was funded almost entirely by a private donation from a local manufacturer. As a result, Midland's main street has become a highly attractive destination for shopping, restaurants and services. Yes, it can be done. [...]

He articulated very well citizens concerns. The only thing he did not mention was what will be done with the chimney at Barrie collegiate used by chimney swifts to nest and roost. Swifts are at risk so we shouldn't be removing their roosting spots. What will be done with the chimney?

He definitely has Barrie's best interest at heart and has provided a very viable solution to putting a sports park on the south shore.

He did a fantastic job.

He has applied the 2 very rare and not often seen vital golden ingredients to his report.

1. IMPARTIALITY
2. COMMON SENSE

This equals a better Barrie and better for all.

He has obviously put a lot of thought into this task. Thank you.

<p>He was very meticulous in his work going beyond the scope of the initial problem and alerting the public to a few more hidden agenda items that the city had up their sleeves. This shouldn't be the way that we find out about all of these extra buildings and spaces future uses. It is OUR HIGH tax dollars that are being spent by council as they see fit and it really makes me want to move out of Barrie.</p>
<p>High rise developments like Debut can completely transform Barrie. We need more developments like this.</p>
<p>His concepts are all spot on. Make it happen Barrie! The south shore sport field and parking lot is a total fail of a concept make sure it is overturned 100%</p>
<p>His report is comprehensive, fair and reasonable. We should proceed with most recommendations.</p>
<p>His report is very rounded and took all concerns into account. My family and I strongly support Marshall Greens report. We'll Done!</p>
<p>His report was thorough and well articulated to all of the citizens of Barrie and is certainly appreciated</p>
<p>Hold a symposium/conference "Future at Bay" that would dicuss the Marshall Green report as well as the future use of the in limbo old Allandale Station, vacant properties on Bradford St and other potential uses of the old cadet facility. I think a PAC on this land would not be large enough to serve Barrie for the future nor have adequate parking.</p>
<p>Horrible location for a theatre on the water front</p>
<p>How about a grocery store downtown? Bring house league baseball to Queens Park like it was in the 1970s. Stop the condo building in downtown. Clean up the homelessness everywhere and leave the Waterfront alone.</p>
<p>HOW DO INTEND TO HANDLE THE DISGRACEFUL MESS ON MULCASTER , [...]</p>
<p>How will the city ensure people can enjoy the downtown area safely? Every time I go I see open drug use and get threatening looks so I generally avoid it now</p>
<p>Hurrah!!</p>
<p>I believe that adding these sports venues to the already overburdened parking and traffic situations of downtown are unwelcome. Visitors and residents need places to park when visiting the down town areas.</p>
<p>I agree there enough sports fields not used in town that we don't need a soccer field on lakeshore</p>
<p>I agree with all the recommendations that Mr Green proposed. The location that council has already approved is the wrong location. I am not opposed with the multi-proposed field, however, the location needs to be changed.</p>
<p>I agree with Marshal Green's report. I believe that using any part of our beautiful lakeshore as a sports complex or anything other than a place of scenic pleasure and the enjoyment of nature, would be a tragedy.</p>
<p>I agree with revitalization of Barrie's downtown areas, note that with these projects may come and increase in traffic and development, also Barrie transit will have to increase service or we will have to increase density downtown by removing single family housing policies making it easier to access these services</p>

I agree with the recommendations that the city should look at using existing sports grounds rather than creating a multi sport field on the waterfront. Lakeshore Drive is already overused, particularly in the summer or when events are taking place and there is simply not enough parking or washroom facilities to accommodate the increase in traffic and people. I am assuming that the parade ground will not massively affect this due to the smaller size proposed.

I like the idea of creating a sports complex elsewhere in the city, as long as sufficient planning is in place for parking and traffic increases in the surrounding area.

I don't feel that the Baycats should move to downtown. This particular area of the city is unsafe to visit and as such we would not attend games or even feel comfortable parking in the near vicinity, given the increase in violence, theft and car break ins in recent months. The city needs to resolve the issues downtown so that residents will feel comfortable there before adding any new facilities. There needs to be an increased police presence city wide and a better response to residents concerns.

I agree with using these spaces as multi-use spaces to help boost the community. It's also a great step towards giving our downtown area back to Barrie citizens, especially if we can come up with a solution to our downtown substance abuse and homelessness issue.

I am concerned about the lack of parking in all these proposed projects. It appears approx 40 spots list at SouthShore, a whole lot lost at the proposed performing arts site, very limited parking at Victoria Park, etc.

There is still no information provided on how the SouthShore will be developed for the Sea cadets, how construction will impact the Canoe&Kayak or Rowing clubs both during construction or once complete.

I am excited to preserve our natural areas and have a revitalized downtown area.

I am glad if the city reserves south shore as green space for the use of everyone. If the city council wants to revitalize the downtown it will have to find homes for the homeless, reduce the amount of public drunkenness, provide more visible policing, clean up the bus terminal which is known for its drug use, etc. I would never go downtown alone, and certainly not after sunset. While participating in swift watches at various downtown chimneys with Barrie Nature I witnessed people dumpster diving, and fighting. There has always been too many bars and there were never enough family oriented places, and now even the cinema is gone. With respect to a downtown theatre don't we already have the 5 points theatre, why do we need another.

I am grateful for Mr. Green's support of keeping the natural area along the shoreline intact. It makes good sense to use school grounds all year round, as they already have the facilities and parking lots in place.

I am happy for the public consultation and happy for these options rather than the synthetic sports field at south shore

I am happy to see our Council and Mayor have listened to their citizens and Thank Mr Green for his through report. I just hope and pray the Council and Mayor ACTUALLY listen!!

I am in full support of the recommendations of the report. Marshall Green consulted with many people who have the visionary insight into what could be.

This report encompasses that vision.

Thankfully Marshal Green and others spent valuable time and effort gathering the information and making it public.

<p>I am in full support of this performing Arts center, our area is in desperate need of such a facility and the arts are absolutely vital. I would argue that the auditorium could be a little bit larger (800-1000) seats, but any performing arts center at all would be amazing. It's refreshing to see such recognition for the arts, and I hope that this continues.</p>
<p>I am part of the Canadian's Musician's coop which is located in Barrie and would benefit greatly from the creation of a space that supports more events and concerts in the Downtown Barrie area.</p>
<p>I am particularly excited at the prospect of the Canadian Musicians Co-operative & Barrie Film Festival having a new home and the absolutely limitless potential this new development will create for young and developing Canadian creatives.</p>
<p>I am personally all for this new facility. I believe it will definitely be the best location to enhance the beautiful waterfront and bring every sport organizations in this city . Opportunities to bring revenue to help support the community and businesses.</p>
<p>I am so excited about all of these recommendations. Great use of existing areas for all the right reasons...for the people! Revitalizing Queens Park (used to be the "hub" of Barrie), creating a Performing Arts Centre in that location is wonderful, using "unused" former Central Collegiate property for a sports/entertainment event area is brilliant. Will bring citizens down to enjoy that area of Barrie for all of the right reasons. Most of all keeping the Allandale Station Park area as natural greenspace, an educational place and a place for ALL is the best and most sensible decision!!! Thank you Marshall Green for your common sense input and all of your work.</p>
<p>I am very concerned about parking and congestion. Especially at Southshore, queens park, and the new performing arts location. I adamantly demand that the city allow residents to park for free in more parking lots in walking distance to the area where these new teams and patrons will be attracted to. I also ask that consideration be given to increasing the number of parking spots available along Southshore around the new cadet area.</p>
<p>I am VERY excited that Marshall Green has been involved in this plan but am still wary of Counsel's hurry to rush these plans in the past. The hasty efforts to sneak in a mega sports field by Southshore, without adequate research or planning, was terrifying. This survey gives me hope that the downtown plans may consider our opinions while being rolled out in a slower and more reasonable manner. I get that an international offer from a sports team may bring money and tourists to Barrie, however, shiny things and big promises need to be considered in great detail before we end up decimating the already beautiful community that we have here in Barrie!</p>
<p>I am very happy with Marshall Green's report. It's great that he is actually looking for places for sports teams that don't involve ruining Barrie's waterfront.</p>
<p>I am very thankful that Marshall volunteered his time and expertise to assist with this issue. While I appreciate the funding will be a challenge, it seems a plan with some inclusive vision.</p>
<p>I believe Allandale station has the opportunity to do something other cities cannot do, Preserve nature and should be a place for everyone to walk, observe nature and wildlife. As such allowing educational plaques pointing out native plants, and wildlife. This would be a great field trip location for Primary grades. Potentially becoming an outdoor education site.</p>
<p>I believe implementing all of the Marshall Green report recommendations will create a vibrant city and will attract more tourism dollars. I also believe the naturalized area of the waterfront (Allandale Station Park) should be designated environmentally protected land for future generations and to prevent other future attempts to destroy this vital ecosystem.</p>
<p>I believe it's important to insure adequate parking is available. Also adequate police presence for all these venues. Sadly at present I do not feel especially safe going into the downtown</p>

<p>area. Also PLEASE makes sure the SEATING in the cultural centre is NOT AS CRAMPED as at the Five Points Theatre. Anyone over 5.5 ft has their knees under their chin there!</p>
<p>I believe that the Canadian Musicians Coop and Barrie Film Festival having a central location for creatives to flourish and deliver their art would be enriching to the community and help connect people of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to having a home for all program activities year round, such a large space to host events and help build careers would certainly be exciting.</p>
<p>I believe that the Marshall Green report was spot on when it came to the municipal governments proposal. Kudos for stating the obvious for this location</p>
<p>I believe that these spaces could work amazingly with the collaboration of the Canadian Musicians Co-operative and the Barrie Film Festival. Such a space could lead to exciting and innovative performances and venues for all sorts of artistic mediums.</p>
<p>I believe that this council should listen to what is in the report. Further that they need to have more public consultation on matters that affect the community at large. It's time they listen to what the tax payers are saying and actually listen and not just give lip service,</p>
<p>I believe that with Barrie establishing a Performing Arts Centre it would open up the number of jobs for people searching for a place to call home, especially in the music industry with the Canadian Musicians Cooperative Inc. Considering how much the Canadian Musicians Cooperative Inc. already does for the community and for its members with the resources and funding they have already, as well as the Barrie Film Festival, it is exciting to think about all the wonders they will be able to achieve working together with all-year-round funding. I believe overall this will be a very positive opportunity for the city of Barrie to come together as a whole community going forward.</p>
<p>I believe this report is wrongly named to suggest that creating more chaos and congestion downtown would "revitalize" it. Do not put up more buildings, move the homeless out and take back downtown, adding more resources for people to mooch for a dollar is only going to make families avoid downtown more and it sounds like you're trying to get families to go down there. Council needs to find out where the homeless people are coming from and stop the in flow of people coming here to be homeless. There are vans dropping people off to beg for a dollar as shifts and then getting picked up for other people to cover the later shift like human trafficking. Let's deal with these issues before we start spending money that won't "revitalize" barrie</p>
<p>I can't understand why the city of Barrie is responsible for the sea cadets-are they not a branch of DND? Isn't it their responsibility?</p>
<p>I cannot rely on Barrie Transit to conveniently get you to these venues or anywhere else in Barrie especially since TOD started. Far too inconvenient and time consuming. I feel like my high property tax is giving me way less since TID</p>
<p>I commend and thank Marshall for all the effort he and his supporters have put into this report. Every growing city needs a balance of planning for a wide variety of citizens, with anticipation of the needs for the future. I'm not asking or suggesting that sporting events get less attention than they currently enjoy, but I wholeheartedly believe that more attention, planning and finances should be going into the necessary infrastructure to make the Downtown a destination with historical signage, safe and attractive public spaces, patios, art installations, museums, galleries, concert venues, family friendly attractions and pedestrian only walking zones. We need to celebrate the people and ALL their contributions. The arts and sciences are not a threat to those who enjoy and benefit from sports; we complement each other. And, not that you asked, but I think the elimination of safe injection sites is a deadly mistake.</p>

<p>I do believe the waterfront should remain “wild” as far as being open and available to all.</p>
<p>I do like the idea of the Barrie bay cats playing in Barrie, however, this is definitely not the spot for them to play as it would be a major downgrade on all fronts.</p>
<p>I do not agree with any tree removal in the south shore section where the multipurpose field was proposed. Any construction or building should be reusing spaces that are under used as it is, or repurposing vacant lots.</p>
<p>I do not support building ANY buildings around the waterfront park areas. There are other locations for the Sea Cadets. And certainly there are other locations for a performing arts centre. We need the most park space for people--open areas, trees, playground facilities but NOT buildings even if they are for people to use. The waterfront property cannot be restored once buildings are put on it: it is our most finite space. It must be protected as Barrie grows in all directions, especially 'skyward' with condo developments. And the soccer development? I said "Yes" as long as proximity to Dunlop does NOT mean the waterfront.</p>
<p>I do not support the Baycats in Queen’s park if it includes building more outbuildings along the creek where more mature growth trees would have to be cut down (Nuttall already removed a considerable amount of tree growth in this park in 2023 for no other reason but to make it inhospitable for homeless people - who still camp there regardless). We need mature, old growth trees in our parks and city to counter climate change and keep our cities cool, rather than the heat trap of concrete they are becoming which is inhospitable to all - not just the homeless. Many homes/apartments in that area don’t have air con (mine included), so removing trees is just causing our cities to get hotter and more dangerous for citizens. The Allendale South park should be rezoned as environmentally protected land and there should be active, intentional rediversifying of the passive park with native Ontario grassland species.</p>
<p>I do not support the creation of a parade ground on the waterfront. Additional construction in close proximity to our water is detrimental to our most precious resource from which we obtain our drinking water. A parade ground does not need to be located on the waterfront or dedicated to this organization. A multi-purpose field in another part of the city which can be shared is suggested. Additionally, I don't believe that Barrie can sustain a theatre the size of the proposed construction. This is going to turn into another closed and boarded structure. I don't believe that Queen's Park has sufficient parking however their season is short and their following is not extensive - that seems realistic. Would love to hear more about how the city plans to action item #4 - could you please include mandating the schools to rent out their gym space on evenings and weekends for sports and organizations that desperately need this space? Lastly what research has been done to ensure that these areas do not belong to our Native People? See the train station for details. How many millions were spent restoring a property that has sat literally unused for over 6 years.</p>
<p>I do not support the development or inclusion of any sporting field along the waterfront. Barrie's water front is a gem! It has always been for the people to come and enjoy and explore. The development of features that are for specific uses and detract from the beauty and function should be located elsewhere. I do agree Barrie needs more sports fields, especially soccer, but not at the water front. Bradford Street would be a good option with close proximity to downtown but not detracting from the water. As well, any sports field needs ample parking. Our waterfront and downtown already have limited parking, which hinders access, especially for accessibility. I am a soccer parent, one kid in house league and one in rep. I am also a life long resident of Barrie. I have supported the money invested in our waterfront and the redesign of Lakeshore Drive, but a sports field in this area is a terrible idea. That's a separate purpose and needs to be located elsewhere in the City. I grew up playing baseball at Queen's Park. Traffic is already difficult to navigate in that area, having a major sports field there for events would further complicate that. Also, I have no interest in</p>

<p>taking my children downtown on a public bus in the evenings. If the bus was a shuttle service for that event, similar to Kempenfest, I'd consider public transit. Also, I would support an artificial turf field elsewhere in Barrie, or even with an industrial area. I have been to many sports complexes out of province and out of country with my child. Consideration needs to be given for parking! Thank you for taking the time to review everyone's submissions.</p>
<p>I do not think that we should build any sports fields on the Lakeshore. There are plenty of other areas in the city to build sports facilities. An area as special as the Lakeshore should remain as natural as possible and accessible to every citizen of Barrie</p>
<p>I don't agree with removing too many native tree species on the south shore. Many invasive species can be found there, but I think city resources should be spent on maintaining native ecosystems and planting more native tree and shrub species.</p>
<p>I don't believe the decades moving in to the Southshore Centre has been properly reviewed as to how it will impact the existing users of the Southshore Centre (Barrie Rowing Club and the Canoe and Kayak club).</p>
<p>I don't see the BayCats coming to Queens Park, as parking would be a problem. However, it would be nice to have the team closer and not where bugs at night make it uncomfortable for spectators!</p>
<p>I don't think a sports field at the Southshore centre is a good idea as it would destroy the natural feel and look of the waterfront that so many of us enjoy. I would like to see the waterfront left the way it is and to not see more parking lots. There must be a better location</p>
<p>I don't think a theatre/performing arts centre, where people go to sit in the dark, is the best use for waterfront property. Would love to see an expansion of the marina to include a waterfront restaurant...or some use that would allow for more enjoyment of the view.</p>
<p>I don't think Queen's Park is big enough for the proposed changes</p>
<p>I don't want to see a beautiful, nature filled water front scarred with ugly buildings for sports/parading. Having these so close to the water is a visual eye sore and poses potential risks to the water quality. Those events can happen away from the water front.</p>
<p>I don't want to see a sports park around the water front or downtown area of Barrie. I have been a resident within a block of the water for 13 years and enjoy everyday going down for walks with my family and enjoying the nature and water views of provides. Also enjoy the access to downtown restaurants and cafes. I don't want to see that change and add more congestion and change the beautiful view of our waterfront.</p>
<p>I don't know enough about the Sea Cadet's needs to comment on the location, but I agree we should support their move to a new facility. I feel strongly that the waterfront should remain accessible to the public. Especially with intensification, as the people of Barrie need access to green space, and especially considering our high property taxes, we should all have access to it, and no part should be for private use. I was not able to open the Marshall Green Report in the format provided.</p>
<p>I don't see enough parking for suggested uses</p>
<p>I don't think we need a sports field on our waterfront. You should move it to an open field where there is room to expand.</p>
<p>I don't want to see trees and parkland removed along the lakeshore to put in a sports complex. Please don't take away the beauty of the water front that is already there.</p>
<p>I especially like the idea of having the bay cats actually play within Barrie. As someone who uses public transit, it's highly inconvenient to attend games, to the point that I normally don't even bother</p>

<p>I feel it's important to rezone Allandale Station Park as environmentally protected land, with active intentional rediversification of the passive park with native Ontario grassland species. Thank you very much for the opportunity to share ideas via this survey.</p>
<p>I feel that all of Mr. Green's proposals are excellent.</p>
<p>I feel the downtown core is too developed and busy as it is. I think development should occur on the outskirts for sports activities and leave downtown for small venues, restaurants and the waterfront. Parking is getting harder to find and by adding more venues, it will only make it worse. Right now public transit is very limited but if the frequency of service improved, I would be more inclined to check it out.</p>
<p>I feel we spend a lot of money on projects in the city that are for "fair weather" we live in a city that spends many months of the year in inclement conditions. I would prefer to see projects that could be used in these months. I feel we definitely could use a large performing art center . I feel the center would "revitalize " what ever area it was situated in. I dont feel that the waterfront needs revitalization. [...] Maybe try canvassing the general population next time.</p>
<p>I firmly support Marshall's report and underscore the importance of not putting a multi use sport field near the lake, near Lakeshore or near the Southshore Centre. There are many areas throughout the city for the sports field and its artificial turf. Let's preserve the beautiful park surrounding Kempenfelt Bay - a true jewel inthe heart of our city. Let's work together together to find a humane solution to the homeless situation in downtown Barrie. This above all else will bring people back to the downtown.</p>
<p>I fully support Marshall Green's report with the exception of the location of the performing arts center and the baycats playing downtown. There should be no buildings on the lakeshore, this area should be kept free for people to enjoy. The performing arts center could be built on the parking lot on the NE corner of Bayfield and Simcoe St or on the old Central Collegiate site. Having the Baycats play at Queen's Park will create havoc for parking and crowds, especially, as you noted, with the densification of downtown. They should be playing in a less crowded area that will not impact area residents.</p>
<p>I fully support Marshall Green's report. Humans and animals NEED nature for there well being DO not destroy our water front with this ridiculous sports field. We need as much nature as possible to help fight climate change (trees).</p>
<p>I fully support the meadow and woodlot remaining environmentally protected. The other suggestions sound great if the funds are there, but I'd rather see a reduction in taxes, than all the other suggestions.</p>
<p>I have concerns about the parking at Southshore. There are private events there that block off half of the parking lot all day on weekends even though the events may only be on the evening. It looks like there will be even less parking now where the proposed new site is going to be. Will there be more additional parking spots in the area?</p>
<p>I have lived in Barrie for 25 years. Have worked in the core of Barrie. Used to visit the waterfront everyday and walk along Dunlop downtown. Have not been there for 12 years. Not safe, too congested, can barely see the lake anymore with all the apartments built there. Just nothing there to entice me to go there anymore. Very sad!</p>
<p>I have lived in Barrie since 1958 & celebrate Sunnidale Park & Arboretum plus our beautiful lakeside parks & walking trail. Parking is an ever present problem & I don't want to see any sports venue on any of the lakeside property.</p>
<p>I have not seen his report except for the bits you have quoted.....BUT I hope you will not be in a rush to develop every bit of green space. Green space is lovely as is. We shouldn't be in a hurry to develop every inch of it now. Time will probably help to determine the best use of it.....and that might even be to let it stay green.</p>

<p>I have read the full report and applaud Marshall for the work done to come up with these recommendations. I live in the downtown area and would love to see all of these proposals come to fruition.</p>
<p>I hope greenspace is preserved, and the image remains more for a natural and relaxed environment. I have heard concerns about disrupting the environment and having it replaced with more toxic and less sustainable materials. The public deserves to continue to have refuge from city living.</p>
<p>I hope that the Barrie shoreline will not be developed for any purpose. Its current use for recreational purposes is very valuable to us residents of Barrie. I appreciate that the shoreline remains a versatile space that can be used for different purposes as needed, like a blank canvas. If it were to be developed with permanent facilities, it would lose this unique quality. While there is certainly a need for investments like sports facilities, these should be located in quieter, underdeveloped areas of our city that would benefit from such attention.</p>
<p>I hope the City will accept and act on all the recommendations in the report.</p>
<p>I hope the mayor and Barrie council support Marshall Green's vision of a revitalized Barrie.</p>
<p>I hope we do what's right .. these projects are great but should not be a priority! Get our city back to being healthy, homeless supported, reduce methane clinics, and invest in mental health supports... then let our city thrive!</p>
<p>I just don't see a need for a sports facility at the southshore. It would be best served to keep it as a natural area for barrie residents amd visitors to enjoy near the waterfront.</p>
<p>I just hope that just leave the amazing green garden and peace for walk,run exercise and enjoy the hall year long we just need events for the people of city of Barrie.</p>
<p>I like it!</p>
<p>I like leaving natural spaces in cities rather than overdeveloping. I like the idea of adding sports fields in the newer developments as part of the development planning rather than overloading the current facilities. It would also spread the vehicles out further. Too much on the lakeshore spoils the natural beauty of the lakeshore and just deposits too many vehicles in the city core.</p>
<p>I like the forward thinking, it has been long overdue for some big community projects.</p>
<p>I like the idea of as many outdoor activity and non-sports related enjoying of the waterfront near the Southshore Centre.</p>
<p>I like the idea of Barrie Baycats playing downtown however the current site does not allow for very much parking.</p>
<p>I like the idea of the Baycat's playing in Barrie but there wouldn't be enough parking where the proposal site is.</p>
<p>I liked the proposes in Mr. Green's report very much, especially the Performance Centre- although it should have much more seating, at least 900, and keeping the southern shoreline as a park that everyone can enjoy!</p>
<p>I live at Watercrest on Maple. The proposed plan for 6 bus stops would leave the residents without proper access including garbage. Why can we not find any information about this project on Barrie web site! The whole plan would be better served if moved north of Dunlop. Think about it. Transit free with tickets or additional charge?</p>
<p>I live downtown - I am originally from TO and value a well run transportation system that is frequent and reliable. Issues around parking would be alleviated with a good transportation system. As well, creating a vibrant, fun centre full of cultural events to attract all ages is a must. I remember Toronto before Harbourfront and having lots of activities and creating</p>

partnerships with community groups will help facilitate a vibrant downtown. That also means having spaces for those organizations that need affordable locations.

I live downtown with my partner and 3 small children. As much as we love it, unfortunately, the Busby Centre and the Collier Church breakfast has taken a toll on Poyntz Street where we reside.

Many morning/nights we find people on our front step, used needles in our driveway, waking up to people screaming in psychosis, men screaming at their partners about drug money owed. The list goes on. I find Poyntz Street to be one of the best streets in Barrie. I own a business downtown, I shop at the Farmers Market and try to keep all my expenses to local businesses in the downtown core.

My partner and I struggle because we want to continue to raise our children and stay downtown but what our children see is not what children that live in subdivisions see.

Our neighbour- widower at age 77- lives 5 houses up Poyntz and her home was broken into a few months ago. The neighbour directly across the streets house is vandalized constantly. Our vehicles are broken into and our bikes are stolen every summer.

If you want our City's centre to thrive, we need to move Busby Centre away from it. Living here and seeing what the ripple effect it has had on our businesses, home owners and seeing the influence it has had on our children, is not something you would ever want in your neighborhood.

I love Barrie, it has been my home for the past 3 years. We need more events, festivals to bring in tourism and with that money to our local stores and restaurants. We need a proper farmers market like St. Lawrence in Toronto (big city) and St. Jacobs Market (super small city). We need more food trucks and big screen to watch games together (Leafs, Raptors) as a community. like Rendezviews in Toronto. We need a Christmas market like all cities in Europe, even small ones, so we can still go downtown even in the winter. It's sad to see how the city is empty during winter, and it doesn't need to be. All of this brings the community together and money to our businesses.

Besides that, please do something regarding our safety in downtown. Add a police both, a police trailer, anything to show police's presence. Most of the time we are afraid to frequent downtown because of the amount of chemical dependents wondering in the area.

Thank you for giving voice to the community.

I love downtown Barrie but I genuinely don't feel safe taking my kids downtown anymore with all of the very open drug use and homelessness. As wonderful as these improvements are, I would be hard pressed to use them until the safety concerns are addressed.

I love how development of the downtown is a priority, I think some focus should also be spent looking at streets further up from the waterfront such as Bradford st. Still downtown with ample space but quite rather untouched. Allowing for more smaller business and a unique shopping appeal could allow events like kenpenfest to have a better impact on local economy. Expanding the opportunity to allow people to shop will make shopping in downtown more appealing as it will be more worth people's time to visit. Also as Metrolinx is currently working on having consistent trains running both ways on the Barrie line up to Aurora and eventually Allendale, shortening the gap people have to travel and walk to reach what Barrie has to offer could also pull more tourism towards the downtown.



I love sports and support more community sports parks or centre's. However, please do NOT use the south shore location, it is a wonderful natural habitat and nature needs to be a visible and accessible part of our awesome waterfront. Absolutely open up schools for community use after hours and weekends. It's our tax dollars, give the community access. The above questions about the sea cadets are too vague to answer. there already exists space and a building downstairs of the southshore community centre, it needs to have a very small footprint if it goes ahead.

I love the efforts being made to add amenities and bring more people downtown. The truth of the matter is no one feels safe going downtown anymore. So as much as you try, unless those on drugs and the crazy amount of tents are dealt with no one will take full advantage. Right now so many more non residents use our downtown and waterfront than residents.

I love the idea of bringing more activities for the public downtown and revitalizing the downtown area, but as it stand now my three kids (14,12&10) are scared to go downtown or to the beach because of the homeless population and the junkies erratic behaviour. I believe these issues would need to be addressed first

I love the idea of revitalization, but as stated above, the downtown area needs to have the crime and drug use and unhoused dealt with FIRST.

I love these suggestions! It would be amazing to see a new running track in downtown Barrie as well.

I love this report. Marshall Green's report mirrors much of what I had envisioned for Barrie. I had not given thought to the Theatre and Arts aspect, however that too, is a great idea! The triangle that has been proposed, is an area that seriously needs attention! Queens Park was always a hub of sports activity with baseball teams of all ages, and it is a shame to have the diamond sit idle. I played on that diamond, my girls played on that diamond, and I was a spectator at many games. Then, there is the torn down Central Collegiate with the Fisher Auditorium. It too was a very busy place. Now a very sad site. I attended that high school and went to various productions in the auditorium. To resurrect and bring sports and entertainment to these spaces for our city, is without a doubt, the right thing to do! I am a lifelong resident of Barrie, and recently I considered moving away, but these recommendations have made me feel hopeful, and even excited. I absolutely agree with the recommendation to designate the Allandale Station Park as an environmentally protected area to conserve this very special area. I walk these trails daily. The educational component is a great idea, and I will help with plantings in the area. Many thanks to Mayor Nuttall for listening to the people and to Marshall Green for his time, knowledge, coordination, and collaboration with the many parties involved. I am in awe at how much was accomplished in such a short time to create this report and for his honesty of what will be required by many to make this a reality. I agree that it is going to be necessary for contributions of all sorts and cooperation by many. Many hands, many contributors, the lighter the load. "Eyes" and "Ears" have been opened!! A fresh look at revitalizing the downtown and Barrie sports!!

I moved here from Toronto because of the beautiful waterfront. Keep it as is and use that money to build up downtown. Think Leslieville and Riverdale vibe. It needs to be a place people want to gather. Send Ontario Works office, other social service agencies and shelters away from downtown/waterfront. It will clean up quickly!

I moved to Barrie 10 years ago and one of things that sold me was the gorgeous waterfront and I'm very unhappy about this proposal of a new waterfront sports complex and I know there's plenty of other places to build it.

I noticed the south end lands adjacent to the Sadlon Centre and in close proximity to the proposed YMCA in Barrie have not been discussed in the Mr. Green's proposal. Rather than using this area solely for an off-leash dog park, could this be better utilized as available land next to two large Athletic type facilities (with parking near-by). If this land housed a lit sports field, adequate seating, all surrounded by an all-weather running track I am sure that there could be many top quality area and regional events for schools and colleges accommodated here year round. Would work for the Barrie Rovers, other local soccer groups, perhaps amateur track clubs, YMCA members, and even a cricket field.

Overall, I would fully support Mr Green's report as opposed to what the City of Barrie staff and council were pushing through without the needed consultation with the taxpayers. Greenspace along the waterfront needs to be protected by the City of Barrie for everyone to enjoy. Thanks for having this survey.

I read the Marshall report and feel that I don't fully understand the needs of the soccer club who originally proposed the use of the naturalized south end of the waterfront. I disagree with this location for them but I'm hesitant to provide feedback on using schoolyards etc. I suspect there are restrictions for these kinds of outside usage. If not, then great.

I really like the idea of the Baycats moving into town, especially Queens Park as it presents an excellent opportunity to increase the fan base of the team, bring more people into downtown, support the local restaurants, etc. and possibly push a certain type of individual(s) away from this area, making it feel safer for those that would use the area.

I really like the proposed arts centre. The downtown location by the waterfront is a perfect spot.

I really think that there is other fields that could be used....without building one at the waterfront...great idea to have the Baycats here.

I said no to the question above because I live in the downtown core and have parking here.

I see a great deal of time, effort, vision & expertise has been invested in this report by a number of individuals and groups, congratulations to all of the participants. I see this report/recommendations as being a stepping stone for the City of Barrie to finally start the rejuvenation of the City centre, it's long overdue. Hopefully the Meridian Centre & cenotaph area will be utilized with more respect.

I see no introduction for more pet friendly locations, specifically dog parks. More people means more pets and not all dog friendly parks are accessible for city residents. I feel a dog park in place of another sports team facility is more inclusive for non-sports citizens.

I sincerely hope this council can see many direct and equally important indirect spin-off benefits the entirety of the Marshal Green report recommendations would bring to heart of our city. This bold proposal is legacy building. Be bold.

I strongly agree with Mr. Green's report recommendation #2 - to not develop the Lakeshore Sports Park

I strongly agree with the proposals to give more opportunities to youth and high school athletics.

I strongly disagree with a drill field /sports field on the South Shore. The Cadets could use the Armouries for drill. I also would like to see the beaches & parks better controlled for to keep dogs off the beaches, keep the beaches clear of tents & ensure only city supplied barbecues are used

I strongly support any effort to revitalize downtown Barrie. The shops and restaurants and parks and waterfront are really suffering due to urban poverty - homelessness, drug use, etc. The Buggsy Centre and Salvation Army shelter need to be relocated out of sight from the commercial/tourism/recreation areas. No one feels safe going downtown in Barrie any more - even during the day. There are addicts shooting drugs, leaving their used needles behind and being aggressive to pedestrians at all times of the day. This is not acceptable. There is so much potential in downtown Barrie and the waterfront. Stop prioritizing drug addicts over families and citizens who just want to eat out or go to the park or the beach without being accosted by drug addicts.

I strongly support the recommendation that the Southshore area is not a good location for a new Large Sport Complex. I concur that the area is best suited to passive recreation such as walking trails.

I support Marshall's proposal 100%

I support what Marshall Green has recommended, however, a new performing arts centre should offer more seating. With Barrie growing fast in population, I would like to see the minimum amount of seating available be at least 1000.

I think all of Mr.Green's ideas would be a wonderful addition to downtown Barrie. The west end of dunlop needs some attention and to be revitalized. I live at Toronto St and Simcoe St so I would be directly effected by the changes but I think it would be a great thing. Especially using vacant land to build a soccer field.

I think any development should remain in public hands. The for-profit private sector should be kept away from any waterfront redevelopment.

I think building the performing Arts center on the waterfront is an extremely bad idea. It will block off too much of the waterfront view that Barrie is know for, especially coming down Bayfield Street. It will also separate Heritage Park from the rest of the waterfront. We need to keep the flow and the beauty Barrie currently has. Moving the cadets and opening the sports field near the South shore community center is needed, useful and long overdue. Plus, it will attract wildlife. Not hinder it as the big boxes of the performing arts buildings will do. Why not use the old baseball diamond at Queen's park and put the performing Arts center there? More parking, easy access to busses, a neighborhood that has been revitalizing. An easy walk to downtown and condos. Plus, the tennis courts and playground can be kept for use as well. If anything is going to go where the old cadets is, make it another open, proper, band stand. A spot for all the band's our weekend events draw through the year. A spot that can host the bands for New year's celebrations, and host the OLG sponsored bands during Kempenfest. Instead of having to block roads and build a stage each time. Just please do not block the view of the beauty Barrie is known for.

I think development in stages is key. Any development should carry some sort of revenue generation on that site (not just tourism dollars). Hosting GBSSA Finals and Championships (short and long term) should be a goal for our city as the the largest city in the region, and a good bartering chip with School Board to allow city sports on their fields.

I think having a performing arts centre would be absolutely wonderful and facilitate collaboration while deepening community within Barrie. It would be amazing to see the Ontario Musicians Co-operative and Barrie Film Festival potentially join forces leading to success for creatives and spotlighting Barrie's local talent. I would love nothing more than to be able to see this plan come to fruition. I support it fully!

I think his plan is great with the sports still being downtown helping to revive downtown and leaving the lakefront untouched. I really hope council foolows Mr Green's plans.

<p>I think it is a mistake to cut down trees and to pave over the grass on the waterfront. What waterfront that is there should absolutely be treasured. Many folks living in highrise buildings cherish the open space.</p>
<p>I think it is a very smart plan</p>
<p>I think it is a well researched report and I like the recommendations he makes. It would be wonderful to see a vibrant downtown. It would be prudent to check the suitability of the Gen John Hayter Southshore Community Centre location for launching sailboats from the perspective of prevailing winds and currents.</p>
<p>I think it is a wonderful, well thought out report, with many good ideas in it. We have to think 'long term' and plan for an increased downtown, and overall population. The Lakeshore and the Gables should be deemed 'environmentally protected.</p>
<p>I think it was very well done. I still don't understand why the sea cadets would not redeveloped their existing site given the amount of money it's going to take to move them to the South Shore Center. This is not been addressed in any communication today that I have read.</p>
<p>I think it's an impressive and forward looking plan for a growing city.</p>
<p>I think Marshall Green's report is well thought out and would make the most of the beautiful bay and surrounding land. Something to help the homeless would also be a good idea as it distracts some the opportunities this report would provide. Some un housed people are harmless but others are scary to young children using the walking paths and surrounding area. Thank you for allowing Barrie citizens some input</p>
<p>I think Marshall Green's report is vital to thoughtful redevelopment that is inclusive of density increases and community need. I'm delighted that Council is considering it and seeking feedback. (When asking about public transit in town to events, that's out of the question with the way it currently operates.)</p>
<p>I think Marshall Green's report offers a fair and well reasoned solution to both the RETAINING of the Lakeshore environmental naturalized area - an invaluable asset as Barrie continues to grow and more people live in high rise condos BUT also provides for the needs for sports groups and performing arts/concert venues.</p>
<p>I think money the city has to spend should be used to get the homeless situation under control. Only when that is dealt with will downtown be able to be cleaned up or revitalized I am disappointed with the council and the mayor for them pushing for investing all this money without helping those in need Growth is inevitable by why does it have the remove the personality the was Barrie. With some thought and conversation within the community the issues could be solved and would have saved the money spent on this report</p>
<p>I think moving the Barrie Baycats downtown is a bad decision because I don't think there's enough parking around Queen's Park for both players and spectators. Converting the baseball diamond for another sport or usage (like a splash pad similar to Lampman Lane) would make more sense.</p>
<p>I think Mr. Green was bang-on with this report and I hope it comes to fruition sooner than later ... I'm glad he went further and addressed other issues such as the long-awaited performance centre. However, the Baycats idea I had to say "no" to. It sure would be nice to walk to a game, but I imagine that the parking for those from "away" will be nonexistent. They could easily lose their fan base. I would poll the crowd at an existing Midhurst game and ask what they think (if it hasn't already been done). A ball diamond somewhere, taking advantage of open space for parking, would be a better idea ... e.g., Molson Park would have been a lovely spot back in the day.</p>

I think overall its great that the city is investing in sports and the outdoors, and events in general as this will promote healthier lifestyles and more social interaction. However, i would like the city to also please invest more money and fix the transit system. It is truly very terrible. I drive a car, but my wife has been busing ever day for over a year now to work. It is a DAILY occurrence that a bus is late from 10-15 minutes. Unacceptable. Also, I would really like to see another homeless shelter, as the encampments are getting ridiculous. I understand it is a drug/mental health crisis, but we need people off our parks and streets or else the new park Marshal Green wants to build will have tents in it. Thanks for reading, hopefully its taken into account.

I think that a collaboration between the Canadian Musicians Co-operative and the Barrie film festival in regards to the performing arts center would greatly benefit our community by promoting the creation of high quality art and culture within our city, attracting talent from all over to come perform, live and thrive in our city.

I think that the theatre is an interesting idea, but we already have Meridian Place and the Five Points performing arts centres downtown. There is a lack of parking and homelessness is a problem down there especially after dark

I think that with the Canadian Musicians Co-operative having a suitable home for programming we could have it run year round. Having a close proximity to the heart or Barrie (Downtown) would be symbolic and meaningful. Being in the same building as a Film studio we could collaborate and make something amazing in Barrie.

I think the bay cats moving down makes great sense than more people could actually get to and enjoy the games. The only thing I don't like is the artificial turf suggestion for the soccer field being downtown near the south shore we have so many other vacant land spots that are eyesore that could be and should be used

I think the Baycats should stay where they're located now and other soccer teams should take advantage of the parks and parking space that has been allotted for our use by Springwater Township!

i think the city should do something to make the tiffin boat launch more functional. The current piers are leaning and hazardous they also need a proper mooring area so that boats are not blocking the ramp when parking vehicles. And making an in and out lane and removing the single trailer parking spot where the current back up lane exists would also increase flow of the launch. Also more policing of the parking lot in general would be helpful as many people not using the ramp park cars there and have zero regard for trailer clearances making it hard to maneuver in the lot

I think the most important thing is protecting our lakefront. And doing things that are beneficial to the environment (planting trees, pollination gardens, protected natural areas, etc). Building massive projects along lakefront is not something that I have ever wished for. I would much rather see our local business be supported, the residents be supported, supports for our residents facing homelessness and addiction, and of course protecting our natural environment.

I think the performing arts space proposed in question 3 is a phenomenal idea. Collaborating with community organization such as the Canadian Musicians Cooperative and the Barrie Film Festival will enable these organizations and the city to join forces in an extremely cohesive way to support and enable artists and creatives to do excellent work in a world-class facility. In this location, the performing arts centre will be an exciting and refreshing cultural hub that animates our downtown core - Barrie residents again be excited to engage in our local economy by going to local restaurants downtown for dinner before coming to a show, right on the water. It's incredibly accessible via all means of public transportation available

<p>(including the GO train for tourists coming from out of town to attend a show). Building this facility at the location proposed by Marshall Green is an excellent idea that will stimulate and support our economic, cultural, and community prosperity in Barrie.</p>
<p>I think the report is excellent and a way forward.</p>
<p>I think the Sea Cadets should use the Armory for their parade grounds.</p>
<p>I think the Simcoe Street property should NOT be for performing arts!! We already have an area for that at 5-points. Why do we need more of that? Who is asking for more performing arts areas?? There are so many things that space could be turned into and it should benefit ALL RESIDENTS not just a very, very small group. It could be turned into a mini rec center and incorporate activities being on the water. It could be turned into a market space, where the City rents out portions of the space to different vendors selling retail and/or food where people can also utilize the amazing view of the water. It is on waterfront, so it is crucial that the space can be enjoyed by every resident. Not just one group!</p>
<p>I think there are many excellent ideas in this report. It is wonderful to see such thoughtful suggestions and excellent ideas put forth in keeping with the naturalized areas - so important for citizens mental health!</p>
<p>I think there are many places in parks for folks to kick a ball around with their grandchildren other than our tranquil urban forest on the lakeshore.</p>
<p>I think these are all fantastic recommendations to revitalize our wonderful downtown and waterfront. The performing arts centre is a specific need of this community and I think this location would make it a premiere venue for high calibre performances. Also making sure that it is a conference space can create a new market of business, dance competitions, conferences etc right in a prime downtown location. This should be an urgent priority as Barrie's current theatre spaces are quite an embarrassment for a city of this size, and there is a HUGE demand for theatres specifically during dance recital season. These groups have been making do with the annoyances of the Georgian College theatre for too long.</p>
<p>I think these are all very good suggestions.</p>
<p>I think this is an excellent report and recommendations. I fully support the move of the sea cadets but without the multi sports field in the natural area of the waterfront. I think the big vision presented in this plan for the theater, queens parks, old central site, better utilized natural waterfront space and the move for the sea cadets are all great things for the city of barrie. This is the type of master plan that is great to see and I as a life long barrie resident very much appreciate the work and time put into this plan. My family and I fully support all recommendations made in this report.</p>
<p>I think this report contains refreshing ideas to maximize the space and facilities already present in Barrie!! Well done!!!</p>
<p>I think this report was wonderfully done and love all the ideas in it. I moved to Barrie 2 1/2 years ago and have fallen in love with the city. I love the downtown area and the wonderful waterfront. I live close to the downtown area and think these are great ideas to bring vibrancy, growth, and community to the downtown area. I also want to thank Mayor and City Council for reaching out the Mr. Green to have him complete this report. We have a beautiful city, that I am very grateful to call home. I was concerned about the original plans for the sports field, but to have a council and Mayor that were able to pause their plans to look further at the impacts is a real positive and has made me feel much more positive about the process. Thank you</p>
<p>I think what Marshall Green is proposing is a good spot as it is already a paved area. Southshore centre has potential to expand the conference area (and potentially expand revenue options for the city) but will need more parking. As for putting a new theatre where</p>

the current sea cadets spot is, again, where are people going to park, is there a plan to build more parking? And can we increase the use of the barrie aports complex in the north end instead of moving the baycats to Queens Park? Parking is key. People with kids are not going to haul baseball and coolers and food and chairs on transit.

I think you need to be mire specific about what west Dunlop means. Also think about how tall of a building the performing arts centre would be. Aesthetically speaking do you really want to block view of the bay with something that is not used everyday?

I think: 1. Barrie needs to think about the WHOLE picture ...like space, road access, noise,etc We have some interesting ideas happening lately BUT let's be practical abt some of it.

2. If we start some projects, please, let's finish them!!!!

3. Let's not put alllll this money into these sports venues and have the homeless camp out in them in the end!! We HAVE to address this!

4. I'd really like to see Barrie council START by doing these meetings and surveys FIRST rather than sneak things in and then get stopped and have to back track. The people of Barrie will not trust anything you do if this keeps up. Barrie is still small town and wants to feel like the people are an important part of what is happening here.

5. Other than all that...we have some really great ideas flowing. But my favorite is the Baycats at Queens Park. I would love to see Queens Park used more!! I would see the Baycats way more often.

I thought this was a fabulous report. It provides an extremely exciting vision for the future of Barrie. If we are to grow to 300,000 residents, we need to think long term in planning. This is the time to kick off a vision to revitalize Downtown and really put Barrie on the map. I enthusiastically agree with every one of Marshall Green's recommendations.

I understand that Barrie wants to add more attractions to the down town area but it's not a safe space, the parking is limited in most areas and for the Barrie bay cats to be playing so close to Victoria village and residential area just doesn't seem like a good idea. Maybe focus on affordable housing and build that instead at Queens park. Maybe a rehab centre or clinic to get the users off the streets. A police station downtown to keep a closer eye on what's going on in that area. Barrie is broken and needs to be fixed before adding more to it. MAKE BARRIE BEAUTIFUL AGAIN!

I understand that the cadets need access to the water, naturally. Parade grounds are unsightly pieces of concrete that have no business being constructed near our beautiful water park. Water and all nature are precious commodities that once destroyed cannot be regained. Especially our water

I want to be clear, I am not against building an arts centre downtown, I just think the spot you have chosen now would cut off access to the waterfront and I also believe it will make Maple Ave and Simcoe St very congested when events are on. Given the new bus terminal your building on Maple Ave, it's going to be busy with lots of traffic issues and the arts building will bring more. Not knowing how tall and how big this building will be, have you noticed there are no large structures on the waterfront now, it's kind of nice the way it is! I think you need a spot that can accommodate a building of size and with proper parking space!

I want to commend Mr. Marshall for listening and for doing excellent research.

I went to Guelph, Windsor, Michigan to Florida, this summer. Most of the cities I spent time in, have sports parking near rivers and lakes. It was excellent

I wish for no more pressure to ruin our beautiful bay area with more sports places. It is too precious to take away from every day strolling etc.

I would absolutely love to see a performing arts centre in Barrie to house the musicians and employees of the Canadian Musicians Co-operative year round. They are a non profit organization who would benefit greatly from a facility like this! I am a strong advocate for the arts and would love a space that lets artists come together!

I would agree to the Barrie Baycats being relocated to somewhere in Barrie but Queen's park doesn't have adequate parking to support this relocation. It would be nice to have them play closer somewhere within the city limits.

I would be curious to hear how FNMI communities and partners have been involved in the consultation process for the revitalization plan.

I would consider using Barrie Transit if the service was convenient. If buses are on hourly service in the evenings, that would probably not be a convenient option.

I would definitely take transit downtown for baseball, soccer, concert, unique theatrical performance. I want more water access, high diving boards, tall water slides, fast go karts, mini motorboat rentals, canals channels & rivers, bridges, tunnels, free

I would like the Barrie city council to pass a bill to Protect the conservation of the Southshore parkland in perpetuity.

I would like further info on the sports area on Dunlop Street. Dunlop street is a very large street. would have been nice to know more about this proposition. Parking is always an issue downtown. With the new bollards there is less parking. The proposed performance art center also hurts the parking downtown and it looks too big for the area proposed.

I would like to see a dog park somewhere in downtown as currently the only place to run your dogs is in the south end or in sunidale which is unlit at night and does not feel particularly safe for a single woman to walk

I would like to see Allandale park remain an environmentally protected green space for future generations and never be developed beyond Marshall Green's suggestions. Along with Sunnidale Park these two areas are the gems of our city.

I would like to see Allandale Station Park as protected environmental space so nothing like the sports field can be proposed in that space again.

I would like to see Allandale Station Park declared a protected area and preserved for our community. I think additionally combining a learning opportunity about the first Nations people who once lived in the area would be incredible.

I would like to see cafe's along the waterfront. We love walking along the paths around the bay from Southshore to Johnson's beach. To stop and enjoy a treat or cup of coffee you need to head uptown to Dunlop Street. I'd rather be near the water. We are long overdue for having an area for dogs to have beach access for a swim.

I would like to see more availability of baseball diamonds. My daughter plays softball so late at night, her game and practices start at 8:45 and ends 10:15. Also there is very limited time slots to play volleyball in community centers over summer(it is Sunday only in my neighborhood during summer, maybe due to summer camps?) , which could change if they can use school gyms over summer. I hope this will change if the new proposed facility and school gyms open up.

I would like to see the area south of the south shore centre be designated as environmentally protected so that future generations can have access. This area was discussed by previous City of Barrie as a natural space etc. Then, here we are, trying to protect it from a council decision that felt justified in voting yes to a terrible plan. A plan that did not require public consultation.

I would like to see the city focus on helping the homeless population through more addiction and mental health services as well as affordable public housing.
I would like to see the lake front untouched for development ever. That it always remain natural and open to the public and nature for use and growth.
I would like to see the water front site be environmentally protected for future generations to enjoy and for habitat to be preserved for the many species that need this area as other habitats dwindle. I would also like to see native grasses be planted to maintain the parkland's attraction to the many forms of life that could thrive there. We must help preserve biodiversity.
I would not like to see a sports field on our lake shore on mater what the size there are much better places in the city to build it
I would recommend a waterfront restaurant or cafe be included in the vision for downtown Barrie. This is one amenity that I believe would further enhance our beautiful waterfront.
I would say to bring the baycats to queens park if you could make it a bit safer in that area. The problem would be safety
I would support passing the appropriate bills/ laws to protect the south shore parkland for generations.
I would urge the city to develop a partnership with our local Indigenous communities giving them a respected voice and input into any and all city plans - as part of the City's efforts towards Truth and Reconciliation.
I would us transit it the schedule would have extra buses for events.
I wouldn't use transit if it was paid for me [...]
I'd like to see not so much congestion put all in downtown area please stop making it like a little Toronto
I'd love to be able to walk downtown without being accosted by homeless individuals.
I'm a big fan of the multi use sports field. Pleas don't get distracted by the few, city first!
I'm a little suspect of your intentions with the survey as there are no follow-up questions to your yes or no questions. Why would you suggest building a stadium at Queens Park when you suggested building a multi used stadium for a Professional support team. Could the bats not use that stadium instead of impacting a park that is already already used. City Council and lack imagination. You're looking for a location for the city that why not work with the Canadian enforces for the use of the armouries and associate Queen Park, which has a long-standing history of holding military parades. Council wants to demolish values facilities. If you were to use a transport for the cats, what would you do with the trails and the sports facilities? Also, what would you do with the residence surrounding that area?. As somebody who lives in the area, I don't want massive stadium while park in a residential area. Also remove the Kids park in the area, which would limit the liability of the downtown core. If Barry wants to make a viable and vibrant downtown I would suggest they learn from the mistakes. The city of Toronto made about the 80s 90s and that they've worked very hard to correct in the 2000s to today
I'm at so excited for the possibilities made by the new performing arts centre. I know the Canadian Musicians Cooperative is making big waves in the industry and giving them access to these reasources will really skyrocket their progress and improvements to the music industry and to the City of Barrie.
I'm happy to see the waterfront parkland in the recommendations. I also think that it should be rezoned to protected space with additional tree planting on a regular basis.

<p>I'm relatively knowledgeable about many of the proposed developments and revitalization proposals and I still found this survey confusing and a bit misleading, to be honest. The survey didn't even really talk about the artificial field that was proposed by south shore. If that is the sea cadets parade ground, then it shouldn't be located there. An artificial field would absolutely have run off of plastics into the lake. Have you ever been to the Massey field at Georgian? My son has played soccer there all summer and I continue to find melted plastic particles and clumps in my car and home entryway. There is no way that an artificial field would not impact our lake. I would suggest reframing this survey so it's clear. It feels like you're trying to pull the wool over people's eyes, frankly.</p>
<p>I'm very glad this report came out and I want to reiterate please leave the natural areas along the waterfront natural!! Thanks</p>
<p>I'd like to see a revitalized downtown with more events geared to families. I think we need to be careful about traffic because the past few years have been a nightmare with all the construction going on around Barrie. More family events in a safe environment may help deter panhandling etc. as well.</p>
<p>If all this was to happen. I hope an increase in police presence and or 3rd party security is had. Our city and downtown core has so much to offer. It's a disgrace with the amount of homeless, panhandlers and drug addicts that are ruining a beautiful safe city.</p>
<p>If putting up large lights or telephone poles near the waterfront, I would recommend putting up osprey nest boxes. This both possibly supports a once endangered bird, and also protects any wiring and lights. They are low cost with a great reward.</p>
<p>If school facilities are going to be used for minor sports teams, the city needs to take care of the property ie. garbage, lawn maintenance, sports equipment.</p>
<p>If space allow I would prefer to see the sea cadets on the opposite end of the parking lot closer to the military park. I hope there are new designs to the performing arts centre that was presented to the community. Need to focus on making the artists comfortable, not just the audience. The downtown baseball diamond land should be used for affordable housing.</p>
<p>If the Barrie film festival and the Canadian Musicians Cooperative work together and join forces I think there could be some incredible results. This would be a MASSIVE benefit to all musicians and artists alike living in Barrie and region. The Canadian Musicians Cooperative has so much to give and could improve their services even more by having a great year round location.</p>
<p>If the bay cats move to queens Park, where will there be sufficient parking to accommodate the vehicles of the players and fans that will not negatively effect the residents of the area</p>
<p>If the Baycats would come to Queens Park, then build the giant sports facility up in Midhurst at Vintage Throne stadium. The county can subsidize transit from Barrie. Or put it in Queens park. Still no reassurances about traffic or parking. What happens when the streets are closed for other city events? People whose children play organized sports can usually afford a car, so they won't use transit. Same with condo owners, and people from out of town. All the traffic increases runoff into the lake, and air quality. A BIG NO to artificial turf, no matter where anything is built. If that is a deal breaker for the "global sports entity" then too bad. The city and county need to first develop a compassionate and empathetic solution to redirect unhoused and insecurely housed citizens away from the downtown core. So far they (and the province) only seem to be trying to cut supports. You can't starve this problem away. They are adding to the dilemma which leads to more desperation, more survival crimes, and more drug use to dull the pain.</p>
<p>If the city is going to build a sports stadium downtown, please invest in building a larger sized venue that may be larger than needed now but would facilitate future growth. 5,000-10,000</p>

<p>seats would be ideal. It should also be able to facilitate a dome over the field in the winter to allow year round use</p>
<p>If the city starts something then please finish it we have so many abandoned and empty properties coming into the downtown core along dunlop street it's very disappointing that our city looks like a ghetto. Bradford st was supposed to be develop years ago and is now nothing but overgrown fields for the homeless to pitch their tents and trash the properties.</p>
<p>If the current Sea Cadets space is suitable for a theatre, it's good enough for the sea cadets to continue using</p>
<p>If the performing arts centre is built where the Sea Cadets meet now, what will happen to the Five Points Theatre? I'd like the Five Points Theatre to remain as is. Also, I'd like the city to push the province to open Supervised Consumption Sites, to address the problem of used needles littered in Queen's Park, and other places, but I mentioned Queen's Park because it has a nice baseball diamond that isn't being used because people are afraid of their children getting pricked by contaminated needles from drug users.</p>
<p>If the theater gets build on the waterfront, I would want to know how tall this building going to be, I would definitely not want to lose the view of the lake living on Maple Street. My other concern with the theater in that location is, where is everyone expected to park, cause I am pretty sure not everyone is coming by way of transit. I really think too many things are getting crammed into small spaces just because it's downtown, think seriously about congestion. Roads downtown are mostly one lane each way, have you looked at what's happening in Toronto, and that's been going bad for along time.</p>
<p>If the west end of Dunlop Street is the former Barrie Central property then it seems it would be better to have the Performance Arts facility there but it needs to have a bigger main auditorium of closer to 1000 seats. The proposal for a 600 seat venue in the former Sea Cadets location seems too small. There would be minimal parking in this location as well. The proposed Eco Park doesn't need a lot and it should not be over developed. The current land with quiet and peaceful natural trails should be preserved. Whatever gets done with this plan needs to take into consideration the growing traffic and associated parking demands as well. The new condos will continue add to that and the waterfront will also grow in popularity and use especially as visitors from other parts of the GTA "discover" what Barrie residents already know.</p>
<p>If there is a safety issue with existing location for sea cadets site, then why is city not looking into making the site safer rather than moving them? How would the safety issue be addressed/ resolved by converting the area into performing centre? Wouldn't the same safety issue affect kids/ families that would be participating at the performance centre? Development of city of Barrie is important, but what's the point in creating more fields/ structures? I would love to see and support expansion of green spaces/ better utilisation of green spaces such as beautiful Barrie south shore. Already that area is gonna get busy once the bus depot- Allandale Go station opens. My question for city is how are they planning to navigate traffic issue there in the heart of waterfront/ downtown Barrie with this new expansion. Please don't wreck our beautiful Barrie south waterfront in the name of development. Maybe sea cadets can be moved closed to Johnson beach area that could use some upgrading/ development and has water access too.</p>
<p>If there is enough space for the Baycats and seating for fans, then yes, bring them downtown.</p>
<p>If this is the report it is awful. We do not need a field. Every school has a field. But I do agree that there should be no sports complexes were there is not adequate parking. This means no sports at the waterfront. There is a huge sports complex in Springwater. Add to that!!</p>

<p>I'm a coach and a all sports individual that grew up in Barrie that has used all of the playing fields in Barrie. I will be at the meeting to address the reality of what should take place.</p>
<p>I'm disturbed that removing the serenity of our downtown lake is coming. Any Greenspan around the lake should be protected and not further developed. There are many unused spaces in the city that could facilitate traffic and parking. The lakeshore is already congested enough. Maybe try getting a transit system that actually works for those who commute to the GTA and don't want to end up at union station if they are going to Mississauga or an other GTA city. Until transportation is adequate, Barrie will always be a "wanna-be" town that is just too expensive.</p>
<p>I'm just so disappointed to hear that the mayor is considering more development on our beautiful shoreline. We are so fortunate to have a city on a lake with all the parkland and the trees, the wildlife and the peace and quiet. Bringing crowds, noise and scaring the wildlife away is not my idea of the beautiful Barrie waterfront I've known.</p>
<p>I'm thankful that this report was done by Marshall Green and that the city council has taken the time to reconsider how to best utilize the beautiful Allandale Station Park, maintaining it as an important green space preserved for generations to come!</p>
<p>I'm unclear whether this would change the children's park at queens Park. I take my child there quite often and would hate to see it taken down. But if it deters people using the park for criminal acts, I think that would be a very good thing. I've seen some weird stuff while there with my child.</p>
<p>I'm very pleased that Marshall Green's report not only considered the passive use of the naturalized area east of the Southshore Centre but also addressed the needs by evaluating other sports venues and fields.</p>
<p>Implement all recommendations and DO NOT DEVELOP the natural oak forest/meadow area east of the South Shore Centre</p>
<p>In addition to local sports and youth programs, a revitalized Downtown Barrie could support local initiatives like the Canadian Musicians Co-operative and Barrie Film Festival. Creatives are often left out when it comes to community planning, so revitalizing such spaces will also benefit artists based in Barrie. The Co-op has artists who perform in the summer, this space could be an innovative place for them to use year-round.</p>
<p>In all. Of these proposals, parking is an issue, but all of these proposals would enhance the downtown. The Performing Arts Centre should not become a barrier to the water. It should incorporate some kind of accessible space to let people enjoy the waterfront - waterfront deck...restaurant/pub patio. Sea Cadets are a bit of a mystery. Who funds them? Are they associated with the Armed Forces? Will we be subsidizing them? What will the addition to the Southshore Community Centre look like? Will the parade ground be used all year?</p>
<p>In my opinion, the Barrie waterfront should not be used as, or for, a sports facility. There are many of these in the city already.</p>
<p>In my opinion, these ideas are short sighted and there has not been enough emphasis on parking to accommodate this proposed density. As it stands, people who work and play downtown have limited parking options and the proposed site for performing arts would impact that even further. While I like the idea of the Baycats inhabiting Queens park (it is underused and I only ever see people there loitering), again we need to consider where all of the visitors will park? Why not focus growth on the parts of Barrie that are just outside of the already crowded downtown so we don't further add to the problems of traffic and insufficient infrastructure? The run down industrial area just west of Centennial park seems like it may have potential to house large facilities and is still close to downtown/waterfront. Lastly, I feel it</p>

would be very short sighted to neglect the impact all of this increasing density would have on emergency service response. Spread Barrie out a bit and make it easier to get around!

In relation to downtown's core, The Barrie Thunder Classic Car club has been hosting events every Wednesday evening on the waterfront and it has been an incredible event throughout the years given that it was at the core of downtown. I hope that this is not permanently removed from the waterfront, the Barrie Library parking lot isn't cutting it and that location is literally hiding these beautiful cars from the public. Myself and many other friends have moved to Barrie since it is indeed a "automotive enthusiast town" especially given that the Canadian Automotive Institute is here. The best event throughout the week is the Wednesday night show. Please bring this back! It is a spot for mature classic car owners to display their rides after many months or years of hard work and wrenching.

In relation to the Southshore center and the sea Cadet's artificial turf, under the fake grass will be millions of rubber balls. Everyone who has played on one knows they have to dump their shoes out right after playing. My concern is that the toxic rubber balls will make their way into Lake Simcoe. I don't care about the trees, lighting, path ways, because all the issues with those can be fixed. I do care about the potentially irreversible effects of toxic rubber going into the lake. I imagine that the reason why the artificial turf got approved and normal turf didn't is because of the fertilizers that would be used could negatively impact the lake. Millions of toxic rubber balls will do the same. I wouldn't appreciate the city dumping car tires in the lake, so why does it think putting an artificial turf right beside the lake is a good idea? [.....] Please reconsider the location of the field.

In response to "Would you use Barrie Transit to attend a sporting event or a theatre production if the transit fare was included with your ticket?": The issue is the schedules currently are a mess, buses not running on time and lengthy routes make a 5 minute drive take an hour on public transit. This needs to be fixed if you want people to actually use it as a real alternative.

Inadequate parking downtown for the Baycats. Transit is too unreliable same time consuming compared to driving, and less safe and clean, I would choose to drive or use a cab/Uber.

Include something for cricket as well. Because of growth in the interest.

Indigenous cultural centre. Barrie has numerous known historical sites. Yaniionen for example. This is something that would draw people to Barrie from off of the highway, children could be educated along with every citizen. Nimble d this with pioneer education (which gets away from blame) and focuses on growing together and building upon our past. It is critical that this is thought through now because we will be a massive city in 25 years. I would also like to see more connectivity throughout the city. Similar London with paved biking trails. I would also like to see a centralized or semi dispersed splash pads throughout the city. Summers are getting hotter. Chatham Ontario has a great example of this and it is a massive draw for kids and families.

Installing lighting on the waterfront trails would make them safer at night, and likely decrease the presence of shopping carts and tents at the edge of the trails. The proposed new buildings should be made with brick and stone and eschew minimalistic design in favour of a more aesthetically pleasing appearance.

Instead of wasting our taxpayers dollar, why not worry about the homeless people of barrie. There are enough empty buildings within barrie to house them all ,and the we as citizens do no or will not have to worry about personal property damage, we know the city will not cover the cost for. The homeless is the biggest problem the barrie faces . Then you could start working on the other stuff like the cadets. If something is working now don't change it.

<p>Interesting Baycats downtown people would go they're good then maybe puruse, before or after downtown. We need people to maintain businesses</p>
<p>Invest in the Performing Arts Centre before investing in more in sports facilities.</p>
<p>Investigate and plan well impact on increased traffic and parking availability before final decisions are made</p>
<p>Is the Armories as active as it used to be? Could the Federal Govt cough up that land for more designing space. I helped raise money for the Red Storey Field and it is sitting unused! What a waste! Everything is always about having theatre and sports downtown. There are restaurants on the outskirts and people who eat out will find them. Our downtown is inaccessible. Anyone with mobility issues can't shop and support local. I use the internet. Is there any thought to people with mobility issues using all these facilities.</p>
<p>is there adequate parking at this city as part of the development? Traveling to other cities across Ontario, they all have a great concert facility and lots of parking connected to it. If you build it, they will come. I have seen it in the arts time and time again.</p>
<p>It is a brilliant report!</p>
<p>It is a great report - we are very much against putting a turf field near the waterfront.</p>
<p>It is a very well-thought-out report with excellent recommendations. Kudos to Mr. Green and all those involved.</p>
<p>It is an all encompassing report. Brilliantly done! The City of Barrie, Major, councilors and staff, owe a huge debt of gratitude to Marshall Green. They would be fools to ignore his ideas and solutions.</p>
<p>It is critical to put as much activity downtown as possible</p>
<p>It is essential that council listen to its constituents; that ONLY two members of council expressed opposition to the original plan is horrifying. It has been disheartening to feel like this multi-use sports park was a done deal from the start and I applaud council for seeking outside advice. Green's recommendations are just and well-thought out. The lakeshore is the best feature of our City and it should be protected and prioritized above all else. Revitalizing Queen's Park, even if it isn't for Baycats purposes, is a great idea. Let's bring families back downtown.</p>
<p>It is important that Allandale Station Park be Environmentally Protected and that there be active intentional rediversifying of the passive park with native Ontario grassland species. Also not interested in any paved trails as there are other materials that are environmentally friendly and can provide good access for all. Disagree with making any space for playing catch in the naturalized area as there are lots of spots not far away to do just that. No extensive grass cutting for events parking is essential to maintaining the grassland and its wildlife inhabitants. Like the idea of the dynamic downtown triangle to revitalize Barrie's downtown. Great concept.</p>
<p>It is important to get the Performing Arts Centre built. We've gone too long without a quality theatre for local organizations to use to grow their companies and organizations. We need a reason for our youth to stay here to build careers in the arts, and not feel that "elsewhere" there are investments in the things they want to see and participate in, and they are "missing out" by living here. Barrie has so much to offer, and this multi-pronged approach to shifting locations and services to build a stronger local entertainment and recreation sector is much-needed. Cannot wait!</p>

It is most important that the meadow and surrounding lands at Allandale Station Park be designated environmental protection and that Ontario native flora (including the trees!) be planted in the area. It should also be kept as a passive park without any "bells and whistles" which could/would disrupt birds and other wildlife in the area. It's most important to keep that area as "wild" and natural as possible. In addition, a big thank you to Mr. Green for his hard work and his vision for Barrie. I'd also like to add that the city parks department (landscaping, forestry, etc.) prioritize and work expeditiously toward a policy of ONLY Ontario native plantings in all city projects to support all species of wildlife and plants. Thank you

It is my hope that a 'global sports entity' will fund their facility.

It is one of the most positive, all encompassing reports in a long time. It presents a homogeneous picture of accessible options to the City. A legacy for future generations.

It is preferred if the forested lands located along the south shore be re-designated Environmentally Protected "EP". That is the utmost important.

It is well known that the big issue Barrie residents have with the Downtown area is the excessive homeless/ transient population. The Salvation Army Mission and the Busby Centre should both be moved out of the downtown core. The properties they reside in are in prime locations and could be sold and the money used to develop new locations with better amenities to serve those in need. This would increase tourism to the downtown area and clean up Dunlop as many residents are scared to walk through downtown due to the constant harassment from these misplaced persons. This is a much bigger priority than a performing arts centre or moving a baseball team.

It is well thought out and provides compromises that use existing infrastructure that will ease tensions on every side and benefit our city and community.

It looks as though Southshore Centre will be losing some parking spaces. Please ensure that spaces remain the same number or more.

It should be park land for all to use and enjoy the lake view. Not for sports

It was a good report. The old Central field is a much better location for a new sports field.

It was a very rounded approach to the water front and downtown. I look forward to the changed.

It was an excellent report! Very well thought out!

It was great this report considered many different sites, needs and proposals all at once rather than considering each or any development in isolation. This report outlines a very exciting vision for Barrie.

It would be a wonderful addition to this great downtown plan to have a year-round food market like the one proposed a few years ago for the downtown bus terminal space. If the Barrie Farmers' Market doesn't wish to relocate to that space, they could stay at their current location, and a year-round market could be established in addition. The Barrie Farmers' Market should not be able to prevent downtown residents from having access to fresh food every day of the week, in addition to Saturdays!

It would be fantastic to finally have a Performing Arts Centre in the downtown core. The possibilities for this are endless, it can be used for a wide variety of things related to the arts, primarily in terms of music and theatre. The vast majority of people right now commute to Toronto for activities like this, but with a new and exciting location like this, it would finally allow Barrie residents to be able to be a part of exciting events in their own city, which should greatly strengthen the arts and culture presence here. I strongly support the development of the Performing Arts Centre.

<p>It would be great to a big sports complex somewhere in Barrie. Similar to other large City's. Multiple soccer fields, a couple turf fields, pickle ball and tennis courts, all in one location that is within the City limits. Not out in Spring Water.</p>
<p>It would help to have more details about Mr Marshall's proposals. Unfortunately I will be reading them after submitting this survey.</p>
<p>It's clear the taxpayers don't want this sports field on our waterfront. Do your job and listen!</p>
<p>It's encouraging to see work and redeveloping in the Downtown area.</p>
<p>It's essential that if the baycats move into the heart of the city parking be widely available. Queens park is a great location but there would be minimal spaces to park and the field would need to be upgraded to a suitable level. I hope that if we bring them into the city we give them a field of comparable level to their current stadium.</p>
<p>It's evident that Barrie is changing very fast and the downtown has suffered as a result. Protecting the greenspace around the Lake is crucial. Promoting and/or penalizing property owners of derelict land should be explored.</p>
<p>It's great that everyone is thinking outside the box. Keep it up. Great ideas come from the most unexpected places.</p>
<p>It's the Barrie BAYcats. Not the Barrie Springwatercats. Bring them down towards their namesake.... the 'BAY'!</p>
<p>It's a well thought out report with solutions that are viable and better for Barrie. I am amazed at what Barrie has done with our waterfront (being from somewhere else that has not done well, and moving here to love ours:). Don't change now. Keep it for families, locals and visitors to enjoy our wonderful, natural waterfront as a main attraction for all or other offerings in downtown.</p>
<p>It's disappointing that council had to be persuaded to reverse its decision on the Soutj Shore Centre. Between that and its original position to illeglize giving money to the homeless, I will give serious consideration to voting for someone else for mayor and Ward 3 in the next election.</p>
<p>It's frustrating to see so much focus and funding directed towards downtown, which primarily serves tourists, while neglecting the real needs of residents. The waterfront area has become unsafe and unsanitary, with issues like people picking up needles on the beach. Instead of pouring money into another "revitalization" project downtown, the priority should be addressing the urgent issues that affect the community's well-being. Invest in affordable housing, food programs, and support services to help those living on the streets. These are the things that will truly make a difference. After that, any remaining funds should go toward improving residential neighborhoods where people actually live. It's simple—residents need to come first.</p>
<p>It's very important to me that whatever is done is mindful of the environment and local ecosystem. I think it's also important to consider the many individuals who are without housing while we're talking about revitalizing the downtown, since there are many of them located there.</p>
<p>It's vital that we keep as much greenspace as possible in the planning. Do not reduce forest or any park lands. That's the most important thing here.</p>
<p>It's wonderful and exciting to see these plans for a thriving downtown Barrie. Implements such as the performing arts center will bring patrons to Barrie's downtown, helping the surrounding businesses thrive, as well as increasing community awareness and safety.</p>
<p>I've read the report and was amazed at the detail and thinking 'out of the box'. He and his helpers did a great job. It seems the City of Barrie is paying close attention to his report and hopefully implements some or all of this vision. Barrie has done a great job so far with it's</p>

waterfront and this is really the blueprint to keeping Barrie and downtown vibrant and welcoming.
I've worked at the Canadian Musicians Co-operative and I think their efforts to support independent artists and artist growth/development is amazing. As an artist myself, I find it incredible to see a business that places so much emphasis on helping emerging artists, and I think having a permanent performing arts space to support their efforts would be incredible and crucial to their development. Furthermore, I think the Co-op & Barrie Film Festival collaborating/working together would be an amazing initiative that would lead to several positive opportunities for artists and creatives in Barrie and the region and for Co-op members to have a suitable home for their programming year-round.
Job well done Mr. Green you should run for mayor you would get my vote
Just disappointed in our elected officials that they needed this report to see how the south shore area should not contain a sports field when so many others could plainly see the negative impacts on our natural habitants and water.
Just DO IT!
Just do it.
Just do not squash all that forest next to the South Shore Centre to put in a huge turf field.
Just don't put a sports facility on Barrie's waterfront. When you refer to the community sports facility near Dunlop Street West, are you referring to the land once occupied by Central Collegiate, Prince of Wales Elementary School, Red Storey Field? This land needs to have something put on it.
Just leave our wooded area alone
Just leave the water front alone and do what you need to some where else
Just make sure anything that gets added is able to be used by all residents of Barrie. Whether that means renting the spots out or having a booking system in place, if tax payers are paying for these things then we should be able to use them.
Just remember it's for city residents and paid for by city residents.
Keep as much green space as possible to preserve our beautiful waterfront. Trees provide some much necessary shade on the trails and native flora/fauna help preserve our environment. I'd caution council and developers to consider climate action reports and affects any new proposals have on the surrounding environment for the longevity of its use. As someone who would be delighted with a revitalized downtown, I want to emphasize it be done with intentionality, purpose, and most importantly sustainability. If it requires clear cutting nature plots, we don't want it. Repurpose existing structures and buildings that have been in disrepair for YEARS before building a shiny new structure on beautiful and necessary parkland.
Keep as much green space as possible. Less green space makes the waterfront less inviting. Stop letting condominiums be built in the heart of downtown without bigger roads or more parking as it makes downtown and the waterfront too congested. Barrie is not Toronto for a reason.
Keep green space at our waterfront as it is. Leave the Baycats where they are - Queen's Park is not a good fit. Too residential and no parking. Put everything at the old Central Collegiate site.
Keep green space GREEN
Keep high rises out of downtown, close Dunlop street and make it pedestrian only. We are becoming so run by developers, but should instead keep more natural areas
Keep it green as possible. No further structures or developments along waterfront.



Keep our Barrie waterfront open for all and not altered for sports events. Use other facilities such as school fields when not used by the schools. Sea cadets should NOT use the waterfront for 'parade' grounds. Waterfront should be FOR ALL Barrie residents, not just an isolated few. Parade somewhere else in Barrie please.
Keep soccer field away from lakeshore !
Keep southshore the way it is. Don't congest it. Put a conference center and concert venue at the old racetrack. Put the sports field with other sports fields so they can hold tournaments etc. A one off make no sense.
Keep the Allandale station Lark as a naturalized park area. All the ideas in the survey seem good. We need to revitalize the downtown.
Keep the green space at the waterfront. It is Already busy enough, often you can't even get parking. Keep it as is for some time to come.
Keep the lakeshore as natural recreation area. Should not be attracting large numbers of people, noise and construction. It is getting more difficult to find areas of the lakeshore to actually enjoy the lake. With so many activities, it can be challenging to find parking on weekends.
Keep the lakeshore pristine, no soccer fields. Stop destroying the beautiful lakeshore
Keep the Lakeshore water front green and fully open to the public. Leave the trees and forest completely
Keep the shoreline as natural as possible.
keep the south shore area open towards the water and build up the forest space a bit to be more user friendly i like the idea of more benches/paths its a beautiful area as long as we dont pave it apart from some paths thats okay with me
keep the south shore paths the same We do NOT need a soccer field there. I would like to see a plan for parking if you move the Bay Cats downtown. What about drug use in the facility when not in use? Downtown is not a nice place to go to. For safety reasons, and safety for my car, I prefer the Baycats in Midhurst. Where is the proposed Dunlop St West sports facility to be? Dunlop and Bradford ? There's a few restaurants and bars, and that's it. It's not Unionville, or Markham, or Niagara on the Lake.
Keep the Southside of the waterfront feeling like you're still a small town. All other cities over develop their waterfront and everything becomes so busy and dirty and just feeling exactly like a 'city' I loved to Barrie because it was the PERFECT combination of some city living with a lot of small town feel and lots of beautiful nature. Maybe continue to develop on the north side and keep the south side untouched.
Keep the sports field off the waterfront please!
Keep the walking trails unpaved with a water permeable solution like wood bark.

<p>Keep the water front accessible to the public (parks, trails etc.). Do not construct buildings along the Barrie waterfront. In order to revitalize downtown, there needs to be a year round market in the current bus station once Allendale transit hub is constructed. People who live downtown need access to food and fresh produce. The Market should have a 365 day indoor area with permanent shops, and include semi-covered out door areas for seasonal vendors. The homelessness issue and encampments need to be removed before downtown Barrie can be revitalized. The people you want to attract need to feel safe to bring their families at all times. More open air Dunlop, with weekly family oriented festivals (Pride, Kempenfest, Rib fest, Caribbean fest etc.) and advertise to Toronto residents the idea of coming to Barrie by train, enjoying a lake front festival and beach, and then returning by train to the city. Consider offering water taxi service for Simcoe boaters to spend the weekends anchored in Kempenfelt to attend festivals/outdoor concerts on land and then returning to their boats in the evenings. Barrie should be the “place to go” for dining/entertainment for boaters on summer weekends, and the city should make it easy for them to do so.</p>
<p>Keep the waterfront natural. Encourage walking and bike riding</p>
<p>Keep up the good work!</p>
<p>Key focus would be to ensure locals have access first, and if we're promoting tourism, ensure there is a mechanism for economic benefits. The current influx of nearby tourists use our green spaces, bring their own food, and leave garbage. Very little economic benefit is seen for accessing our green space and beaches.</p>
<p>Kudos to Marshall Green.</p>
<p>Kudos to Marshall Green's report to have a collaborative, cohesive design and to bring life to Queen's Park and to create a respect for nature with another passive park.</p>
<p>Lakeshore is already traffic-congested and cars going into and out of Southshore Barrie Sports area will compound the situation. Downtown will not be revitalized while there is a Drug Addicts etc presence. I've lived here 46 years and downtown does not appeal as things are now.</p>
<p>Large green areas within the city relieve the congested feel and encourage recreation. Leave it simple. Put sports and theatres elsewhere. Restore proper transit system and eliminate the on demand foolishness that further hinders needy riders! Sine the southeast is being so developed with increased residential, plan some of your sports and theatre stuff that way to enhance the area and draw traffic away from the core.</p>
<p>Large sporting events can not take place downtown. Parking is already a headache. We need more sport fields and facilities for youth sports 🏀🏈🏐.</p>
<p>Leave all naturalized spaces alone. Keep Barrie as green as possible.</p>
<p>Leave downtown alone. It's gross. I would never take my family of 5 down there. Put the field somewhere else. Make the rich condo buyers pay for that. Not the people of Barrie that know better not to take there families downtown.</p>
<p>LEAVE OUR WATERFRONT ALONE! It is Barrie's best attraction, don't ruin it. Why wasn't W. A. Fisher Auditorium used for the performing arts? Wasn't that the plan when Central had to be so quickly torn down in 2016? And the property still sitting dormant. Invest to clean up and make “safe” the original Cadets and the proposed 82,000 square feet on Simcoe that could also to be used for the “proposed global sports entity.” FYI, save your money on revitalizing downtown because unless it gets “cleaned” up, people don't and won't go downtown. ... Wonder why the Barrie Baycats haven't been playing at Queens Park all along. Maybe there should be consideration for a new BALL HOCKEY facility.</p>
<p>Leave Southshore as it is, develop other parts of the city that will not impact the environment, the waterfront and the already brutal traffic situation</p>

LEAVE SOUTHSHORE EXACTLY AS IT IS!! THERE IS PLENTY OF EXISTING SPACE TO BUILD THIS "SPORTS FIELD". ALL BARRIE RESIDENTS DESERVE GREEN SPACE & EASY ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT.
Leave the baycats in midhurst. If you want them to play in barrie the team owners should foot the entire bill. Taxpayer dollars should not be paying for private sports teams.
Leave the green space alone. Performing arts could go where mavericks and vitamin store.
Leave the green spaces we already have alone- unless you plan to make them greener. Every year we are looking more and more like Toronto.
Leave the Lakeshore green space free of any sports field or buildings. Include a dog beach at the current small beach area just off the minetspoint path. More people using that small beach area with their dogs will keep the unhoused drug users out of there. Barrie is significantly lacking the "dog friendly" environments and opportunities that other cities of similar size and bigger have embraced for years. Dogs are the new kids, certain areas of the shorelines are being used by dog owners anyways so just make a legal place to allow water access to dogs. This would free up the many bylaw officers [...]thus allowing the bylaw officers to actually do something more productive.
Leave the lakeshore line alone. Provide more washrooms facilities and signage in all languages so that people use that and not the beach as public defecation locations. Police walking surveillance along the paths on lakeshore. Deter "people" from taking obvious video of children in the park and on the beach.
Leave the natural area adjacent to the Southshore Centre alone. There are animal species that live in there, and the natural trails are lovely. The city's obsession with paving over or developing every bit of green space in town is awful. There's already a huge field up by Georgian College - let a new soccer team partner with them to use that. Stop trying to put up buildings on the waterfront. It's one of downtown Barrie's few nice features. If you're knocking down the boathouse, then do that and put a nice park area there. We don't need another eyesore building down there. Besides, the performing arts venues that currently exist are under utilized. Figure out what to do with those first. Between Barrie and SCDSB, there was an existing theater/performance at Barrie Central that was torn down. Why do we need to build something new when we just tore down an identical space within the last 10 years?
Leave the south shore alone except to expand its natural and native species for people of the city to have a little island of trees and wild grasses and peace.
Leave The South Shore alone! Focus your efforts on cleaning up downtown Barrie so our youth are safe to enjoy our community. Sports are an incredible way to encourage development, so I agree with the proposal of new sporting locations. I don't agree with tearing altering green spaces to do so.
Leave the South shore green! Make use of other current facilities. The existing Sea Cadets is too small for a performing art center! There is inadequate parking as it is!
Leave the southshore green space alone!!
Leave the sports fields and the waterfront as using Barrie.We don't need any changes at this time. Spend your time and efforts on the homeless and drug addiction issues.
Leave the trees alone.
Leave the water front alone. Stop wasting money renovating every couple of years. It's already over crowded, don't attract more peope to crowd it up even worse. How about just saving the money? How about getting proper policing that will actually respond to calls of people doing theft. This city is getting ruined
Leave the water front as is. Barrie is growing and we need these open spaces by the water.



Leave the waterfront alone. It needs to be fire everyone and no everyone can play sports or go to concerts.
Leave the waterfront and lakeshore alone. Thank you for the survey.
Leave the waterfront as it is...don't ruin it. Thank you
Less Indians please
Let private business buy or rent parcels of land so we can have at least one place in Barrie to sit at a cafe or restaurant on the water.
Let's focus on providing safety injection site, homeless shelters, mental health supports etc. and give the current business owners some incentives to stay downtown and maintain their current building. Spending millions on a sports stadium does not make s bar when arenas, auditoriums Etc that we currently have aren't being used due to lack of city support or being too costly! What about the changes tot he beautiful bus station off the lake.
Let's keep Barrie's history alive.
Let's keep the parks accessible to all and keep buildings back away from the water. The old sea cadet land would be wonderful to complete and connect the existing parks and waterfront pathways
Let's not stall on the ASP. We can mobilize and implement this one first, spring planting 2025, apply for Green Infrastructure grants that are available now and others to help financially support this. We have keen interest, support and volunteers at the ready.
Let's get started ASAP!
Lets get this done. Good work
Lets keep Barrie as Green as possible!
LET'S KEEP BARRIE<<> FOR ALL...THE WATERFRONT SHOULD...<<>..BE USED FOR ANYTHING ELSE....BUT....NATURE AT IT'S BEST.....BARRIE IS BEAUTIFUL....LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.....""POLITICIANS(AT EVERY LEVEL!!!!)"" SHOULD<<
Let's keep our undeveloped areas as natural as possible. Excellent idea to make more use of high school sports fields which already exist. Don't pave over any more grass. Parking along street can be used if parking lot in use by Sea Cadets. That won't happen very often.
Let's support local musicians!!!
Let's think BIG and imagine a vibrant downtown that includes performing arts, rehearsal and community spaces, and sports venues! Barrie businesses deserve the boost that these venues will bring. Please stop downsizing the performing arts centre and let's get it built. A world-class city requires world-class facilities and the number of seats matters in booking bigger shows that are financially viable. Keep sports fields away from the waterfront. Thanks!
Let's work to preserve and enhance our waterfront and in turn help to revitalize our downtown to make it a safe and pleasant place to visit at all times of the day.
Like all of it. Do it!
Listen to him. [...]
Listen to the report. It is well thought out and from a third unbiased party. It was well researched and well done. Now council needs to listen to it
Listen to what ALL of the Barrie residents want, not just the sports groups like you've done so far. For once respect OUR tax dollars. I'm considering moving out if this city after 25+ years because I'm sick of all of these tax increases due to all of these pet projects at the waterfront & downtown whole the rest of the city gets ignored. Barrie SHOULD have an amazing waterfront but sadly it doesn't, Innisfil, Orillia, Oro-Medonte are ALL places in my opinion

that have much nicer, friendlier and asthetically pleasing waterfronts. I'm just so sick.and tired if always hearing about the waterfront LEAVE IT ALONE ALREADY.
Listened to and loved Marshall Green's vision from all of these areas, especially keeping the park in its natural state to preserve the native flora and fauna. This area should be permanently protected.
Long range planning for a growing community
Look elsewhere for the soccer location. There are plenty of less prime locations for such a thing, perhaps the existing soccer park on Huronia might be a better spot somewhere near South Go station . Not everything needs to be downtown.
Looking at the comments, decisions are being made based on city size of around 150K. One aspect that doesn't seem to gain traction is a downtown arena to bring the Colts and other potential events to the downtown. The economic impacts over a number of years would be huge. Look at the impacts Budweiser Gardens did for Downtown London. Yes there is a large upfront cost but with more condos being built, I feel a downtown arena attached to a convention centre would be a game changer for the area. All the recommendation in reports are good but think bigger. A baseball stadium on the water front for example.
Looking forward to a long overdue Arts Centre
Looking forward to having this report accepted in its entirety.
Looks good
Lots of exciting pieces here, thanks for the survey and for involving the community in the decision.
Lots of good ideas. I have no comment re Queen"s park as I don't live near it.
Love all of his suggestions. Very well thought out. You can't please everyone but I feel that would please most. A downtown concert venue is long overdue
Love all of suggestions put forth. Our downtown would need to be cleaned up and people need to feel safe. It's not that now. Too much drug use at night. Fights. Homelessness.
Love all the ideas about revitalizing the waterfront and downtown but none of it will matter until the downtown is cleaned up. We don't go there anymore to eat or shop, I won't let my teens go downtown, we refuse to use the beach there. It's unsafe. Would love to enjoy downtown/waterfront Barrie but it's dirty, and unsafe. We have money to spend, would love to spend it there but it's not safe in the daytime nevermind at night. Hoping Barrie can take their downtown area back. It's a disgrace.
Love changes. It's our future. Hope no one holds your ideas back
Love it
Love it! Would also love the old Barrie Bus Terminal to be developed in to some kind of fresh food market. Downtown Barrie needs fresh food and a grocery store!
Love the idea of bringing local sports teams downtown!
Love the idea of keeping green space and walking paths but also incorporating a space for sports and the arts. The waterfront should be a place for all to enjoy not just a few.
Love the report. No sportfield on the waterfront. Make Allandale Station Park and environmentally protected space. No developments
Love the vision of these proposals.
Love to see life brought into downtown Barrie and more focus being put on family friendly and community building amenities
Loved it.

M. Greens report presents a broader scope for the downtown Barrie future. This is a great vision. The growing population in downtown Barrie should be recognized and included in all core decisions - the need to maintain or enhance our outdoor green spaces.
Main recommendation of report to keep the waterfront natural is positive. However the other recommendations come with a huge budget many times larger. Seems to be just a wish list for every organization in the city. City should try to find another location for the multi use sports field and stick to the goal of the original project.
Major clean up of bus station & area required to feel safe using Barrie public transit
Major cleanup is required. Too many drug addicts, crimes, fights, rotting buildings and infrastructure. Traffic is increasingly getting worse. The roads were not designed for continued growth. Downtown, the waterfront, and the surrounding area continue to get worse as a result of poor planning and execution. Surrounding city's (ie Collingwood) have much better developed downtowns than Barrie.
Make Allandale Station Park designated as an Environmental Protection Area
Make downtown Barrie SAFE & beautiful. And CLEAN. Whenever we go downtown I can't get over the litter in the streets & the smell of urine. Something needs to be done about the homeless issues. Hopefully a revitalized Downtown will help. It would bring nicer shops, stores & restaurants downtown. That's a good place to start. Great work!
Make it bike friendly and give discounts on transit with a ticket purchased to any event. This would decrease the risk of drinking and driving, encourage people to use transit and hopefully send more time downtown.
Make it more green and walkable. Stop building around the lake!! Barrie is huge, why are you placing all these facilities DT. Make DT a place to walk around and enjoy the lake, instead of seeing a concrete wall of condos and facilities only used by a few people. Why do we have zero places to eat and look at the lake without seeing traffic in between? Lakeshore Dr should be closed for green space and Bradford street should be the normal way around the lake. It could easily be done and still keep access to the parking lots. This city has had zero ability to make any green space for residents and continues to destroy it. Molson Park is the prime example of Barries inability to plan for the future. The residents got a strip mall and the land is still not fully used, 20 yrs later
Make it safe to enjoy, because none of this matters if no one feels safe enough to actually enjoy it
Make it safer. My parents live in an expensive condo on the waterfront and they don't feel safe walking anywhere downtown. They have been robbed, accosted verbally, and harassed by the homeless . Solve these issues before revitalizing with buildings and sports fields or no one will use them.
Make it so!
Make more seating available for a new performing arts centre on the waterfront
Make sure homeless people can't ruin it
Make sure queens park sports field and new sports field on Dunlop west do not have artificial turf that could enter waterways. Also, as part of performing arts centre (why aren't we saving this for allandale station!?) we need an outdoor patio at the waterfront (NOT a bar, and closing after supper). What about at the marina?
Make sure there is enough parking if Baycats move to Queen's Park
Make sure you plan for parking and traffic flow.
Make the current sea cadet area a park
Make use of empty spaces along Bradford St

<p>Make use of existing properties with better parking access. The transit system is already impossible for out of town guests to use if they are in a new TOD zone. You have areas across this city that are under-utilized. Or, like Huronia Soccer Park would be a good spot if they brought in utilities and sidewalks.</p>
<p>Many Barrie residents would like to see a revitalized west end pocket, it has so much potential & is close to the lake. More people could support business along Dunlop. It fits with the proposed hotel and other high density projects.</p>
<p>Many of these suggestions are OK however, there are so many lost souls on the streets of Dunlop and surrounding streets where will they be forced to go? . The communities that surround Barrie? Can't see that as being very popular. As well intentioned as these are, Barrie has a much more pressing issue that must be addressed prior to adding sports and entertainment facilities.</p>
<p>Many thanks to Mr Green for his wisdom, insight and time spent. It is the most well thought out proposal that I would love to see implemented. Everything in his report stirs excitement for the future of Barrie.</p>
<p>Marshall Green's report is fantastic!! I was at City Hall the evening he presented it to the public. I truly hope the recommendations happen.</p>
<p>Marshall Green gave a great deal of thought to his report, much more than the past and present City Council has done. He has brought the citizens of Barrie and area closer together in their vision of Barrie's waterfront. Although I don't agree with everything in the report, it is the best option offered, thank you Mr. Green.</p>
<p>Marshall Green has brought together an excellent plan for our Barrie waterfront and downtown that is inclusive for a variety of groups to use. Well done Mr. Green.</p>
<p>Marshall Green is just one report and does not reflect the opinion of the public. It reflects the opinion of a few well connected persons who are influencing the report. Conducting a survey after a decision is made, giving a few choices is just a sneaky way to demonstrate solidarity about the decision.</p>
<p>Marshall Green is well-respected by citizens in the Barrie area. I trust his judgement completely. He always has the community and the environment in mind.</p>
<p>Marshall Green [...] had a publicly noted position prior to being secured to create the report and the report largely supports that position.</p>
<p>Marshall Green suggested excellent ideas for the City of Barrie!! Use them to guide future growth and development please!!</p>
<p>Marshall Green thank you for producing such an in-depth and independent study. I have called Barrie home since 1963. Over the years we have watched with delight and pride how our waterfront has evolved into a beautiful destination. Let's continue keep it that way. Sports are an important part of our youth as is music. Just not where people go to walk, sit quietly reading a book, enjoying nature at its best.[.....]</p>
<p>Marshall Green, as a long time resident of Barrie, STOP STOP STOP! A lot of us are sick & tired of ALL the new builds coming! Enough is enough. Better to fix what we already have. It's overcrowded as it is. Fix the roads for starters.</p>
<p>Marshall Green's report is detailed, thoughtful and exciting! Thank you for your expertise!</p>
<p>Marshall Green's report were suggested venues for these various groups. I am glad you are conducting this survey to get the resident's feedback on this important planning issue. I hope to see a written report from the City of the results from this survey. Thank you.</p>

Marshall Green's report has made the most logic of anything so far...The waterfront is a relaxation spot and is a beautiful spot..do not ruin it...having said that there are other park areas in Barrie that could use some TLC..example Kemenfelt drive...The park benches and picnic tables are a disgrace.They are so worn and in bad shape I dare not sit because of splinters...Small parents have no seating...Every home on Barrie pays taxes but all areas are not treated on an equal level...All park areas deserve to be a calming and a delight to visit ..not just the waterfront.. Dunlop Street is an eyesore and may be beyond help....Far too many cannabis shops ..vape and tattoo places...No vision... Collingwood..Orillia Fenlon Falls have a much nicer main SHOPPING area..not just bars and such...

Marshall Green's ideas are far better than the previous one using our waterfront for a soccer field. What is wrong with the parking lot at the hockey rink on Bayview and Mapleview. Why do they have to practice marching by the water?

Marshall Green's recommendations demonstrate thoughtful foresight, ensuring the best interests of our community as it continues to grow. I fully support this report and am appreciative of Mr. Green's research and hard work.

Marshall Green's report is a refreshing document that offers significant potential to regenerate a vibrant City. Given the City's financial situation any planned development to adopt the options within the report will need to be thoroughly vetted to ensure tax dollars are maximized. We need to start somewhere. This is an exciting opportunity to make Barrie a welcoming City.

Marshall Green's report is more thorough and well-thought out than anything this council has ever done. I pray that the councillors do what's right and take Mr. Green's advice, for the good of our entire city. [.....]

Marshall Green's report is spot on. It recognizes that a sports field should not be wasted on waterfront where the natural beauty is currently appreciated and used as such. A sports field should have easy highway access plus his proposal adds access to downtown restaurants and pubs for after game social opportunities; same for Baycats stadium proposal. Please note that for any of this to be viable, downtown safety and clean up is required. Public drug use, pan handling and homelessness needs to be taken care of. For this, I would suggest institutionalization; a facility not downtown, should be re-purposed to house homeless people and contain all the supports under one roof - safe injection site, re-hab, mental health, employment opportunities etc., and a way to re-integrate them into society once they're able.

Marshall Green's report presented some interesting ideas. However, it is much too early for yes and no answers as to whether residents will support some of his ideas. The City of Barrie has to do its due diligence and provide us with a lot more information before we can be expected to vote one way or the other. Because we do not have enough information, I have voted no to many things. With more information, I would possibly change that vote to a yes. It is up to city council to provide this information so we can make informed decisions. At the moment, we just do not have enough information. We need to know who is paying for the sports facility. How big will it be? What will it offer? If the city is footing the bill, I will not support it. We need to know how parking and noise will be addressed at Queens Park. With all the condos being built downtown that do not offer enough parking for even their own residents, we need to know there will be parking available at Queens Park to accommodate both teams and spectators. In addition, we need to know the noise from the games will still allow condo residents peace and quiet. I will not support any development on the waterfront - period. Even though I love pickleball, there should be no pickleball courts built at the waterfront. The sea cadets should not have a new field built. They do not need a new field. There is no reason why one of the parking lots at the South Shore Centre can't be roped off

for a few hours so they can parade. In inclement weather, they can do their exercises upstairs inside the under-used South Shore Centre. If that is not satisfactory, they can continue practice at the Barrie Armory. No field, no courts, and no fencing at the waterfront. The arts centre can not be built on the waterfront. It would obscure the view of the waterfront from Meridian Place! It would also block access to that part of the waterfront for all pedestrians. The waterfront is for use of all residents - not just ticket-holders to the arts centre. An ideal location for constructing the arts centre would be the Maple Street bus terminal. Patrons can then cross the street on a summer day for a walk at the waterfront, or stroll along Dunlop Street for a meal. There would be no need for the Five Points Theatre and it could be re-purposed. No development will be successful unless the issue of vagrants is addressed. At this time, many women will not go downtown or to the waterfront alone at night, and many won't go alone during the day. There needs to be parking available close to all venues, or women are not going to use these facilities. We are not going to wait at bus stops or the side of the road for public transit because we do not feel safe. In addition, when weather is bad, we are not going to use public transit. Women are a large demographic in the city, many with disposable income and interested in supporting the arts and restaurants in this city, but our safety needs have not been met by city council or the police and as a result, we often travel outside Barrie. As mentioned, I am interested in the report and prepared to revisit the survey when more information can be provided so I can make an informed decision. When we are asked to complete a survey without having enough information, it worries me that city council is preparing to make another decision without properly informing residents. I fear they have not learned from their mistake of approving the waterfront sports field without consultation. This survey is not adequate consultation.

Marshall Greens report sets out an excellent roadmap that many Barrie residents have been thinking about for many years. It is nice to see these ideas being put to paper. We have a number of areas within Barrie's downtown that have been sitting vacant for years and I would be nice to see these areas being utilized and vibrant rather than the existing eyesore of present. Exciting opportunities

Marshall Greens report was exceptional.

Marshall Green's report was very thorough, unbiased, and I believe is in the best interests of Barrie residents and community groups including sports organizations.

Marshall is known for his love of the arts. He's a great man and supports his community well. The city needs to decide whether these special waterfront locations are better catered to arts or sports. The best solution would be to keep both groups happy. I could be agreeable to a performing arts building at the Sea cadets location but not without providing for at least a field on the other end of the waterfront. I also agree with maintaining green space but was under the impression the original design did that.

Marshall's report was comprehensive and visionary. Please follow its recommendations.

Marshall's report is excellent. Every idea is sound. Please make ALL plants in the City of Barrie NATIVE, not just certain gardens. LOOK IT UP!! Encourage Community Vegetable Garden beds, and fruit trees. Develop a better INVASIVE PLANTS program. AND, encourage more silent sports: sailing, canoeing, kayaking, x-country skiing trails, skating, snowshoeing. Better for the environment. Safer. Less noise pollution. Ditch the SEA DOO rentals. UGH!! Bringk back the beautiful hot air balloon Festival!

Marshall's report is well done, and recognizes both Barrie's traditional use of resources and the need for growth.

Maybe the city should look into garbage pickup more often. Is there a piece of equipment that could wash the sidewalks? The business owners might want to clean up their storefront.

Meridian Square has a problem with unseemly behaviour. I feel there should be more police action not just a show of presence.
Maybe you should clean up the homeless and drug mess in bare
[.....] this exercise has been a needless use of taxpayers money.
Mindful of the emotional rhetoric regarding the former high school downtown and the obvious mistake in keeping the Fisher auditorium around, what is happening with the proposal to build condos in that location vice a sports field. The vacant property and the ugly facade of the the former primary school on site are eyesores not conducive to a welcome to downtown. Do something!
More access to the water for non-motorized personal watercrafts so we don't have to travel all the way into the downtown area, like Centennial Beach to access the water.
More beach volleyball courts along the waterfront
More consideration needs to be done about the homeless population [...] building up the downtown core will be a waste of money if the homeless are over bearing- nothing will draw me downtown with my family when I feel unsafe walking about
More detailed information needs to be provided to the public regarding the sports complex and moving the Barrie Baycats before a decision is made. My concern is parking and traffic congestion and any other impact on the surrounding area.
More free parking allowed for Barrie residents that are closer to the downtown area
More parking like an above ground parade and stadium to broadcast Barries talent and a place for youth to look up to and feel special to play and perform in would be neat. Also an event space by the current sea cadets that could be accessible by boat would complete Barrie's beautiful waterfront
More Pickleball courts that are not owned by groups and open for the general public to use.
More public bathrooms that are better maintained
More visible policing (foot and bike patrols), as well as on the street social worker intervention is required to encourage local residents to feel safer in the downtown core.
Move any Arts project to the existing empty train station. Any sports field should be built in the old race track land along the 400 to highlight Barrie as travellers pass the city
Move Salvation Army and methadone sites. It's scary for residents. My daughter attended Shaq's world and the number of addicts lingering and doing drugs openly was scary. This was during the day hours.
Moving Bay Cats to Queens Park not a great idea as there would be parking issues. They should stay where they are. I don't think minor baseball would be able to utilize the field enough to make game scheduling viable.
Moving the Barrie Baycats to Queens Park is a very exciting idea and should be pursued! This is such a beautiful area and certainly needs revitalization! There's no need for them to be operating from Midhurst. Bringing them closer to downtown will also help support our local businesses.
Moving the Baycats into town would allow more people to enjoy the team! I love this idea.
Moving the Baycats is a terrible idea, they are in a beautiful location with ample parking, moving them downtown just makes no sense. Parking would be a nightmare, the traffic trying to get to and from the game would just make all the congestion around there even worse especially on weekends. Oh and no one wants to deal with homeless people begging for money or take their kids to a kids day at the Baycats game and then have to explain why that person is hanging onto a tree for dear life trying to stay standing up and not pass out from smoking too much crack.

Moving the Baycats is silly. They will hit balls onto the road. There's no parking there. Leave it at Midhurst. It's beautiful there. Add free wifi. Redo the bleacher so there are steps in the middle. Add awnings at the top of them on the first and third baseline so allow for shade on afternoon games. Plus it will protect from foul balls. And leave the waterfront for nature. I don't know how anyone could have thought a fake turf field was a good idea but now that it's proven to not be. Let's keep the waterfront nature focused because once it's destroyed, it's gone forever. No one should want that.

Moving the baycats makes no sense. They have a large following and announcers and bright lights and merchandise sales. They have a home already. The noise and lights would be disruptive to the houses, and the LTC around them. There is not enough room for a proper home runs to be hit to make the games exciting. They are professional players, it's not TBall. There is not enough room there to accommodate parking. Where would people park, where would the team bus park? Where are the bathrooms, where is the concession stand? If it isn't going to impact what is already there, it's almost an insult to the baycats. Why not take away some of the other ball diamonds at the Barrie sports complex and make that the soccer field? There is no need for 8 diamonds for recreational baseball.

Mr Green and Mr. Scott prepared a well thought out plan to revitalize not only downtown but utilize areas that are not pleasing to the eye. Their ideas make sense and it is not surprising that it takes citizens to come up with feasible ideas when we pay members of council and planning departments to do nothing to change eye sores for visitors and new residents of Barrie. Council should listen more to the people and verify when they say their constituents are aware of things but are apparently not. Glad I live in a ward with an honest councilor.

Mr Green did a great job finding appropriate places for Barrie to evolve and change. I was thinking along the same lines with Queens Park and Dunlop Street West being part of the solution.

Mr Green has given us a vision of the Barrie we'd like to live in. He's shown how it can be done. Barrie is now a city with hope that in spite of all of the high rise condos we can also have a centre of culture- music arts etc.

Mr Green has presented some very thoughtful and practical uses for existing spaces downtown and on the south shore. Thank you, Mr Green.

Mr Green is thoughtful, thorough and wise. He should be celebrated!

Mr Green's recommendations are visionary in nature and would make Barrie a better place for all. I hope that Barrie Council can make the vision become a reality. Please make the area proposed for the sports field by Barrie Council an environmental protected area.

Mr Green's report makes a lot of sense. It should be adhered to.

Mr Green's report was a huge improvement over what the City proposed. I disagree with spending taxpayer money to move the Baycats; they have what they need in Midhurst. While the waterfront would be a beautiful place for a theater, it won't make money or even break even. A business that can stand on its own should get the coveted spot. We should be spending tax dollars only where services are needed or truly need to be upgraded.

Mr. Green's report was well done and thoughtful to the people of Barrie. [.....]

Mr. Green's report makes so much sense and is a win/win for all.

Mr. Green's report was excellent. No sportsfield on the waterfront! The Allandale Station Park should be zoned as "environmentally protected" space asap.

Mr. Green's report, which nobody asked him for, unfortunately ignores more than a year of work done last year by the arts community and the business community on the future of the west end of downtown. His recommendations will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. His report should be ignored, except for the first few pages about the southshore, which he got exactly right. Council, please build the performing arts centre that was promised for decades and drop the silliness about sports stadiums.

Much better plan

Much better plans than putting sports field on waterfront

MUCH consideration should be given to parking, accessibility to areas and traffic flow. All the proposals for tall apartment buildings do NOT do this. In this part of Canada people need cars. There should be 1 parking spot per unit. Then maybe bringing activities downtown will work. Also please remember the people who live there even if you don't.

Much improved plan over what was proposed in May 2024 by council. Would like to see a domed soccer area outside of the downtown and waterfront areas for year round sports. Dunlop West is a good location for that once the Dunlop St exit from highway 400 is completed.

Much more logical use of existing spaces. Please keep the Allandale Station Park as natural as possible. We need wild areas within our city. We love seeing the fox family cavorting in that area. Also they keep the rodent population down. If you doo too much there they will leave.

Multi use multi faceted is the key. What is also needed is innovative housing with tot options for our very large homeless populations

My concern about Queen's Park use would be noise issues late into the evenings because of its proximity to residential areas and the senior's complex. Parking may be an issue if the spectator numbers are large. Fans may be coming from outside Barrie. We have many parks and green spaces that could be utilized. I pass these areas and no one is using them. Small neighbourhood groups could be using them for some sports. Places where kids could be developing sports skills like they used to by playing pick up games. These could be relatively small defined spaces in parks etc. Use of outdoor school areas would be useful too if an agreements could be worked out. I think that spreading these throughout neighbourhoods would be good for encouraging people in those areas to meet their neighbours and become part of the community. We really need a concert hall. We have been too long without one. Too bad that the Fisher site didn't work out.

My concern with the new arts centre taking the place of the old marching ground lies within the inhibition of waterfront views as well as access to the spirit catcher. I have concerns over who this new building would further cut off the water from the rest of the city. I feel it is a waste of money and effort to turn Southshore into a passive park. It is currently a lovely and natural area that is enjoyed by people and wildlife alike. I feel the education stations are a waste of money. I do not support making several accessible paths, which would require paving and destroy habitat. School sports fields should absolutely be made available for community use. There is a brand new turf field in the South End that sits empty almost all of the time. Before we jump to build new facilities, we should be maximizing what we already have. This would save money on construction and labour. I do not support the sports field being developed close to Dunlop St. This area is busy enough, and would only further clog this area, requiring road development and further disturbance. I also have concerns about parking. I do not think the Baycats should move to Queen's Park. Although this area would accommodate the field, I see no plan for the massive amounts of parking that would be needed. Downtown does not have nearly enough space to accommodate all the cars, unlike

<p>their current location that has a plethora of parking. It is a far fetched dream to think that everyone will use public transportation to come to the games. We are not there yet, and to build based on this assumption will only lead to issues.</p>
<p>My endorsement of any of these plans is a cautious yes—all of it needs further consideration and public consultation at the preliminary stages of each individual project.</p>
<p>My main concern for many of these proposals is parking. We already have difficulty finding parking when events are in progress downtown.</p>
<p>My main concern is to keep the waterfront area as Parkland and get it re zoned to Parkland With the huge amount of population change, more Parkland is needed, and preserved for future generations</p>
<p>My only concern is that the proposed performing arts facility is too small for a city the size of Barrie.</p>
<p>My only concern is that the theatre would only accommodate 250 people. I attended Jersey Boys at Kings Wharf today. How is it that a small town like Penetanguishene can accommodate a much larger audience in a town 1/10 the size of Barrie? Let's not be short sighted again and learn from our errors in building an unworkable space like the one currently on Dunlop. (I can't even remember its current name since it has changed so many times.</p>
<p>My only concern was Astro turf beside the water supply. Everything here looks amazing!!</p>
<p>My reaction to Marshall Green's report is very favourable. The downtown Performing Arts Centre is particularly appealing. Locating the soccer facility on the campus of the former Barrie Central Collegiate is also a very good idea. A few areas of concern for me would be the continued protection of the chimney swift roost in the chimney of the demolished high school. Any development and activity on this site should not impinge in any way on the health of this colony. I'm not sure I share Marshall Green's vision for "passive" parkland at the Allandale Station Park. It seems to me that there is plenty of the kind of space Mr. Green mentioned in his brief at City Hall elsewhere in the city. The park should be primarily dedicated to its role as an "ecopark". The establishment of an oak savanna with pollinator gardens, interpretive signage and footpaths will be another jewel for our city's lakefront.</p>
<p>My support for a new sports facility on Dunlop Street is limited, and tempered by the recognition that that the arena where the Barrie Colts play already loses money. As playing fields around the city are already underutilized it is possible, if not likely, that a new facility will also lose money regardless of any built-in flexibility. It is also extremely speculative to assume that fans attending events at such a facility will make a larger contribution to the local economy (hotels, restaurants) than current visitors. If there is research supporting this I would appreciate having it presented to council to buttress the argument in favour of the facility.</p>
<p>My thanks to Marshall Green for the time and expertise that he has brought to this project.</p>
<p>My thanks to Marshall Green for this incredible community gesture and all the work he and others put into the report. Without it, taxpayers like me who support youth activities of all types would not be making an informed decision on an important matter that council approved with little to no consideration of the broader Barrie community. The vision of performing arts centre is too small for a growing city. It needs to be larger by several hundred seats and an appropriate location found. Sea cadets space is too small. I didn't answer Q6 & 7 as too little information. The city needs to invest and improve its current sports fields so they are playable and have at minimum toilet facilities. I would support Baycats at Queens Park if they wanted to move there. Parking is always an issue for any downtown venue so including transit with a</p>

<p>ticket has appeal especially if there is a shuttle bus option from major intersection like Mapleview and Bayfield. Thanks for allowing this space for my views,</p>
<p>My thought is how to accommodate all the people attending the events and their vehicles. I don't know the Barrie transit system well enough, but I don't think it comes often enough, close enough to my home in the east end. I wouldn't opt for transit to attend.</p>
<p>My understanding is that the baseball left Queen's park because of issues with the unhoused. Barrie should invest some of this money into rehab and safe injection sites. Currently people don't go downtown because of safety issues. Putting up new buildings doesn't fix the issues happening in that area. Put some of our ridiculously high police budget into social workers and mental health professionals. I grew up in Niagara Falls and they were constantly putting money into revitalizing the downtown but you cannot revitalize somewhere that people are scared to go.</p>
<p>Need a good hotel in the downtown area. Convention Centre.</p>
<p>Need more dedicated indoor/outdoor pickleball courts</p>
<p>need more land for performing arts centre paul sadlon centre is too small for memorial cup need to think where we will be in 10-20 years from now</p>
<p>Need to be very careful with our choices based on traffic patterns etc. Anything proposed for around the water will increase congestion which currently is heavy at times. Bringing in more tourists to the area will impact the infrastructure which is currently heavily used/ abused not to mention greenhouse impact</p>
<p>Need to clean up downtown Barrie. We are investing but it is not safe and overrun with homeless, drug and rampant drug abuse. Removes the sites contributing to this growing concern across NA. What we doing is not working - no more free safe consumption sites. Take care of tax payers and those of us that contribute to society. We have the right to enjoy our beautiful city and waterfront.</p>
<p>Need to improve the security and make the downtown a safe place.</p>
<p>Need to pull more positive people/events into downtown.</p>
<p>new mayor because nuttal made this city become garbage</p>
<p>Newsflash. Adults and kids lead sedentary lives because of technology devices that encourage minimal exercise. As a Province we will be picking up the tab for this in the billions through our health system. The more facilities we can provide that encourages active lifestyles the better we will all be in the long run.</p>
<p>Nicely done. We must protect our waterfront green spaces as there is so little left undeveloped- make sure that "Allandale Station Park " becomes an Environmentally Protected "Waterfront Wooded Park"</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>No "professional" sports entity should receive any public funding from the City of Barrie. The waterfront is not an appropriate place for a performing arts centre – waterfront space needs to be kept open and accessible to all.</p>
<p>No development of any type on the lake side of Lakeshore Drive and Simcoe. Except for a performing arts facility. No parade field in the Allandale Station Park! The Sea Cadets have not had one for decades.</p>
<p>No football field in the Allandale Park. Very disappointed that residents were not consulted. The Mayor and Councilors that voted for the football field at Allandale Park without consultation should be fired immediately.</p>
<p>No more high rises they are too tall should have been height restrictions around the bay.</p>

No more theatres. More parks and sports fields!
No new field on our waterfront. There is five points theatre right up the street. Where would all those cars park for a new field and theatre? No more added traffic to the already gridlocked lakeshore, especially on weekends. Use the tons of fields already existing.
No one goes downtown anymore due to all the drug addicts and homeless. None of our tax dollars should be used to prop up a baseball team. People cannot afford to live here anymore
No parking at proposed performing arts location.
No sports complex on the lakeside property
NO sports complex, building, field or otherwise at Southshore!! The traffic along Lakeshore as it stands now is unmanageable. That location cannot support any other major function/venue/purpose without serious consequences.
No sports complex. No further commercialization of barrie waterfront.
No sports courts down at the waterfront
No sports field along the lakefront!!!!!!
No sports field for the Baycats or for any professional team should be created in the downtown or lakeshore area. Parking would be a disasterous situation and the noise, the amount of people and the bright lighting would disturb the natural landscape and serenity that goes with the current set up of the waterfront. Activities that take place on a sports field or parade ground need a huge wide open space that can accommodate not only the activity happening, but the crowds that will come to watch and or participate. Assist in the expansion of the fields out in Midhurst if you must to further develop fields on which to play and parade grounds on which to march. Don't try and cram something new and evasive on the valuable ecological property that is our beautiful lakeshore.
No sports fields along the waterfront!!! Keep it natural with walking paths!
No sports fields or arenas or courts along the waterfront. Keep it accessible to all & passive for ALL to enjoy.
No to a field or complex on lakeshore, along the water, or at Southshore. Also, my answer to question 8 is a 'yes' specific to the proposal for Queen's Park to be home to the Baycats, NOT a yes for them to be, as the survey states, in 'a downtown location'. If you lead people to think they are agreeing to the Baycats at Queen's Park, and then you put them somewhere else, that's a 'no' from me, and I don't agree with that. The downtown core looks like a set from The Walking Dead, and is unsafe. Work on the unaffordable housing crisis, the crime, the open drug use, the mess, the loitering, and all your other plans are more likely to see success.
NO to a new sports complex. We have a MASSIVE one just outside of Barrie. NO to taking over green space for this. NO NO NO NO.
NO to a soccer field at Barrie Central property! What a waste of land. The downtown turned to hell as soon as Dunlop Arena was taken away from the City. The City built the almost useless Sadlon Center, the worst (new) building in the league. Another council mistake. You want to revitalize the downtown? Build a modern arena, in a hockey town, the businesses downtown would love it. Build a soccer field in the bush. Not downtown. Look at London, Guelph. Good examples.
No to all development near Southshore!!
No, it was excellent.
No. But I will say the land where the old race track was, near the 400 hiway would make a good space for a sports complex. With a soccer field,baseball diamond, hockey area, Cricket field, and even a hotel.

None
None of this matters until the homeless drug use is under control. People avoid downtown. Why would we build more park and recreational facilities before people feel comfortable going downtown again. Spend the money on more walking police officers downtown.
Nope
Not included in report, but concerned about ski do rental business operating in Kempenfelt Bay disrupting the spawning area for fish.
Not sure about the Baycats due to parking. People come from out of town to watch the games.
Not sure there is sufficient parking in the Queen's Park area to support Barrie Baycats. The presence of homeless and drug addicted people might be a barrier to attracting spectators to evening games. Do we think the new condos and a ballpark to accommodate the Baycats would help gentrify the area? Is there really sufficient resident interest and support to make a performing arts centre viable, or do we risk it becoming a seldom used facility that cannot sustain itself without significant subsidies?
Odd, or maybe not so odd, that there is no mention of the proposed artificial turf sports field on the South Shore nature trail. Will that just suddenly be added in if this plan is approved? Is the nature park a red herring distraction from the real intent? I'd put nothing past this city council.
Of course, none of this will work unless something is done about the unhoused and homeless encampments. No one feels safe.
On an another note altogether, it would be nice to create a pleasure skating ice trail somewhere down in the Barrie waterfront area. The existing rink at the waterfront is being used only for hockey and I would love to have a skating trail there for families and adults to enjoy. :))
<p>On the whole, I was very pleased with the contents of Marshall Green's report on the multi-use sports field and the proposed uses for various sites within the City - particularly the much-needed performing arts centre I have a few comments and concerns as follows:</p> <p>If a sports field is developed at the Barrie Central site, it should ensure that the chimney providing housing to the swifts be incorporated into the site and plans should be developed for its maintenance. The site development should also incorporate designs that support the continued existence of these birds.</p> <p>I take exception to the report's statement that "...while the LSP might have offended various waterfront studies and plans previously approved by past Councils, these are not "the law" and provided proper procedures are followed, could be changed. And, in view of my recommendations which follow, land use planning concerns, at least for the time being, were moot." Municipalities undertake strategic plans and master plans, often with considerable community engagement and certainly supported by taxpayers' dollars, in order to determine and reflect the community's desires regarding the City's future development. Specifically, the Waterfront Strategic Plan was adopted by Council in 2023. As such, it is a current reflection of the community's vision and should be considered a highly relevant document. Of course, it, like any other strategic plan, is not a legal document but, it nevertheless has significant value that should not be discounted.</p> <p>In contrast, Barrie's Official Plan is a legal document that has been approved by the Province and the municipality is obliged to adhere to that content. In that Plan, the community vision</p>

statement includes, "greater environmental stewardship, a commitment to climate action and lowering emissions". Its founding principles enshrines " the city's Natural Heritage System as a core component of the community structure, and fully embraces sustainability, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to reach a net-zero goal and climate action and adaptation." In addition, the Official Plan recognizes that the City's green spaces and natural heritage "are essential to the landscape and the community – they contribute to the overall environmental and social values and health of the city and wider region. This Plan provides policies to ensure the features and functions are protected so that they can continue to perform their vital ecological functions and provide ecosystem services for the city."

I quote from these documents to illustrate how the Marshall Green report recommendations support two of the key plans that relate to this specific site. I hope that Council will re-consider their original decision and will reflect on the need to align future decisions with municipal plans based on community engagement, best practices and long-term vision for the City.

One hour per week weather permitting for parades. Use the parking lot.

One of the biggest issues I see with the proposed developments in the downtown area is parking. Is there additional parking planned for the theatre or the ballpark? The theatre is also smaller than I thought it would be, we already have venues of those sizes. It would be very nice to have something here to rival Toronto, at least a little bit. Not sure how viable an additional theatre is, though I'd personally love a large theatre here. Love the proposed eco park!

Only concern is downtown parking for baseball games.

Only that I wish to see the natural grass trails and meadows to the East of the Community Centre be left alone, and nor urbanized...ever!

Our beaches are at capacity no where to sit and enjoy because they are overcrowded. Please build a larger beach area in south shore also a winter ice skating trail unlike the one in collingwood would be an incredible asset the skating rink and the new rinks are not enough for this growing population and outdoor skating is important for our heritage.

Our city waterfront needs to be protected from big construction projects.

Our concern is the cost and the amount of congestion to the downtown area especially considering the added high density condominium housing

Our downtown already has a traffic and parking issue and the fact that the town is allowing these horrible high rise condos that offer next to no visitors parking is going to add incredibly horrible traffic to an already horrible traffic issue . No way do we need the bay cats downtown barrie, nor another sports areas on our beautiful waterfront where parking and roads are already poorly built

Our downtown and lakeshore footprint is too small to cram as much in as are being proposed. We are going to loose the allure of our beautiful water by building more buildings. Use existing buildings and appropriate spaces to redevelop into some of these things. Use the old race track for a sports complex (with both new professional team and Baycats), redevelop southshore centre or the old Roxx building for performing arts centre, etc. Our downtown is not limping along because of homeless people, it is limping along because it is choppy and not a welcoming community. Store owners treat their businesses as it they are their own homes and not as a privilege to be part of a downtown community. No one stays open past what time they was to go home. There needs to be investment in better lighting and development of connecting east and west Dunlop as a whole. Barrie keeps trying to make things classier to appease the rich but are not enriching the community vibe. It feels lifeless.

Take notes from some Toronto and other ontario communities that are developing and doing this well without leaving anyone on the economic continuum behind. Community means all. We need people who have no ties or influence to our city to come assess our needs and make recommendations. Thank you

Our Downtown needs to be cleaned up before bring more infrastructure to Dunlop. I'm a new resident of downtown Barrie and I'm terrified to walk on Dunlop to shop or go to a restaurant. These twin condos that are being built on Dunlop are the ugliest buildings I've ever seen. Never should have been built on Dunlop st.

Our downtown should be a safer space with less open drug use. There should also be more opportunities for the city and local business to earn income from the non-residents that come to our waterfront on the weekends.

Our lakeshore is a treasure and the natural elements should be protected. We are fortunate to have it. It is very shortsighted to develop it when other more suitable locations exist within the community.

Our lakeshore needs to remain looking like a lakeshore and be easily accessible for use by all city of Barrie residents.

Our roads and infrastructure are falling apart at the seams. There are many streets I avoid using as to avoid damaging my vehicle they are so poorly maintained. Barrie has many parks community centres and sports fields including school fields that are not used year round and can be used in addition to city properties as in my mind they are still public lands. Fix our roads and manage traffic better. Stop building high density housing and just rebuild the existing sea cadet building to remove safety concerns. These expansive plans are a massive waste of tax dollars

Our waterfront is a major treasure for the city of Barrie and its residents. Planning is very important. Entertainment and sporting facilities can support it but don't need to be blocking the view when they could be a block back on Bradford St and west end of Dunlop Street by the old central highschool property and close enough to Queens Park. The Armouries and Queens park could facilitate the cadets parade grounds.

Over this past summer I was involved with the Canadian Musicians Co-operative which is based out of Barrie. I believe that the Co-op and the Barrie Film Festival could join forces in the future and lead positive outcomes for artists and creatives in Barrie and the region surrounding. It is becoming more crucial that Co-op members have a suitable home for programming year round.

Overall I was very impressed with the plan, especially the sporting aspects of it. However, I do feel like there is no need to spend money on over developing an Eco park with infrastructure, let it be natural. Also, I believe the city's art community deserves a bigger presence to match the investment in sports. The parade grounds shouldn't take away from desperately needed parking, and should be as minimal as possible to suit the cadets needs, without limiting it to one or two other functions. It should be as multi-functional as possible. There should be a waterfront shuttle bus that connects all ends of the waterfront to Dunlop, some of the new proposed sports facilities and the two bus terminals. It should be easy to get to the beach, and then to a game, and then go for dinner, before transferring to a route that would take you home. Lastly, better plans need to be put in place to provide ALL the housing and programs for the homeless community that are there. Unfortunately, as we are failing to provide them with the support they need, it is creating unsafe situations for everyone. It doesn't make any sense to do any of this if we aren't taking care of the people who are on the streets and providing them with support, safety and security. Let's help them first before we spend money on all this "fun" stuff.

Overall safety is the biggest problem in the downtown core which includes all of downtown. Until a fundamental plan is established to ensure citizens safety all revitalizing is a waste. Citizens do not feel safe downtown

Overall the report was well done. I did not support the Astro turf field. In future city council needs to ensure there is full disclosure to these types of proposals instead of just hearing from special interest groups.

Overall, I agree that a sports/event complex is needed. Queens park is a good option to be refreshed for minor sports. No sporting arena or grounds should be located along the waterfront, south shore, Simcoe Street or anywhere along the dwindling crowded shoreline that will inevitably be developed with housing or business. There are other locations surrounding the downtown area that would be more suitable, walkable or a short distance. Could the Sea Cadets be located at Tyndale Park? They would have full access to the water and sufficient parking and space. Creating a parade ground on the south shore that would only be used by few seasonally and sporadically would be another waste of valuable waterfront and would create more traffic and over use of the remaining natural small park land. Barrie Transit is NOT a reliable and time efficient service and would only be feasible if shuttles or dedicated buses were assigned to the events.

Overall, I agree with Marshall Green's report. Barrie has an absolutely beautiful and well-used waterfront and creating opportunities for Barrie residents to enjoy downtown in various ways is a wonderful idea. The overall safety of downtown is my biggest concern. Bringing more things downtown would definitely highlight the growing safety concerns that exist. For example, if the sea cadets are looking for a new space because of safety concerns, putting an arts centre in its place seems dangerous and the safety concerns would still exist. My family and I love visiting the downtown library, the art gallery and Tulip Cafe and city hall skating rink but often do not feel safe when we're there. It is a big deterrent from going downtown. Further details on what the arts centre would look like and how it impacts the waterfront, skyline, etc would also be greatly appreciated. I am worried this may close off the view/access to the waterfront which should be free and accessible to all. If anything is to be built there, it should be the library for everyone to access and the arts centre can take over their current building.

One other suggestion to bring more families and residents down is creating more park space. The children's park at centennial beach is so well used and having more park space (splash pads, even integrated with cafes, etc. as is done in other parts of the world) would encourage residents to come down. Open Air Dunlop is a great start to this! Having a dog beach, dog park/area would help as well. Barrie does a great job at providing free bathrooms along the waterfront but there are none downtown. Adding more bike lanes would encourage residents to come downtown and help to alleviate parking/traffic congestion in the downtown core. Thank you for being so considerate and thorough in the next steps for Barrie. It is a wonderful place to raise a family and can only get better from here.

Parking and traffic are a major issue for any revitalization. It's already difficult to find parking when events are going on at the lake or downtown. The lake should be developed to best serve as many demographics as possible. Sports is not key to everything. Moving the Baycats back into the city is a great idea but there is no parking around the proposed diamond. Look at harbourfront in Toronto for inspiration. Where are the artisans in these proposals, or creative studios not just performing. Focus on bringing more businesses to downtown especially west of Bayfield.

Parking and traffic would be increased dramatically for those who live locally - in no area of this survey does this parking requirement get addressed. All lots around the lake are always busy, winter and summer. Further, this could impact residents who will see increased parking

<p>on side streets for people looking to park. The congestion would be incredible to an area already encumbered. While I appreciate the need for a new Arts Centre - there are many properties that are still undeveloped due to various reasons , i.e. the old high school which is now a giant empty lot. There are two I can think of on Bradford street that could lend itself perfectly. Leave our waterfront ALONE. Buildings are not required or wanted to block the water or access to it.</p>
<p>Parking availability will be CRUCIAL to the success of ANY revitalized downtown. Those of us who live near Barrie's boundaries, we are furthest away from the downtown core and cannot use Barrie Transit in a meaningful or efficient way. PLEASE PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARKING SPOTS within close proximity to the proposed downtown vision!</p>
<p>Parking for the performing arts centre will be a major issue. Parking for the bay cats will also be a major concern. We also need a restaurant on the lake with a marina that people can park at. Why not include that in the theatre proposal.</p>
<p>Parking for the proposed Baycats Facility at Queens park would not be adequate. Downtown parking around queens park would be difficult to accommodate the influx of visitors. A benefit to the current facility in Midhurst is ample free parking keeping cost for attendees down.</p> <p>Clarification on the professional sports facility on Dunlop street is required. Is the City required to fund the project and maintain the facility or is this going to be a private venture by the sports team to construct and maintain? Will this facility be open to all minor sports without exclusions? for example: Soccer facility only allowed to be rented to Barrie Soccer teams? or can an alternate sport like lacrosse/field hockey/rugby use the facility?</p>
<p>Parking for the proposed Performing Arts Theatres is a serious issue. Typically 60% of the attendees would be seniors who would not walk more than a block nor would they inclined to get there bus.</p>
<p>Parking is a big issue for most of these ideas. Adequate parking is necessary. If the soccer fields was at south shore, more green space would be used for parking, which is a waste. Angle parking should be added to Lakeshore drive near south shore instead of the parallel parking there now. In front of Sunnidale park should be changed to paved angle parking also. Can old Barrie Central land be used for soccer fields and baseball for the Baycats? Is there enough room for the Baycats at Queens park, with parking? I wouldn't go if you had to park blocks away in a residential area(where they don't want you to park) and must walk blocks to go to the baseball game.</p>
<p>Parking is a hot button topic especially in the downtown core and on the waterfront. I can't support a performing arts centre with allowing for parking for 200 vehicles. Around Queens park and the surrounding neighbourhood could likely handle the parking needs for the Bay Cats.</p>
<p>Parking is a huge concern for anything downtown or at the lakeshore. Our transit has just been modified to TOD which has not worked for me so many times that I've given up and I just walk to my transfer stop. This will be awful when winter sets in. The idea of taking transit is ridiculous to most Barrie citizens. So many have cars to commute to their jobs and would never think of inconvenience themselves to take Barrie transit.</p>
<p>Parking is a huge issue as well as the ever growing homeless population. These are 2 barriers preventing tax papers from enjoying the downtown and waterfront. I would support the baycats moving if seating and parking would allow it and if they can control only ticket holders attending the games.</p>
<p>Parking needs to be considered for all of these projects there isn't enough of it downtown/near Queen's park. Also I feel like downtown is in need of some safety I increases before trying to bring the art there. Unfortunately downtown has become a place where I feel</p>

<p>unsafe walking by myself even during the day so attending theater events which are typically in the evening would be a no go for me. We also have the 5points theater so do we really need another theater right there?</p>
<p>Parking needs to be considered with moving the Baycats to Queens Park. Will there be enough parking? The option of using city transit may be considered if included - may have had the option to reply with a maybe rather than a definite yes or no response. Thank you very much for your (and others) great ideas, care of our city and time dedicated to all. Thank you also for giving us the opportunity to contribute our thoughts. Our family moved to Barrie in 72/73 as well from Hamilton. Barrie truly has grown...</p>
<p>parking should be a significant factor in the consideration of any and all projects. Baycats downtown would be great, but there is not sufficient parking to support the number of people who would be coming to see the game. Transit is not the solution as schedules do not align with many people's requirements.</p>
<p>Parking! We need more parking for all of these things which would be fantastic for our city! Lets take advantage of our downtown. That southshore area should be blocked from the view of the lake with a forest which homeless are using to camp in.</p>
<p>PARKING!! BARRIE HAS NO PARKING TO SUPPORT AND OF THESE PROJECTS! YOU MEED TO FOCUS ON PROJECTS, GREEN SPACES AND PARKING! Good god</p>
<p>Parking, Parking, Parking. Concert halls and sprots fields should not be placed on the lakeshore areas. Barrie is blessed with Lake Simcoe. Don' t block it from easy access. This is not Sydney Australia, Keep the concert hall away form the lakefront.</p>
<p>Parkland that was proposed as a sports field be rezoned environmental so no further attempts to disuse the land are attempted.</p>
<p>Parkng for arts centre and baycats would be a concern. Transit should be included for any event tickets</p>
<p>People are exhausted, life is too expensive, unemployment is rampant. What extra money do you think people are going to have to spend at all these locations for entertainment purposes when we can barely afford rent/mortgages, groceries, and gas? Re-prioritize less entertainment (unless it's free) and more to help people out: for example, a transit system that doesn't take an hour to travel what it takes 15 minutes in a car.</p>
<p>Performing Arts Centre preferred Bradford Street and Dunlop Street W area rather than large building obstructing waterfront.</p>
<p>Personally I feel like the purposed soccer field on the lake is a horrible idea. Do not take away from the waterfront and add a field that can easily be placed anywhere else in barrie. The complex has plenty of soccer fields and plenty of area in the surrounding areas for multiple fields.</p>
<p>Personally i think it is a shame that a city the size of Barrie still lack a decent PAC, unlike other much smaller communities around us. I welcome the initiative and hope it will be executed with proper urgency.</p>
<p>Plan alternative locations for homeless [.....]</p>
<p>Please keep Barrie's waterfront free of any revitalized structures!</p>
<p>Please address the drug abuse and homelessness issues in the downtown core - in a just and humane way that addresses the root causes of these issues, not just breaking up encampments and shuffling people around - before proceeding with any of these projects.</p>
<p>Please be courageous and get this exciting proposal moving forward! Generations will thank you.</p>



<p>Please be mindful of the full financial impact of the decisions made. Including to ensure that new recreation opportunities and full facilities (indoor and outdoor) are planned and then built to fully anticipate the impending growth to our city. Buildings such as the Toronto Pan Am sports facility could be adapted to include ice rinks and service the entire city population for youth sports, and residents of all ages and abilities. Including potential tourism impacts to host large events. If you build it they will come - population is expanding quickly - please build for the future population not our current population numbers.</p>
<p>PLEASE CLEAN UP THE DOWNTOWN CORE. THIS IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS. Consider some nice mid to upper level and restaurants that are truly waterfront like any other major city has. Crime is key and infrastructure also needs to follow or nothing absolutely nothing will succeed with the downtown as it currently stands. As a first responder I will not take my young teen girls to the downtown core at all. Stats, police reports, traffic reports should tell you that's where our focus should be and investing properly for our downtown business owners and responsible residents. How can an already flooded artery take anymore traffic and what death is the price you are willing to pay.</p>
<p>Please consider and consult the disability community. This is a major blind spot in the city. The disability community deserves access to nature and recreation as well!</p>
<p>Please continue to engage in public consultation, since public land affects us all. Naturalized spaces are so important on so many levels, from an ecology stand-point first of all. Following that, human physical and mental health is greatly improved when quality, biodiverse spaces are accessible to visit.</p>
<p>Please deal with the underlying reason for the lack of safety in the downtown core and waterfront which is the number of homeless people and tent cities that spring up constantly in the downtown/waterfront area BEFORE building MORE BUILDINGS that people are afraid to attend or be near because they feel and ARE threatened by "street people" all throughout this area. Ten years ago, the area you are dealing with was completely safe to walk around in the early morning or evening...IT IS NO LONGER SAFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>Please do not alter Allandale Station Park nature area and change the Zoning to make it a protected wildlife area so that we don't have to keep going through City Council attempts to develop this beautiful area.</p>
<p>Please do not build a multi sports field on the passive portion of our beautiful Southshore. We are stewards not greedy grabbers for self and immediate satisfaction, we must pass a law to permanently freeze any other use for these lands....permanently write it into our Barrie constitution IN PERPETUITY.</p>
<p>Please do not destroy our beautiful waterfront with the proposed Sea Cadet facility.</p>
<p>Please do Not develop the proposed sports field along the waterfront. Innisfil had the right idea combining the YMCA and soccer fields. Parking is already an issue on lakeshore. Revitalization in downtown is okay as long as buildings aren't too high. Look at the eyesore high rise being built downtown near Mary and Dunlop sets.</p>
<p>Please do not discard because not complete. My wish is to have the lake shore to remain for nature for walking and cycling and picnics and an appropriate size marching field to the north side of the south shore centre for the cadets. I feel any sports field of any size should not be built within the lake shore park area. Please build away from park area with ample parking available. A Midhurst sports park expansion sounds perfect. soccer field as long as there is ample parking and not near lake side park. I thought the hotel art centre was being built at Simcoe and Mulcaster. I do not want the Wind Catcher obstructed by a building it is spectacular from every angle as is</p>



<p>Please do not let any changes take place at the Southshor! Its natural beauty should not be messed with!</p>
<p>Please do not let Barrie residents down. Please do not place a multi-use sports field on our treasured waterfront land. Please keep this land for residents and visitors to enjoy the beauty of our waterfront. Thanks!</p>
<p>please do not make one decision at a time- provide time to develop the full vision for Barrie for the next 20 years- that includes cleaning up downtown, addressing drug related degeneration of our city, preserving the shoreline, water views and public access, keeping noise and light pollution to a minimum, thinking ahead to parking, washrooms, and enhancing the natural beauty of Barrie</p>
<p>Please do not put a sports complex along the waterfront. It is a waste of this precious resource. People go to sports events to watch the actual sport/game. They don't need to be at the waterfront. They are watching the game. They can watch the game in other environments, it's not needed at the waterfront. The waterfront is Barrie's best and most beautiful resource. Please save it for use to walk, access the water to swim etc. Another children's park could be nice on the south shore. Parking will be a nightmare if the sports complex is built there. I think anything built along the waterfront should be accessible and of use to everyone. Our waterfront is so beautiful. Please keep it that way.</p>
<p>Please do not put a sportsfield by the waterfront.</p>
<p>Please do not put the new sports arena on the waterfront. Most of your residents do not support this</p>
<p>Please do not put turf fields and parking lots in the park area at Southshore! Consider the whole city and use of our beautiful park by everyone!</p>
<p>Please do not ruin downtowns waterfront accessibility with a bunch of ugly fields or buildings. The water front is the only reason people live here.</p>
<p>Please do not touch the trees or meadow area and, while EP designation would be helpful, please look for a more permanent way to protect this cherished shoreline natural area in perpetuity. Would a nature conservancy ensure it could never be developed? Also, concerned that a theatre on the sea cadet property would bring noise, traffic, parking problems to our shoreline and fragile lake</p>
<p>Please do not turn the waterfront at Southshore into a Sea Cadet parade ground. I completely disagree with the waterfront being used for this purpose or for more sports. The bike paths are already used by people cycling at top fitness speed while little toddlers are staggering around. I admired Barrie's vision for the natural waterfront to be cared for so well. The trails, the signage around history and culture, the understated war memorials at Southshore - these are the beauties that make our lakeshore unique. Please keep the lakeshore open and accessible for the needs of everyone - it's not a solution to shove a single use project in there where it doesn't fit. Thank you.</p>
<p>Please do not waste any taxpayer dollars on a performing arts centre. Also, the downtown is unsafe with all the [...]*. I would not recommend any improvements until the Barrie Police deal with drug trafficking and abuse.</p>
<p>Please do something about the homeless and drug addicts. Barrie's best feature is our down town and it's no longer safe to enjoy!!! It's so disappointing how out of hand it's gotten and honestly not safe anymore.</p>
<p>Please don't use astroturf in the sports complexes!</p>
<p>Please don't build a huge sports complex on land surrounding the bay.We need tranquility down there</p>

<p>Please ensure that the allandale station park area is protected and that green space is not built upon in the downtown and lakeshore areas anymore than necessary. Also be mindful of traffic impacts down lakeshore drive etc.</p>
<p>Please ensure the space is zoned environmentally protected from future threats.</p>
<p>Please get downtown safe. If it doesn't improve in the next couple years, I'll be faced to make a decision to move to keep myself and children safe.</p>
<p>Please give consideration to volume/light pollution in housing areas. Living next to baseball diamonds myself, I know how detrimental the noise of loud music is from dawn to dusk during baseball season, as well as the intense light. I believe that it's possible and necessary to make these facilities safe, fun, and not a terrible nuisance to the homes/families surrounding them. Also, nobody is going to be interested in spending time downtown with the increasing intoxicated/unhoused population. We just don't feel safe. If you want to improve Barrie's waterfront, please address some of the social issues that keep people from spending time there.</p>
<p>Please include how infrastructure will be affected and dealt with rather than just asking if we would take a bus.</p>
<p>Please include the data from your question boards in Tuesday's Southshore centre open house. I trust that the results will be made public without bias to these issues.</p>
<p>Please include the Draft Discussion Paper on Allandale Station Park, prepared by the South Shore Eco Park Task Force in the Staff Report to Council on Oct.9. Thank you.</p>
<p>Please just leave nature natural. Its a shame that the city wants to convert forested areas into cement and buildings everywhere. For example the Leon's bush, oh we need a road!, Lakefront, oh we need a sports complex (other areas can be used that won't interfere with nature, and the last one oh we need a Disc Golf at park place because it's a forest we have not used up yet, since destroying the original forest to build a plaza! Seriously, leave the forests alone. No wonder there are more coyote sightings in town, you are destroying their homes!</p>
<p>Please keep around the bay natural. Barrie needs to keep the drug addicts and homeless away from down town and tell them to pick up the garbage they leave behind. Even the beggars at traffic lights leave their garbage drink containers on the ground. They are making barrie residents less charitable towards them. The more hand outs from individuals and churches increase the numbers of homeless and drug addicts. Clean this issue up before destroying the water front</p>
<p>Please keep the need for parking in mind for planning. It is very important to protect the waterfront green space. Marshall's report was bang on. Use what we already have. And, by way of clarification, the baseball diamond at Queen's Park has not been used at all since over the last few years! The City should be cleaning it up and getting it back in shape for community use. Shameful waste!</p>
<p>Please keep the south shore area green and naturalized; we are losing many such spaces to development and yet they are so important in supporting biodiversity, providing public natural spaces for all of the new people moving into downtown, and as green infrastructure to mitigate the effects of climate change. Fully supportive of moving the Baycats to Queen's Park - the Midhurst fields are nice but impossible to get to except by car and have no nearby amenities like restaurants to create a gameday experience. the Sea Cadet grounds should be multi-purpose as much as possible to make the area lively and vibrant. the new PAC should be thoughtfully designed to be integrated with the waterfront and ensure that it is a usable, beautiful public space that is also multi-use. let's bring people back downtown, and then take care of it!</p>

<p>Please keep the South Shore passive as per question 3!! Downtown Barrie is already becoming more & more congestive so it's best the Baycats stay in Midhurst.</p>
<p>Please keep the south shore public and natural. There are enough other areas for development of a sports field and space for the cadets</p>
<p>Please keep the southshore green and quiet. I can see where we can do something for the sea cadets but a sports field and significant added pressure on the area is simply not a good idea in my eyes</p>
<p>Please leave our beautiful waterfront the way it is with some enhancements as suggested. The [.....] fiasco of a single lane along Lakeshore impedes emergency vehicles. Have seen people parking on the medians. Where is the by law officer?</p>
<p>Please leave some the property alone, animals and people need atleast ONE place to enjoy nature. The city is a mess. Focus on that</p>
<p>Please leave the green space close to the rowing club as green as possible. It's fantastic for having walks with out the crowds that are closer to downtown. I think revitalizing down town should also include trying to clean up areas either with fresh coat of paint, more flora/ fauna. It would also be ideal to make Barrie more safe at night.</p>
<p>Please leave the lakeshore waterfront open for all. Terrible idea to put sports fields there. The lakeshore is so busy with traffic already and only green space left. I'm also horrified by the extra tall buildings. Absolutely ruining Barrie. Not against buildings but not 35-40 floors in height. RIDICULOUS!!!!</p>
<p>Please light up the beach volleyball courts by Tiffin launch. So unfair that the basketball courts have plenty of lights, but we volleyball players have to go home at sunset :(Other locations for more courts along the beach, along with these new plans, would also be appreciated! We need to occupy downtown as much as we can, with as much public access, variety of activities (and hours of activities) as possible. It's sad to see a city centre die, Barrie has still time to fix it.</p>
<p>Please listen to the people of Barrie that truly care about the city & only want to see positive changes. Our voices deserve to be heard. Please implement the right changes for what the people want, not the city officials.</p>
<p>Please look at the Performance Centre for the Arts (Stockey Centre) in Parry Sound as an excellent example of a properly built and successful performing arts facility. Acoustics are most important. I can make arrangements for anyone to come and meet with the architect, artistic director, manager, etc. at the Stockey Centre. Please contact me for more information – [.....]</p>
<p>Please make sure to keep green space near the south shore center</p>
<p>Please maximize green space to encourage public accessibility and prohibit development that blocks view of the bay. If a metropolis as large as Chicago can successfully manage their waterfront for public good, surely Barrie can too!</p>
<p>Please please do not let this become another fiasco like the Allandale Train Station property. Think wisely about the property uses. Think deeply about parking and traffic issues.</p>
<p>Please preserve our water front and stop building on it. This should be environmentally protected land for future generations. I will not support any development that takes away the habitat of our animals in this area. I also object to spending money on frivolous expenses that serve a small part of our community, versus addressing the severe issues in the downtown core than include open drug use, those in mental health crisis unknowingly and sometimes deliberately harassing members of the public, stealing, and vandalizing. Until the issue of a safe consumption site is addressed, and downtown is safe, no amount of development is going to move these people from this space. We will waste millions of dollars on</p>



<p>developments that destroy our waterfront, only to encourage people to squat, beg, and use openly in those spaces. Commit money to a supervised consumption site, and housing, and solve these problems (or at least make significant progress) before building marching fields and entertainment complexes.</p>
<p>Please push Doug Ford to allow Supervised Consumption Sites to open. That's why Queen's Park (and various other places around Barrie) have become Unsupervised Consumption Sites, with dirty needles and drug paraphernalia littered on the ground where it creates a biohazardous risk. Punishing people experiencing drug addictions isn't the answer, and no amount of puritanical whining about "shoot-up sites" (which also have information on resources to help people quit) will change that.</p>
<p>Please put funds towards cleaning up downtown before spending any money on anything else. I haven't set foot downtown since 2020. I use to spend alot of time downtown with my daughter. But it is so unsafe. I honestly can't believe the state our city is in. If you put new expensive thi gs downtown, it's like putting lipstick on a pig!</p>
<p>Please put some supervised consumption sites and social supports in place so downtown is not over run by the unhoused population and drug users</p>
<p>Please remove the homeless and make downtown safe for families. We are too scared to even go to certain restaurants because of several scary incidents near sushi and tree and the performing arts area. Would love to see downtown safe, and even tourist friendly</p>
<p>Please stop destroying our park. It's the nicest thing we have in barrie but soon it will be congested and treeless if development continues.</p>
<p>Please stop trying to develop the waterfront. It's beautiful as it is and doesn't interfere with environmental protection goals.</p>
<p>Please take a moment to use your imagination. What you do now will continue to impact the space long after you are dead. Global warming and climate change, too many gas powered vehicles and the pollution they create. Quick fixes and pretty things made to line your own pockets with money now have got to stop. The money would be better spent on finding homes and work for the people of Barrie.</p>
<p>Please thank him for his excellent work.</p>
<p>Please work on the mental health and the drug crisis! I love that you're making our city sports focused due to your own personal interests, but we are much more concerned with downtown safety.</p>
<p>Prefer no further buildings be erected that would block the views of Barrie's waterfront .</p>
<p>Preserving greenspace in Barrie is essential for maintaining biodiversity, offering residents natural areas for recreation, and balancing urban development with environmental sustainability. We need to prioritize these spaces to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.</p>
<p>Preserving natural areas is crucial for a sustainable future, as they provide essential ecosystem services such as air and water filtration, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation. The proposal to cwrite a small paragraph about the importance of preserving natural areas for a greener future that the cites proposal to construct an eco park while accommodating the sea cadets at a location more suited to them and giving the performing arts a elevates the appeal of the downtown. Hopefully, this will be a new beginning for Barrie, one where the city chooses to put the needs of the planet first before the people and the economy.</p>

<p>Primary Concern: The primary concern for me is protecting our waterfront and a natural space as referenced in question #4.</p> <p>Performing Arts Centre: A City of our size should have a performing arts centre of a significant size. Much smaller towns make it work. We have been a community with a richness of musical, theatrical and performance history. As we grow and diversify even more, the future of the performing arts has so much more to contribute. Let's do this Barrie!</p> <p>Community Sports Facility: I have no issue with sports venue being developed if it is usable by the community year round, other sports spaces are being fully utilized (I understand they are not), it generates rather than loses money for the City of Barrie taxpayers and it is not at the waterfront. [...] Let's learn from that. **City staff leadership and staff team I am counting on your due diligence regarding financial viability and conflict of interest etc. regarding an additional sports facility.**</p> <p>Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide input. This is my City, my Home, Our City and our Home.</p>
<p>Private sports teams should not get use of prime real estate at any expense to the public's enjoyment of the space. It would make no sense to take any amount of space away from the public to benefit the small percentage of people who watch Barrie Baycats. Similarly this notion extends to the proposed waterfront sports field and performing arts centre. This spaces should remain open spaces accessible to the majority of the public, the waterfront is busy enough as is.</p>
<p>Probably the best thought out report I've seen in years.</p>
<p>Professional Soccer field should be funded by sponsors. Performing Arts Centre long over due should be a good size. Sufficient transport & parking required to access facilities.</p>
<p>Professional soccer is not exciting for many of us. Please use our tax dollars on something that the majority of your constituents can use and appreciate (community centre in SE end) and please DO NOT put plastic turf near any water body.</p>
<p>Propose that the Barrie Baycats be moved to the new baseball complex in Painswick park. On go train line. Could have service from downtown to south station included in ticket price to reduce traffic</p>
<p>Protect all grounds near South Shore. encourage walking, enhance tranquility and education of flora a fauna.</p>
<p>protect greenspace and don't bulldoze it for a sports facility on the water front!</p>
<p>Protect the watershed, the lake and the naturalized areas. Make environmentally responsible choices. Ban artificial turf.</p>
<p>Public Lands MUST only be used for the benefit of all city residents and not for special interest groups. Waterfront lands MUST respect ecological rules, while maximizing the benefit to city residents, not individuals or special interest groups, of such a resource</p>
<p>Public safety is a consideration for any event/theatre downtown. It's a no for many people for good reason. Free bus rides is ludicrous. How cheap can people get? Stop that now.</p>
<p>Public transit is horrendous in the city. The new system is deeply confusing, infrequent and frankly hellish to deal with. More people should be forced to use it.</p>
<p>Put stadium by waterfront like BMO field</p>



<p>Put the baycats where central high school used to be. Queens Park would also be okay. Just steer clear of any “multi use sport facility with amenities”. We want events like ball games to benefit downtown businesses, not compete with them.</p>
<p>Put the Sea Cadets out towards the Barrie Yacht Club, which has space and also access to water. Enhance the greenery of the Soutshore and leave it alone. Expand the boat dock, parking and then leave the green space alone. Let us have natural green space.</p>
<p>Put the Sports field in Midhurst.</p>
<p>Put the sports in the area that families live and could use without having to be driven to the event.</p>
<p>Putting a sports/football field by the waterfront is a terrible idea. Traffic, loss of green space etc.</p>
<p>Putting Fisher at the Spirit Catcher is one of the worst ideas that I have heard for Barrie, it will cut off all of the water front sight lines that have been so carefully preserved. Also parking will be a huge issue at this location. An Indoor Performing Art Centre is not the best and highest use for waterfront. People will travel to it wherever it is and it should be used to anchor another part of the City. When the theatre is not in use (95% of the time), it will be a big lump that just obstructs the flow of people and our connection with the water, people point at the Sydney Opera house, but that is out on the water on a tidal island and does not occupy valuable, community shore land. Council Unanimously supported the creation of a Market district on both sides of Simcoe Street in 2022 with the Market to open in 2024. So far no action has been taken to move that forward, those plans including a low rise restaurant Pavillion where the cadets are extending on to the water. This report had the work of 8 committees and dozens of educated, invited community leaders. This would be disregarding the hard work of all of these intelligent, committed citizens with a quick add on to a month long report in the soccer field. This is not goof for Barrie. Fisher can be ANYWHERE as it is a draw</p>
<p>Putting the Baycats within the area of a nursing home and residential area would have a concern for noise late into evening.</p>
<p>Queens park baseball diamond is less used due to health and safety concerns. Finding needles in the washrooms and around the diamond. I played baseball there for years and only ever once went into the washroom once and then never did again. If people felt safe then the teams would book this diamond. Isn't meridian place supposed to be used for performing arts? Why do we need another space?</p>
<p>Queens park has a well used and loved play ground that needs to be kept for the local neighborhoods. Sports are great, but bringing the Baycats into the downtown area will mean increasing traffic congestion, lack of parking and additional noise. Please consider this space for quieter space, picnics, tennis and so forth.</p>
<p>Queens Park has been the best baseball field since I can remember since the 60's. would be great to have that back! There are so many places we can use as soccer fields that are not being put to use. School fields would be a great use of unused space.</p>
<p>Queen's Park has parking limitations, as does much of downtown Barrie. Transit improvements to connect Lakeshore with downtown are necessary to revitalize the area and make these visions a reality. This may be improved naturally over time with the bus terminal being relocated to Lakeshore/the Allandale GO improvements.</p>

<p>Queens park is a poor location for any sports activity due to the illegal drug use and illegal activities that go on there. Minor baseball has stopped all games there for this reason. Use many of the existing sports fields for soccer, rugby, cricket. Like the huge fields on Huronia Road that have 4 soccer pitches already.</p>
<p>Queens park is a [...] over run with homeless people and drugs. The Baycats will never move there</p>
<p>Queens park is a stupid idea for the baycats. It needs to be by southshore. The residents around queens park don't need 5000 people flooding their neighborhood with nowhere to park. Southshore os the obvious location for an area that not one resident would use as of now after dark due to its safety.</p>
<p>Queens park is full of needles, panhandlers and people high on drugs. It is a terrible shame this park has fallen to this. People avoid it. What would the city do to make it safe for Barrie Bay Cats and their fans? It would need to be cleaned up and patrolled before any one would go.</p>
<p>Queens park is not a suitable place for the Baycats. The noise generated would be disrespectful for residents. In particular those who reside in senior living at Ross (old RVH). Day activity would be reasonable.</p>
<p>Queens Park is part of historic Barrie. As the report has demonstrated, the park is used by local residents heavily. Living in close proximity to Queens Park, I walk there every day with my dogs and my child. The impact of a sports field for the single purpose of a baseball diamond is beyond ridiculous. Where do residents, children, the elderly, who live in the nearby seniors facility, go that is safe? The park is used all year round, with the area that is contemplated by the "new" facility being used in the winter for skating. Groups use the field area for many different purposes, including the military who uses the area for their cadets. The impact to the landscape would also be significant, given that there is the creek that runs through the park. What environmental impact would there be to an increase in people? The impact to the history of the area, as well, would be severe. Given that the park is part of the 9 mile portage, it is an area that needs to be protected. It is a part of colonial and First Nation history. If the city is looking to use the baseball diamond that currently exists there, make it an urban dog park. There are so many dogs who live in the area who have no where to go run and play off leash. The Barrie Baycats have an extensive site in Midhurst. It would be poor planning to move them from Midhurst to downtown Barrie. There is no need. The change would be for a small group of people compared to a significant impact to a historic neighborhood. The city needs to contemplate protecting its history and not erasing it. Green space downtown needs to be protected. We can only look to other cities, especially Toronto and in Europe, to see the importance of green spaces - to climate change and enjoyment of life. It would be extremely disappointing to see the City ruin such a lovely park and the history that exists there</p>
<p>QUEENS PARK IS TOO SMALL FOR HARDBALL. PARKING WOULD BE TERRIBLE THUS TURNING PEOPLE AWAY. SOUTHSHORE WATERFRONT BE LEFT FOR NATURE AND KEEP AS IS. NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES AT ALL.</p>
<p>Queens Park too small for Baycats IBL team. Little parking. Footprint too small. New sports field should never have been considered on Laleshore. Failure of council to recognize the ants of the people of Barrie (except for the 2 who voted no to it).</p>
<p>Queens park us less used because of the druggies around. Same reason no one goes down town anymore .don't feel safe</p>

Queens Park would need significant changes to host the Baycats....I think it would be wonderful to have this downtown.

Question # 1 : All the Cadets programs are a federal government responsibility, operated by the Canadian Armed Forces. The city government should stop interfering in federal government jurisdiction. It is the federal government's responsibility to pay for Cadet program expenses, not municipal governments and their residents. If the Cadets need a new property or building (to March on etc.), the federal government should pay for it all, not residents of a municipality where a group of Cadets happen to be located. Stop wasting municipal government (residents') money on silly, wasteful and frivolous projects that another government is responsible for paying for. / Q2 : No. Why did City council waste all that money on the McLaren Art Gallery and the Five Points Theatre, if they are just going to be abandoned anyway? The City doesn't need another massive pet project in the form of another "performing arts centre" or the building and decades long continuing costs associated with it (after it is built). Stop wasting residents' money on silly, wasteful and frivolous pet projects that only a small portion of the people who live here will ever be interested in or able to enjoy anyway. There are much more important (real) issues which need to be dealt with in Barrie than this kind of frivolous nonsense. / Q4 : While using school sports facilities may be suitable for some events, schools are the property of School Boards, not city government, so their use will be at the discretion of the School Board, which needs to be considered. / Q5 : City Council should not be holding secret talks, [.....] about public property. It should be transparent, open and honest with residents about what it is doing and why, what organization it proposes to control the public property and how much of residents' money it will cost us, over the long term. [.....] Residents should not be asked or expected to sign over a blank cheque to the unidentified "sports entity" or to the City for a mysterious, unknown secret project. City Council must [.....] open, clear, complete, fully honest and accountable communication and interaction with residents (the people who pay it's bills). / Q8 : While transit tickets (one for each person, to get to and return home from each event) should be offered with each such event; it should not be mandatory to buy transit tickets. City Council has recently begun gutting regularly scheduled transit service and has abandoned entire neighbourhoods now (and plans to reduce transit service even more next year), so many people can't wait for Council to get it's act together and have given up on the City and it's woefully inadequate and unreliable transit service, which City Council has now decided only some people in some neighbourhoods should be allowed to have access to. The City's backward, antiquated ideas about how to get things done has forced many people to buy a car and clog up the roads with even more one-person vehicles. The City's clear intent is to turn Barrie into an unlivable toxic pollution zone which nobody will want to live in, just like Toronto has become. The City should promote transit use to all visitors and everybody who wants to buy a ticket to an event as an add on to the ticket price for each event, by offering a big discount if a person leaves their car at home and takes a bus. The only problem is that the City has abandoned thousands of residents by cancelling regularly scheduled transit service in many neighbourhoods and those which still have it, may be unable to get such service close to their home (or workplace) at the time they need it, to get there and then back home, due to the city's recent cuts to regularly scheduled service, which has made the remaining buses even more late and "off schedule" than before. Perhaps the City should put on an entire singular circular shuttle bus route before and after each event just for event attendees with designated stops at common locations along the route, create an atmosphere of fun for similarly minded people (a team's fans or arts event fans) with some kind of extra features or performers on the bus, for which each patron would pay a possibly premium price (for the unique experience). The City could also promote safety in numbers (everybody in the

same bus together to attend the same event and no need to worry about needing to leave one's car behind and pay for a taxi to get home, if one has had a few drinks). The current level of service provided by the city (for transit) will deter most people from leaving their cars at home to attend such events, especially after the City has cut so much of the regularly scheduled service and abandoned so many residents in so many neighbourhoods and may deter people from attending such a events if it is linked to the current transit service. / This is a wasteful, frivolous project which was rejected by most city residents the fiirst time it was proposed (2017) and has been rejected again by most city residents again this time. Where will the City get all this money from residents for all these (others too) multi-million dollar pet projects, which ost residents don't want anyway? How many generations of city residents will be stuck with the bill for these projects? It is unnecessary, wasteful and frivolous, not to mention destructive to nature. City Council needs to get it's act together and prioritize residents' real needs before such needless, wasteful and frivolous projects are ever considered (for funding) again.***

Question # 1 : Military Cadets groups are operated by and the responsibility of the Armed Forces and the federal government. Stay in your lane and stop interfering in other governments' jurisdiction. Why is a municipal government wasting residents' money to pay for something which is a federal government responsibility? Question # 2 : Barrie has spent large sums of residents' money on the McClaren Art Gallery and the Five Points Theatre already. Why waste more of our money for an overpriced, frivolous pet project (such as another "performing arts centre" downtown, a few minutes walk from the one we already have)? Stop wasting our money on silly, pointless, frivolous projects that only a small fraction of residents will ever be able to or be interested in using. / Q4 : Schools are not City property. This would leave City residents dependent on School Boards for permission and availability to participate in sports and other events, at extra costs to City residents, only when schools are not scheduled for use for School Board events. / Q5 : No resident should be asked to write a blank cheque (for tens of millions of dollars?) to City government for an unknown corporate company (sports team?) to take over public property for the purpose of taking millions of dollars (event tickets fees, etc.) for corporate profits. [.....]Tell residents all the details first before asking us to write a huge cheque [.....] / Q8 : The City continues to make massive cuts to organized, scheduled transit service, so transit service tickets are useless to many

residents because there is no scheduled service available now, and even in the remaining neighbourhoods which still have scheduled service, it may not be available now (after all the service reductions) at the right time and right place for a person to get from where they are to the proposed sports field. Such tickets should be offered but only by resident's choice and at a discounted price (to encourage transit use and get more personal vehicles off roads and encourage event attendance), in addition to event tickets and transit use must be fully and properly promoted with such events (or this idea will fail). Transit service is so unreliable and bad in Barrie that many people have surrendered to what the City really wants - billions of dollars of costs to maintain and repair overused roads and roads always clogged up with thousands of personal vehicles, just like the pollution toilet the provincial government has turned Toronto into. Our addiction to personal vehicles is strangling Toronto and half of it's residents would live elsewhere, if they could. This is, apparently, what City council wants to turn Barrie into - an unlivable pollution toilet where nobody wants to live anymore. Invest in decent, safe, clean, regularly scheduled transit service which is mostly on schedule, to all parts of the city and encourage people to leave their vehicles at home, so we can one day transform Barrie into a livable city, where people want to live, instead of a place where everybody wants to leave.

Question 6 should have a third option as it needs an input parts as it is not a simple question as I support the building of a sports field but if it is for a business they need to support it as well aka they need some skin in the game the tax payer is not here for them to make a profit that is their job Question 9 I don't use barrie transit so it is N/A to me

Question 8 does not ask if the Baycats should move to Queen's Park, it asks if they should move to a downtown location. Which could mean any downtown location. Please leave the waterfront as parkland. It is the jewel of our city. A theatre does not need to be on the water and any large building there cuts off more of downtown from the waterfront.

Rather than building new sports facilities, it is more important to make good use of existing sports facilities.

Re #5 I do not approve of the original plan for a proposed field at the waterfront. This proposal is better.

RE #3 the lakeshore should be left accessible to the residents of the city, not blocked by a performing arts centre

RE #7 above. There is an extensive field sports facility locate at Nelson St and Georgian college. Has negotiation for use of this been considered?

There are 2 soccer fields at Eastview that are rarely used. Is yet another field really needed? If the professional sports team wants a facility that will really only benefit them, then let them pay for it. RE#8 Moving the Baycats to Queens Park may not work because there is no parking at Queens Park.

Re question 1: what is meant by "parade ground"? I support the cadets using the existing parking lot or open lawn area for this. I do not support any additional paving or hard surface treatment replacing existing lawn for the parade ground.

Re the use of Queen's Park: Convert to/add pickleball courts or a cricket field.

Add more parking at South Shore Community Centre

Bike rentals downtown

A revitalized downtown is more than just Dunlop St. A larger performing arts centre is needed, but not on the waterfront (parking is already difficult to find when there are events), especially if there will be 800 or so seats.

Re use of school facilities for sports teams. If used in the evening after school hours would the fields be properly maintained/ cleaned so that this would not become an extra job for school staff? If so I like the idea.

Re Zone Allandale Station Park as environmentally protected land and actively and intentionally diversify the passive park with native Ontario grassland species

Re. public use of outdoor school sports fields - such use may present logistical issues re. potential for damage/wear & tear/garbage clean-up, as well as liability, etc. that could impact, for example, next day school use.

Re: #3 - please consult with performing arts organizations and experts about the design, lest we end up with another not-terribly-useful-to-the-performing-arts-committee facility like the Five Points Theatre (i.e., only one large change room, no room in wings, terrible shape for sound, etc.)

Re: #6 - how is it a "community" sports facility if it's being built for a private sports organization? I do support it if it is actually a community sports facility – if it's for a private sports organization, then they need to pay for it, not taxpayers.

Re: #9 - I would certainly use it if I lived further away, but those areas are within walking distance for me.

Re: Community Arts Centre (Centre for Performing Arts) I would likethose involved with this project MAKE A VISIT TO THE STOCKEY CENTRE IN PARRY SOUND on Georgian Bay!! I have extensive information on this Arts Centre and am willing to share info and take those interested to this fabulous performance space. The acoustics are the best anywhere and the facility attracts TOP performers/entertainers from all over the world. [...]YOU should not miss experiencing this facility & all that it is. I can make connections to the Artistic Director, Designer, Management. I will just say that the facility made use of Muskoka Stone & Wood in its Construction & the seating can be transformed & utilized for banquets etc. Please consider viewing this facility. [...]

RE: performing arts centre — View of the Spirit Catcher from Maple Ave should NOT be obstructed. This sightline should be protected and a building there would block this iconic symbol of Barrie. The new building should not go past where the parking lot is currently because of the sightline, NOT because of parking. The proposed building is too big for the space. Perhaps the building should be split into two separate buildings to preserve the Spirit Catcher sightline. Or the land to the west could be investigated as a possible alternative for one large building because it has more room and is also a parking lot. I also have concerns about the walkway to the east of the Spirit Catcher that connects the waterfront to downtown. This path is a vital connection between the boardwalk and downtown (the other path is bicycles only) and is heavily used. If the shoreline path must be diverted, the new route should be shorter and more direct (instead of going around the far side of the Spirit Catcher). Regarding the other proposals, I am in favour of all of them with the exception of the performing arts centre.

Re: Question 8. Most of the current transit schedules would not facilitate the ability to attend any event that ends after 8 or 9 pm. The cost of adding a transit option to a ticket should fall to the city not the event organizers.

RE: sports teams playing in Queen's Park: more parking needs to be available and the amenities need to be cleaned up to ensure absolute safety for players, children, etc., free of used paraphernalia, broken glass, and garbage on an on-going basis. The mental health & addictions crisis in Barrie needs to be addressed more efficiently to ensure this area of the city is safe for tax-paying families to enjoy. I tend to avoid downtown as I am a woman with a baby. There are wonderful things there but it's extremely disturbing to walk around downtown, I can't imagine watching my nephew play baseball in a park where addicts are stumbling around or

<p>allowing my child to play in the area whilst worrying she may be hurt by some careless addict's garbage.</p>
<p>Really appreciate the efforts of Mr. Green and being able to offer input here.</p>
<p>Really appreciated the extensive report. Mr. Green has really transformed how Barrie can incorporate the needs of the community and still remain thoughtful for our much needed green spaces for people but the wildlife too. Thank you for offering this survey.</p>
<p>Really positive and optimistic about the report and all the recommendations made. Some issues were insightful to learn about. One issue I think will be increasingly important to accommodate crowds, traffic and population growth along with these and other developments, will be ensuring alternative methods of transportation. Sidewalks and bikelanes (as a sidewalk expansion rather than a traffic hazards) like a mini version of the waterfront path would make a good model. Additionally the transit system might require some area focused design. The downtown area could offer free transit with parking passes, as an effort to free up space and traffic and boost transit usage in high density areas like the waterfront.</p>
<p>Recently went downtown and am actually appalled by the number of homeless and transient people downtown. The bushes are littered with needles and other garbage. It's great that all these progressive ideas are happening downtown but it doesn't feel safe. Barrie being over run and we seem to be turning a blind eye</p>
<p>Recommend that the seating capacity for the performing arts centre be increased. 250 and 600 seats are not enough for large events.</p>
<p>Reduce spending, reduce taxes. Barrie taxes are not a slush fund for special interest groups</p>
<p>Regarding the performing arts centre, my understanding is that seating is supposed to be 600. This is less than Fisher Auditorium which had seating for about 900. Seating should be at minimum 900. I'm also concerned that the arts centre will be available to local groups at a rental cost that is affordable. One reason Fisher Auditorium was not used by these groups was the cost of rental was more than these groups could afford. Local performing groups need a place that is affordable and can accommodate the needs of the group. Adequate parking is also essential. I'm agreeable to a new sports facility but how close to Dunlop is being considered. This was not explained. Bring the Baycats back to Queen's Park isn't ideal, size and again parking needs to be considered. Another site needs to be considered for the cadets. Part of the appeal of the waterfront is that it's green and accessible to the public. Has another site been proposed? Transit in Barrie is not great in my opinion. To include the price of transit makes no sense. What about those who plan to walk if they're near where the event is or drive. Are two sets of tickets going to be issued? One for transit costs and one not? Confusing and not fair.</p>
<p>Remove the services that homeless rely on from downtown. Create a large facility/campus that has housing, medical access, mental health services, and job assistance programs. Everything they need can be there. No need for them to be on the streets downtown.</p>
<p>Report was well thought out and addressed my concerns about Lakeshore location. Appreciate that residents and taxpayers are having opportunity to add voice to the decisions made by council for special interest groups. It seems that revitalization always hits snags eg. Fivepoints remains an eyesore after the devastating fire of years ago. Put the theatre performing arts centre there. It does not seem that any other plan is in development for that vacant land address safety remove the types of places that seem to attract criminal activity and drugs.</p>
<p>Residents of Victoria village and the area complained about noise and lights from baseball at Queen's Park</p>

<p>Revitalization must address safety and affordability! Always with reasonable Respect to current structures, environment and culture. The “new” condo build is awful and does respect the voices of our community. Shameful! Resident voices ought to carry some weight with our elected officials, your political. Reply indicates and sadly passes responsibility to provincial government...you and I know that lobby the government creates change! Stop the passive action and be the voice for Barrie.</p>
<p>Revitalize downtown by getting rid of the homeless shelters and the encampment camps all over downtown. We have a beautiful waterfront and downtown but we can't use it because of how many homeless people and drug addicts are down there. You can't even walk down there in broad daylight without it being a safety concern. [...] and maybe the tax payers who actually pay taxes to have a nice waterfront can use it.</p>
<p>Revitalizing the Queen's Park diamond is a great idea. I grew up in that area during the 70s and 80s. The diamond was a hub of activity and a great place for families to meet and watch a game. I do not support any kind of sports facility on the shore of the the lake - let's keep that area for quiet walking paths and an area to enjoy nature. As an aside, whose idea was it to allow a jet ski company to set up right beside the bird sanctuary island along south shore? That set up needs to be moved to a different location on the lake.</p>
<p>Rezone Allandale Station Park as an Environmentally Protected Area</p>
<p>Re-zone Allandale Station Park to EP, protected land so that this issue of trying to build a waterfront stadium doesn't keep coming back.</p>
<p>Sadly, we here in Canada always do the worse when it comes to planning. Always trying to overdevelop the downtown core. It's time we take a page from our Southern neighbors and build arenas and other developments on the outskirts of town with very large open land for parking. A dedicated bus route on game days/performances. This would relieve the congestion in the downtown core/waterfront and make Barrie a nicer community for us the residents.</p>
<p>For example Kempenfest is an absolute disgrace for parking, congestion and noise. [...] Look at the example of Wasaga Beach. Use your common sense if council has any!!</p>
<p>SAFETY< SAFETY< SAFETY. Lakeshore Drive is not the place for a sports field. Heavy traffic, lots of empty fields in the City that taxpayers are paying for to keep and they all are sitting dormant. Use these fields for peoples SAFETY both driving and watching. Packed in the summer, busy on firework night, Santa Claus Parade and just in general year long. Huronia Road has a soccer field that the City has invested a lot of money into and yet it sits dormant most of the year. When it is used for games both sides of Huronia are packed with cars you can't see to drive by, emergency vehicles can't get through. That need to be addressed as well. Keep our beautiful City by the waterfront a place to be proud of and not a disaster area.</p>
<p>Save the forests. Save the green space. Once it's gone, you can never get it back. Protect it at all costs. Don't sell your souls. And please don't try and sneak these things past the tax payers ever again. It's disrespectful and leaves a bad taste and absolutely leaves no trust.</p>
<p>School field use must follow the already established use of facilities policy if each board-providing payment to the board to cover maintenance etc.</p>
<p>School Sports fields, regardless of schoolboard, are publicly funded facilities. These facilities should be accessible to the general public when not in use by the school. For example, Barrie only has one quality outdoor athletic track facility found at Maple ridge high school. This track was built using tax payers money yet the facility is gated and locked to prevent the general public from accessing it. Its should be open to the public when not used by the school.</p>

<p>Sea Cadet location, how are young children to handle the slope of the land to load vessels in and out of the water? Will the performing arts centre take over the parking lot at the spirit catcher? Affect the walking trail? Baycats, can this location handle parking needs, vendors and licensing if required? Same questions as above for the downtown sports field.</p>
<p>Sea cadets deserve a wonderful spot on the Bay but NO SPORTS FIELD</p>
<p>Sea Cadets facility should remain where it is at present . It is already under utilized and THERE IS NO NEED TO SPEND OUR TAX \$\$ ON THIS. Additional shaded areas with glass all around should be built along the water front for all citizens to enjoy. Should also consider either opening South shore hall or building another heated hall for citizens to relax around waterfront in winters.</p>
<p>Secure, visible bicycle parking options should be included with each of these new/renovated spaces along the waterfront. This would help reduce the strain on the area caused by increased traffic and parking demands during events, as well as leveraging the existing bicycle infrastructure along the waterfront (i.e cycle path, repair stations, etc)</p>
<p>Singular concern regarding the development of the west Dunlop area, as past Ferndale, it is swamp/ natural land that should not be developed</p>
<p>Smart!! Restore Mavericks to The Roxy Theater. A multi use theatre which can be used for Barrie Film Festival screenings, stand up comedy, musical and theatre performances, e-sports, speakers/meetings/presentations</p>
<p>So appreciative of this report and the NEED to revisit best uses/practices for this environment</p>
<p>SO excited about the chance for the Canadian Musicians Co-operative & Barrie Film Festival to collaborate. I'm sure it will lead to many positive outcomes for artists and creatives in the Barrie region. It will serve as a suitable home for the co-op's programming year-round and help support our membership's professional growth.</p>
<p>So many of these ideas are just what Barrie needs! A Performing Arts Centre- excellent and well overdue with at least 900 seats, a safer place for the Sea Cadets and the Baycats in town- now that would be something!</p>
<p>Some good ideas here. Thank you</p>
<p>Some good ideas, [.....]. Make things for the public, [.....] and understand that HARM REDUCTION is the best way to handle the homelessness issues downtown and building all this will go to waste if the city continues to absolutely fail at helping it's people.</p>
<p>Some great ideas here and I really approve of featuring community amenities in the "north" end of town! I am worried about existing infrastructure (roads, parking, accessibility via public transit) and how it might affect these opportunities</p>
<p>Some of these questions were very vague! Does the use of school fields require payments/permits to use? If so where does the money go to? Who maintains the school fields for outside school sports to be played? What part of west Dunlop would see the sports field? So much info was missing so an educated answer could not be giving!</p>
<p>Sounds great to have all these events in downtown. BUT, where is everyone that attends these events going to park? Not everyone lives in the downtown. Transit is fine, but does not work for people outside of the city limits.</p>
<p>Sounds great! Better use of existing lands, revitalizing areas in need of help, keeping and promoting natural, passive landscapes and activities.</p>
<p>Sounds like a well thought out plan.</p>

<p>South Shore and waterfront should be open to all, not fenced off for sports events. Look at the parking situation with current sports fields, it is not a feasible location and would ruin the great part of Barrie that is the waterfront.</p>
<p>South shore area must be maintained as mainly open space!</p>
<p>South shore area would be a terrible location for a sports field. It would seem more appropriate to uses spaces like Essa road old fairgrounds that have been sitting vacant for many years. It already has a large enough space for parking, quick acces to the highway and doesn't interfere with residential or traffic as much.</p>
<p>South shore centre is nice the way it is Issues of aggressive panhandling at intersections, and downtown, and open drug use Dunlop street and downtown need sorting out, making the city safer</p>
<p>South Shore should not be revitalized as a Sports Field. We have that huge sports park in Midhurst with the room to facilitate so much more than what is currently there. With regards to moving the Baycats to Queens Park, what are you going to do about parking?</p>
<p>Southshore would be an excellent location for 3 more beach volleyball courts (to the right when facing the lake) Also... southshore itself would make an excellent restaurant location with beautiful views!</p>
<p>Spend money on things that matter right now! Building an apartment building on the land of the old OPP Station and moving people who are currently housed in home out of those homes into the apartments against our will and not taking any of our needs into consideration is a joke. There is a MAJOR HOUSING CRISIS ... LEAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOUSED WHERE THEY ARE AND HELP THE ONES WHO HAVE NOTHING!!!!!!</p> <p>Permanent Homeless Shelters that run 24/7 all year More places like Lucy's Place More police [...] Housing those who have nowhere to go Addiction services and sober living Mental health services</p>
<p>Spend tax dollars wisely. Stop wasting money on dream ideas. Taxpayers can't afford expensive ideas that won't bring in any revenue</p>
<p>Sport facilities don't belong around the lake front. The downtown should have kept their historic buildings and spent money to retain them when feasible. Instead they allow developers to buy land, demolish and built inappropriate structures and in stupid locations! Many places like Bayfield, Kincardine, Creemore are great examples to be proud of their ethics for preserving their downtown history. Barrie is an embarrassment. I was born here and lived in this city for 60 years. Sadly I will move away because of greedy developers, local politicians and letting too many people move here. Congested traffic, people driving 70 on a regular basis, lots of accidents are a normal thing now. More b&e, robberies and homeless people has increased</p>
<p>Sports field is much needed but the downtown is crowded already parking and traffic would be an issue. Sea cadets at the south shore makes sense. I love the proposed theatre to take the place of the current cadets however We already have the five points theatre.</p>
<p>Sports field is needed but not at the waterfront. Schools and the city should work together to make better use of our space.</p>
<p>Sports is a wonderful encouragement to maintain health habits for all ages. Moving these activities closer to the downtown core requires first that that "core" be cleaned up.</p>

<p>Start listening to what people want. Cleaning up the downtown and making it safe would be a great start. Once you can manage that then move on to building and moving things around. This city is embarrassing at this point and I'm tired of paying taxes for something my family and I can't use!</p>
<p>Stop "Revitalizing" and wasting taxpayers money. It is OKAY to leave things as they are. If you want to do something, how about building places where the homeless can live and sleep or affordable apartment buildings? No more luxury condos for the rich</p>
<p>Stop all plans and don't let the Navy League/Sea Cadets hold the city hostage by demanding a parade ground as part of their move. Fix the safety deficiencies with their current location and let them complete the remaining years of their "lease" and then be done with them. The South Shore is not a safer location to access the water.</p>
<p>Stop allowing methadone clinics and supervised use sites to be open near the downtown! Require local businesses and property owners (even vacant lots) to maintain their lots and buildings to maintain safety and the beauty of downtown.</p>
<p>Stop building and planning for sports and events areas in congested traffic areas.</p>
<p>Stop building condos along the Lakeshore and Dunlop st. Build them elsewhere. Think of the residents that live there already</p>
<p>Stop building condos, large events facilities downtown. The traffic is bad enough to the point where myself as a 30yr+ resident avoids. You are making this another Toronto.</p>
<p>Stop building up down town including the ridiculous high rises. So much of Simcoe has been filled in.... when will we learn.</p>
<p>Stop changing it; everytime you do you make it worse</p>
<p>Stop ruining our water front and green area. Locals are not interested in excessive events or construction on water front. Do not try to be like Toronto and ruin the aura of our town. There are enough empty spaces which can be used for sports & arts stuff. Utilize them instead of building unsold over priced houses.</p>
<p>STOP SPENDING MONEY WE DONT HAVE!</p>
<p>Stop transportation of ex prisoners from Penetang to Downtown Barrie.</p>
<p>Stop trying to cram more into downtown! Who wants to come to downtown, when there's open drug use EVERYWHERE, addicts causing problems with regular people just trying to walk. Harassing people for money. Maybe just maybe our police could do their job's! 8 cruisers for one person on several occasions.. Take a look at the Italian pasta restaurant that was forced to close due to multiple break ins. Knowone was caught, but theres city camera's o the same st corner. I moved to Barrie over 12 years ago. Now it's [.....] filled with garbage and drug addicts everywhere. Close anything that gives free stuff to them. Arrest them for the offenses and put them in rehab! [.....] Society is quickly becoming a joke [.....]. Taking money and bonuses over doing what's right for the community! And let's talk about 5 day a week garbage pick up...[.....]? Now theres garbage on the street 5 out of 7 days a week. Attracting wildlife and homeless addicts to rummage and make a mess of many peoples property fronts. As well as garbage blowing to the lake on windy days.</p>
<p>Stop trying to place every condominium along our lake, tol look like downtown Oakville . Roads and infrastructure are not going to handle it all. Otherwise , go ahead and ruin the lake! Spread new venvues and facilities throughout the town . Tell the big investors to look elsewhere.</p>
<p>Stop trying to put a toxic arena or sports field beside the city of Barrie's WATER INTAKE system. Do you want to be drinking in those shead microplastics</p>

<p>Taking away the lakeshore area to give to only one community is unfair. This is sought after area by many hopeful groups I'm sure. This to me seem like a move the sea cadets so the performing arts centre takes over a prime piece of nicely used property for everyone No thanks</p>
<p>Thank goodness his report did NOT favour the sports field by the Lakeshore.</p>
<p>Thank goodness someone has had the common sense to suggest these developments!</p>
<p>THANK YOU MR GREEN</p>
<p>Thank you and everyone who was involved in the research...very thorough. The time is right to map out the downtown particularly west of Bayfield. If it's not planned out now it's destiny will be upward development. The old central site and the field behind it is a gem, that corner should be well thought out with all options reviewed and dissected. In the immediate short term, res Storey Field is flat well drained with a flat track and fencing all around, it should have 10 school portables and 12 outhouses setup now to assemble temporarily house and process all the current homeless park dwellers....the current downtown situation is unsustainable and will destroy any new progress</p>
<p>Thank you for all the work you are doing to preserve our precious waterfront</p>
<p>Thank you for doing this survey and all the work that is being done to make Barrie the best it can be.</p>
<p>Thank you for factoring in the green space when addressing plans for development. Please continue to carefully consider environmental impacts and ethical avenues for citizens and wildlife.</p>
<p>Thank you for finally listening.</p>
<p>Thank you for listening to the residents of Barrie, hiring Mr Green and offering this survey. I'm proud of council that you've taken the opportunity to make Barrie even better by pausing, listening and acting (I hope) on what residents feel is best suited to our needs and desires. Well done!</p>
<p>Thank you for listening to the residents of Barrie. Please keep our gem at the waterfront for all to enjoy in the natural state.</p>
<p>Thank you for moving this forward. SAFETY is my main concern. Must not let this turn into a homeless encampment, drug den, loiters, etc. Pls excuse my bluntness.</p>
<p>Thank you for moving this proposal forward and embracing our input.</p>
<p>Thank you for preserving nature Marshall.</p>
<p>Thank you for sharing the report it is very detailed and provides some great suggestions.</p>
<p>Thank you for taking a comprehensive view of the needs of the community for the downtown and waterfront spaces. The performing arts centre has been an outstanding need for many years and should be prioritized. However building another theatre that is too small for the needs of the Barrie and Simcoe county is a waste of time and precious resources. Please revisit the size of the performing arts facility so that we can meet the needs of the growing community. There is more than sports that keeps the community vibrant and healthy</p>
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The waterfront should remain as natural and untouched as possible. Traffic congestion with all this development proposal is of concern especially with all the condo buildings going up in the down town core.</p>
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the discussion. I understand that the sea cadets need new space and moving to the south shore js a reasonable request however adding a marching space that they did not need at their last location appears to be a land grab of prime waterfront that is both unnecessary and frankly deceitful. There is no logical justification to obliterate beautiful public space [.....]</p>

Thank you for the options you provided. We are excited to see the results.
Thank you for this survey to the community.
Thank you for trying to use the land respectfully, purposefully and without changing the current footprint of the downtown core too much. I'm a full supporter of preserving the city's downtown heritage buildings and landmarks. I feel too many condo buildings are being proposed and this project could set the benchmark for further preservation
Thank you for understanding the wishes of the people.
Thank you for your hard work.
Thank you Marshall for this well thought out report and for saving our water front from micro plastics into our water systems. Next on the cities list should be a much needed South East end recreational community centre as this is a large gap at the moment and the current pools are not sufficient for this growing community.
Thank you Marshall Green
thank you Marshall Green for doing this report!
Thank you Marshall Green for speaking so forcefully against the proposed use of this very special piece of waterfront land. And thank you for the positive suggestions for downtown development.
Thank you Marshall!
Thank you Mayor for putting the brakes on the multipurpose arena as fast as you did! As a senior, I would love to eat breakfast or lunch downtown, a couple of times a week, however, the cost of parking is outrageous! Worse than Toronto, which I left for Barrie. It seems as a senior, we're pickpocketed at every turn for parking, since most of us visit doctors, hospitals & clinics monthly, where a 'non-Barrie' company charges for parking starting at around \$6.50/ half hour if not for 15 minutes. I simply cannot afford an additional price tag of \$30-\$50 dollars for a meal. Transit is not an option, unless I want to spend another 2 hours or more getting there and back. The price of taxies, likewise are unrealistic. I ONCE took a cab from the Barrie South Go train to my home, a mere 2.7 kilometres and it cost me \$24! Why aren't taxies a flat \$5 like Midland/Penetanguishene? We have a bigger population, and smaller distances to traverse. \$50 parking for the privilege of spending more money in downtown is nothing short of extortion and will defeat the 'revitalization' of the core.
Thank you Mr Green! Let's ensure that we protect our precious waterfront for the future.
Thank you Mr. Green and Mr. Scott for all of your hard work, and helping to protect our waterfront! Some other great ideas have emerged while doing so
Thank you Mr. Green for taking the time to fully research what is best for our city in the long term!
Thank you Mr. Green for your report!
Thank you Mr. Green. I hope the City follows your recommendations to save our green space along the Lakeshore.
Thank you so much for the huge amount of time and effort put into this. We are born and raised Barrie people and welcome any positive change for everyone
Thank you to Marshall for his excellent report!
Thank you to Marshall Green for his work on this issue. I don't feel that the current transit system can be counted on to support these events. Similarly I don't believe that there is adequate parking. One or the other has to improve!
Thank you to Marshall Green for putting this forward. We do NOT want a multi-sports field on the southshore. Do not destroy the gem of Barrie: our waterfront. And please continue to do

<p>what you can to fix the problem with mental health/addiction/drugs that are also destroying Barrie.</p>
<p>Thank you to the Mayor and Barrie City Council for considering the opposition to the original Southshore proposal and requesting this report from Mr. Green; thank you also for presenting the opportunity to provide my voice via this survey. One item concerns me: there is no mention in Mr. Green's report (in the text nor the figures) regarding parking for the proposed Baycats at Queen's Park, the Performing Arts Centre or the soccer stadium. It's very unrealistic to expect that many people (particularly the high income earners that Tourism Barrie aims to attract) will take Barrie Transit to downtown events, especially at night. The proposed PAC has the advantage of existing parking lots in the general area, but the other two sites do not. I hope that this oversight in the proposal does not result in the entire report being dismissed by City Council and the citizens of Barrie.</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>Thanks to all the people and Marshall Green who are really concerned about how our water front is developed!</p>
<p>Thanks to Marshall for taking the time to do this on behalf of the concerned citizens of Barrie.</p>
<p>Thanks to Marshall Green for this visionary report, which will hopefully lead Barrie to smarter growth, while preserving our natural areas, particularly along the waterfront near the Southshore Centre. Thanks to City of Barrie for allowing citizens to give input into this development. [.....]</p>
<p>Thankyou to Marshall Green for being impartial and sensible about this issue!</p>
<p>The actual need is 3 indoor soccer ball bubbles for year round play/practice to meet our changing demographics. Second need is a properly large performance arts centre near downtown restaurants and services and parking. An indoor stage does not need to be on the water. Use Kitchener as an example. Sports AND entertainment make the quality of live for all ages in a community. Its not that complicated.</p>
<p>The allandale station park should be designated as environmentally protected.</p>
<p>The Barrie Sports Park in Midhurst seems underused, a new soccer field seems unnecessary.</p>
<p>The bay area is Barrie's prize possession it should be available to all old, young not just sports</p>
<p>The Bay Cats should be in the downtown but why couldn't they also use the proposed west end of Dunlop site. Parking is needed and transit would not feel safe in my opinion. In fact I think that that area needs indoor tennis court so tennis is a available year round.</p>
<p>The baycats at queens Park is an awful idea. There is no parking, people would be parked all over the street which the locals would be upset about. Barrie keeps trying to include more arts and performing arts, meanwhile residents couldn't care less. The really set the standard when they wasted 20 thousand dollars on 3 milk crates at city hall... No one cares about the arts. As far as using school fields for sports is a fantastic idea, any time we can have more kids involved in sports the better. The city should fund each school to put some money into their fields, wether football,baseball, soccer or track and field.</p>
<p>The Baycats can only move downtown if there is new housing for the unhoused and respect for those in need. Not just having the baseball come in and take over. [.....]</p>
<p>The Baycats could do better than Queens Park. Drug/alcohol/homeless have ruined that park. You could make the skateboard area much bigger. How about redeveloping Shear Park into something spectacular for our Baycats! Turn the Red Story field into something spectacular for our Soccer/FC clubs Barrie also needs a huge Sports Dome of its own so our Barrie kids don't have to go to Bradford..</p>

The Baycats have a great facility where they are at the Barrie Sports Complex. Plenty of parking lots of space to expand and away from the downtown. The complex could easily support a new professional soccer and/or cricket pitch.

The infrastructure in and around the downtown vis a vis traffic & pedestrian concerns would always be of concern. It's pretty hard to expand roads, sidewalks and bike paths when all these amenities are already at or near their limit. Consideration has to be given to all the residential accommodations being proposed for the city core.

The Baycats to Queens park is an awesome idea - BUT THERE IS NO PARKING. Barrie is like LA... a car-centre city. If I can take barrie transit and it isn't more than 30 minutes to get to the game, then that is awesome... but parking today is an issue for downtown. Bring people there.... but they have to be able to park... and maybe have parking lots like they have a Vic village.... gravel on grass (slightly nature-like that is less asphalt and helps with drainage. Also... there are a ton of under-utilized parks in this city. People like shiny and new... but land is limited, so start using the old fields again (that are vacant nearly 90% of the time), and the price of upgrading a diamond or turf/grass is much cheaper [....]

The biggest concern with all of this is parking. There needs to be a proposal for parking before any of these facilities are created. The performing arts centre would reduce parking in the downtown core.

The Busby Centre and Ryan's Hope have ruined the downtown for businesses, a sense of safety and added mountains of garbage and needles. Public urination and defecation. These services should not be downtown. The thefts are completely out of control from the addicts. Downtown Barrie could be amazing! This small group of people are destroying the opportunity for others in the public to enjoy the amenities.

The Cadets asking for a parade grounds is outrageous given it is use once or twice a year and they don't have on now,. You need to clean up the downtown and make it safe before bulding anymore.

The Canadian Musicians Co-operative & Barrie Film Festival can use this space to collaborate which will lead to positive outcomes for artists and creatives in Barrie and the region. It's exciting that the Co-op members could have a suitable home for programming year round, an innovation in the Canadian music scene.

The Canadian Musicians Co-operative is looking forward to having a suitable home for our programming year-round and we think this project could bring that about. The Canadian Musicians Co-operative has collaborated with the Barrie Film Festival, leading to positive outcomes for artists and creatives in Barrie.

The city desperately needs sidewalks along Huronia rd between little ave and Mapleview. There's a lot of bus stops along that stretch of road and people walk on the side of the road every day it's a huge safety issue, please incorporate this! Thank you

THE CITY HAS ALLOWED THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO BE USED BY THE HOMELESS, DRUG ADDICTS & BEGGARS. WE'VE PAID PROPERTY TAXES FOR OVER 25 yrs BUT RARELY GO DOWNTOWN. MOVE THE PEOPLE THAT KEEP US FROM GOING TO THE BANKS, RESTAURANTS, etc, [.....], GET RID OF THEIR NEEDLES THAT WE HAVE TO STEP ON & START TO IMPROVE OUR CITY OF BARRIE. Tks

The city has contributed large sums of money towards the current location of the Baycats and sports complex. There is not enough room for parking at Queen's Park and surrounding side streets. It would be too congested for the residential area.

<p>The city needs additional ice for the kids to play hockey. Maybe develop another community center with ice and soccer outside of the downtown core away from the homelessness. To revitalize the downtown you MUST fix the drug/homeless problem first. Also are these new condo going to be less than a million dollars? You are asking for problems/crime by wanting more people in the downtown core with the terrible drug problems Barrie has. I was born and raised here and the downtown is the worst I have seen in 79 years.</p>
<p>The City needs to deal with the homeless and drug addicted persons in our downtown areas before I would feel comfortable coming downtown for a sporting event. I would be worried about the dirty needles left in the parks. Overall I agree with Marshall Green's suggestions. I do not want to see my city spend millions of dollars on a turf sports field by the waterfront that can only be used by a few select groups. If there is a demand for this type of facility, it should be constructed on other city land. I want the natural area by the waterfront to remain preserved.</p>
<p>The city of Barrie needs to realize there is no room for hundreds of cars and people if a facility is built in downtown. Green space / natural space will never be replaced - please have forward thinking for nature.</p>
<p>The city really needs to look at fixing the roads instead.[.....]</p>
<p>The City should not allow any further development of the parklands along the waterfront and Lakeshore Drive. We have enough existing facilities that are not utilized 100% and these should be used to their maximum potential before any money is invested into new sporting facilities.</p>
<p>The collaboration between the Canadian Musicians Co-operative and the Barrie Film Festival is an exciting and innovative development for the arts community in Barrie and the surrounding region. By joining forces, these organizations are creating a vibrant and supportive environment where artists and creatives can thrive. This partnership not only opens up new opportunities for artistic expression but also provides a year-round home for Co-op members to pursue cutting-edge programming and projects. The positive impact on the local creative scene is truly inspiring, and it sets the stage for groundbreaking work that will resonate throughout the community.</p>
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<p>The current naturalized areas of the Southshore should be left alone including QUIT MOWING THE WILDFLOWER TRAIL!!! There are no native fall flowers anymore due the city mowing them down every year.</p>
<p>The current wooded area and meadow should be zoned environmental protection.</p>
<p>The Debut condo is an eyesore. It looks like the top 2 sections are going to fall off. It is also too tall for the surrounding area so it creates an incongruent skyline. Too late now, I guess... :-(</p>
<p>The difficulty people understand is that the only constant in life is change. Embrace it, and stop trying to manage it for yourself. I've listened to so many people complain about the proposed change. Be positive, light and desire changes ahead.</p>

<p>The downtown area is a disgrace! I think funds and dedicated land for homeless dwellings would be the best use for open spaces! I agree the existing areas should be developed but get the homeless off the streets first!</p>
<p>The downtown area is already congested and difficult to drive through so why not utilize grounds further outside the city core that are easier to access.</p>
<p>The downtown area is already over congested. Stop recommending to build more sports and arts venues in the downtown</p>
<p>The downtown area needs to take into account the volumes of traffic that will follow these developments. More time and effort needs to be spent on making Barrie public transit more streamlined and make downtown less of a parking lot.</p>
<p>The downtown core is a scary place for many. I think all of these are wonderful ideas but until something is done with the encampment, drug addicts, the trash everywhere, [.....], and bring in more police and get another police station going... honestly... I don't think many people will attend. The new bus system that has been implemented is terrible, it is too complicated to figure out for many.</p>
<p>The downtown district and areas surrounding the waterfront need to feel safe. Ensuring safety for residents, visitors, and their families and pets is key to keeping the community engaged and using the areas.</p>
<p>The Downtown itself is singularly the most unattractive area due to vulgar signage blacked out buildings and the destruction of historically beautiful buildings. Barrie is not forward thinking like beautiful towns and cities throughout the world that create pedestrian and bike only streets. It's a city for cars and Bayfield remains ugly and traffic focused so walking between the shops is unpleasant and cars rule. Keep the one attraction that is lovely, the natural beauty of the lake. Have a daily market that serves the thousands of residents downtown and provide innovative and accessible public transport. Prioritize the arts as Barrie has not a single beautiful upscale bar for young people. Design creates the problems and thinking design can alleviate them.</p>
<p>The downtown needs a public pool, 50m because a city of this size anywhere else outside of Ontario would have a proper pool. This included swimming (25m is 30 years outdated) water polo, diving, kayaking/canoe training, scuba, community groups, etc.</p>
<p>The downtown needs to be cleaned up before spending any money building arts/sports fields. I used to enjoy the downtown, but now the last thing I want is to take my children to walk/shop there. There are always people drunk/drugged arguing with themselves, etc. it doesn't feel safe at all. Spend more money on policing the areas and then talk about building anything there.</p>
<p>The drug users are out of control in downtown Barrie. My family recently went for lunch [...] and everyone on the street were walking zombies. We felt unsafe during the middle of the day. We need a significant increase in police in the downtown before any developments.</p>
<p>The existing Sea cadet property on Simcoe Street is definitely not the place for a performing arts centre. It should be where the Barrie Central auditorium was situated.</p>
<p>The existing downtown is something that I try to avoid, even though I live not far from the area. There are too many cannabis shops, tattoo parlors and vaping shops. Also, there are so many homeless people wandering the streets. I don't know how to fix this, but I think that we need to try.</p>
<p>The fact that council approved the original plan without commissioning such a report is embarrassing, and shows a stunning lack of due diligence by council and city staff. It calls into question how many other projects have been approved by council without appropriate research and study. Do better. Additionally, a lot of these issues (safety of the current sea</p>

cadets location, utilization of the baseball diamond) stem from the large population of drug users and addicts who have been running rampant through the downtown core. These issues need to be solved - a new sports field and theater will not change the fact that people don't feel safe getting to / from these locations. Finally, all of these plans do not provide for adequate parking. I feel like there is an assumption here that people will use transit. Barrie is not a transit-friendly city. Therefore, significant parking needs to be considered in these projects, as well as all other projects in the downtown area. Council should also open all parking lots to residents for free.

The footprint of the proposed baseball diamond is pretty tight. There would need to be high nets to catch stray balls landing by people homes, parked cars etc Love the idea of this park being used.

The former Barrie central lands are now an open watercourse? Is it even possible to build a stadium there and at what cost? Same question about the theatre. It's reclaimed land. Is it possible to build and what is the cost?

The green report is quite clear that the parade ground and or sports field should not be at the Lakeshore proposed site ... And it is somewhat embarrassing that city Council approved the direction of developing the site even though the green report indicated that it was unsuitable for the primary purpose of a parade ground because the surface was too soft. Many have suggested that the second parking lot at the South Shore center be utilized on the occasions that the Navy group requires a parade ground, upon availability (... Not developing a third hard surface beside the two parking lots)

I fully support the development of a theater complex, but I am concerned that it might be too close to the waterfront, possibly impede waterfront access, and that consideration should be given to a site across the street ...note - the yes/no aspect of the survey head severe limitations because conditions couldn't be added

the green space to the east of the south shore needs to be permanently designated as an environmentally protected area so it can never be developed on.

The height restriction was removed on the new condos going up downtown and along the waterfront. I live in a highrise, so obviously not against them. The 35 & 45 story buildings going up look ridiculous along our waterfront. I lived and worked in Toronto for years, that is what happened there, ruined downtown and waterfront. Where I live in Barrie, the proposed projects at 158 & 151 & 153 will cause huge problems re: traffic & infrastructure support. It seems that the only thing that mattered is jamming as many people as possible into skinny talk needle-like buildings

The homeless situation downtown and the encampments need dealt with. We can't all shrug our shoulders about it until the next election.

The idea of having a centre for performing arts on our waterfront would enhance Barrie's landscape and it would enrich cultural activities and connections with other cities in our region as well as internationally.

The initial plans proposed and voted on by city council [.....] generated a great deal of distrust in the community.

The kempenfelt Conference Centre was turned over to the province in 2017 has the city considered opening discussions with the province to seek a partnership with innisfil to move the sea cadets there for safety, provide sports centre and performing arts centre -multiple events could be held at one time , parking and parks and trails on the 20 acre site with a transit line -all wouldn't happen immediately but more people could be accommodated multiple events run ii be a better use of taxpayers money that cluttering up Barrie's waterfront - we need to address the high crime rate, move the homeless and drugs out of downtown ,limit the # of bars cleaning up the main-street - even Creemore with its small boutiques, restaurants, pubs and

craft stores offers more enticement to tourists than downtown Barrie with its old storefronts bars, tattoo parlours empty lots- we don't need any more skyscrapers downtown we are not New York or Toronto - you will lose the sense of community and identity otherwise Barrie just becomes a larger extension of the GTA

The lakefront should be left as is. Natural spaces are in short supply in Barrie. Sporting areas should be built on existing brown sites (e.g: the old Barrie Central site). The costs of the proposed fields and cadet drill areas are exceptionally expensive. Artificial turf should be ruled out due to its toxicity, lack of drainage, cost and lack of functioning as CO2 sinks. Performing arts centre does not need to be built on valuable lakefront parkland.

The land use applications proposed all make sense and seem reasonable. However, the primary issue with all of these developments is traffic congestion and parking. Moving some of the developments off lakeshore and to other downtown areas can help alleviate some of this without needing to pave over waterfront green space.

The lands to the west of Meridian Place to Bayfield Street, if City owned, should be converted to parkland. Lakeshore Drive, from Minets Point Road to Simcoe St., should be renamed Lakeshore Promenade and the speed limit be reduced to 40 kms. (and enforced).

The last couple years I have stopped almost completely coming to downtown Barrie, and I used to be a frequent patron of all shops and restaurants. Unfortunately the downtown no longer feels safe and has so many people doing drugs and setting up their spots that it feels so unsavoury. When you sit on a patio, so many people that are high and drink are walking past that makes it not enjoyable. We did still use the walking path along the water frequently, but not on weekends as it is so busy. The 2 concerns I have with adding more to downtown is how to deal with all the drug/homeless situation? I would not allow my girls to go downtown and use a public washroom or even some public spaces downtown due to safety concerns. I would certainly never let them take a bus that has to go to the downtown station not worth the free ticket. The second concern is congestion and parking for what you are suggesting. Bus terminal is not an option for safety. I also would like to see Barrie's only rubber track be available to the public for use. They have made it like Fort Knox to be able to access it, and there are ways to make it accessible to the community. Other communities have done it- the one near Humber College always has 2 lanes open for community use during the evenings and weekends. There are ways the school board can help make a beautiful turf and track more accessible

The location for the Barrie Baycats is not a good one. If they get moved there should be adequate parking. The transit system in Barrie is terrible

The Mayor & Council should follow Mr Greens suggestions and LISTEN to the public. LEAVE our waterfront alone. Prime example of stupid decisions is Molson Park. Very shortsighted! I refuse to vote for stupidity!

The most interesting question in this survey is the performing arts centre. There seems to be a lot of talk about sports in Barrie but not a lot about the Arts. Perhaps this is because there are only a few, less-than-ideal arts venues in the city. Adding the performing arts centre would be a wonderful step forward.

The new Sports Centre should be located along Bradford Street at the furthest edge from Dunlop Street. Preserve the Dunlop area for future development.

The number one problem downtown is the homeless population. Specifically Dunlop, Collier and Mulcaster streets. Something must be done. It's becoming very scary, especially for the large senior population downtown.

<p>The old Barrie Central property needs to be put to a productive use ! Red Storey field could be put back in play and expanded for track , soccer and football .</p>
<p>The old sea cadet location should be used for an eating establishment with a very large patio. Unlike just about every other waterfront city there is nowhere in Barrie to sit and enjoy a coffee/lunch/glass of wine by the water. And I'm not talking yet another large chain restaurant. It should be uniquely Barrie showcasing local produce (to tie in with the farmers market when it finally moves just over the road). It would be somewhere both locals & visitors would be attracted.[.....]</p>
<p>The only things that should be located downtown are things that will enhance the atmosphere and draw more people. Proposals for soccer and baseball stadiums, while romantic, will not do this. As for the waterfront, don't build anything between the water's edge and Lakeshore Drive - leave this areas as 100% park land.</p>
<p>The organization, Canadian Musicians Cooperative has supported so many musicians. By joining forces with the Barrie Film Festival, they're creating an exciting new platform for artists and creatives in Barrie and surrounding region. This is a thrilling opportunity that will not only enhance the community engagement but also provide Co-op members to showcase their talents and engage with the community.</p>
<p>The PAC could be built on the Smart Centre land on Bradford/Lakeshore lands in a cooperative effort. A partner such as Alphabet (Google) could help fund an expanded vision for a PAC/cultural hub.</p>
<p>The PAC should not be located where suggested, should return to green space. The increase in density in the City will require more green space for folks to enjoy. Currently our waterfront especially around Centennial Beach area is over used between May-Sept. This area should be extension of Heritage Park especially with water access for canoe/kayaking/paddle boarding. Maybe a small concession of some kind. Considering the whole impetus for this report was to looking at the Parade ground and Multi-use sports field initially, not sure how/why this grew into revitalized downtown with pro sports and PAC, All good things but need to be dealt with separately to understand all the financial impact and details. How can we be expected to do a survey without more detail. Why would the Baycats move from a location that has amenities? Queens Park should be maintained with the minor league in mind. We need to do better in maintaining our parks for people. Please ensure the Spirit Catcher remains where it is. If a professional team is looking to relocate to our greenspace and be shared I would hope the professional team would be paying for all of it. Can't imagine a pro team would want to share the space?</p>
<p>The parade ground for the cadets could be a parking lot when not used as a parade ground. As well, a first-class hotel and convention centre needs to go along the lake shore. There is no facility in Barrie to feed 500 hundred people. We have no convention facilities, yet we are only 45 minutes from Pearson. We can't hog a meeting for 1,000 people.</p>
<p>The parade grounds being located where Mr. Green suggests would negatively impact the passive space to the west of Southshore, impact the existing community centre parking, and impact the ability for Kempenfest to hold concerts in their usual setup. The parade grounds should be integrated in the lower grass area between the Southshore Centre and the Kiwanas Pavillion.</p>
<p>The park area be re-zoned as protected land</p>
<p>The parking seems tight for many of these suggestions. I would consider shuttle busses for these events from a proposed pickup spot. I would definitely commit to a shuttle service.</p>

The performing art centre was supposed to be at the old Central location. Now it's suggested to be squished into a tiny space at the waterfront. What? We already have an art gallery in the old library that is a ghost town. A theatre at 5 points that can't hold 50 guests and now tons of money more should be used for another similar location?? Within a kilometre or so? Why can't we have a waters edge restaurant that welcomes boaters to dock at the door? Think the dock in midland, or Boston pizza on the waters edge in Keswick or Gravenhurst or Huntsville. Please use our downtown shore to its most attractive potential!!! Another art gallery?? Big no for me.

The performing arts center should be located on the original site on Dunlop St. The argument that sirens from the adjacent fire station would disturb patrons is absolute rubbish. This station is open Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, closed Sat & Sun.

The Performing Arts center should not be located on the waterfront. It blocks the view of the lake and the passive enjoyment of residents. A better location would be on the properties adjacent to the Main Library building. Delivery vehicles and loading docks should be kept off the waterfront where pedestrian traffic is promoted. Access Bars and restaurants in the downtown area would be easier and patrons would not be subject to waterfront traffic congestion. The Sea Cadet relocation to the South Shore Community Center hampers the launch and storage of dinghies regarding on water activities. Access to the water is hampered by the natural embankment.

The performing arts center would be a massive addition to the city that would hugely benefit artists, musicians, technical workers/producers/engineers in the music industry. It would also be a huge addition to hosting live events in Barrie at a more professional level. The proposal looks great, looking forward to having more parks directly backing the waterfront.

The Performing Arts center would really revitalize downtown Barrie. I think it's an incredibly good plan. Thanks so much!!

The performing arts center, though a nice idea typically does not have outside views. It would then block lake views and the spirit catcher which can actually be seen all the way up to Wellington Street by residents. To hide the spirit catcher would be a shame. That parking lot should just become more park space and remove the building currently residing there for something useful.

The performing arts centre location is completely unacceptable to me. The focus of a The focus of an arts centre is inside the building, and shouldn't be using prime real estate. This city is desperate for a dining establishment with full height views of the the bay and its activity. It could have two distinct levels accommodating a coffee style bakery or cafe similar to heritage bakery and a good quality restaurant where people would come to dine and take in the views of the bay during all seasons. WE NEED A TRUE WATERFRONT DINING ESTABLISHMENT.

The performing arts centre must have a stage large enough for band and orchestral concerts. It should have a backstage large enough for operas, musicals, and plays. Seating must have enough leg room so that patrons are comfortable when attending performances. If the space on the waterfront is too limited, would the parking lot beside the library or another downtown location be more appropriate? A positive step forward for business in Downtown Barrie!

The performing arts centre needs to be able to accommodate up to 1,000 people, to provide relief to and an alternative to Georgian College Theatre.

The Performing Arts Centre should include 900 seats.

The Performing Arts Centre would be an excellent way to support and foster Barrie's growing culture of creatives and strengthen its community. Everybody will be able to get use out of such a place from the creatives themselves, to those who just enjoy entertainment (which is basically everyone.) Collaborations such as that between the Canadian Musicians Co-

operative and the Barrie Film Festival will bring many people together and foster new connections that will lead to a prosperous community of dedicated, passionate people. As many creatives have begun steering away from the big cities such as Toronto, Barrie has the opportunity to create for itself a hub that will attract many different people who will bring positive and exciting possibilities.

The plan was for the performing arts Centre to be at the old Barrie Central location. So I don't know why that would change, that area can accommodate parking, and is further removed from the direct waterfront, where there are non stop festivals. That location on the water doesn't have enough parking and it going to carry and even bigger price tag, not to mention building two performing arts Centre so close (5 points théâtre). I understand the scope of how they are different, but still.

The problem with a lot of the parks is bathrooms are no longer accessible so people like myself with disabilities that require a bathroom no longer see any park as any option as well as if you're bringing sports teams to the area they're going to need those bathrooms

The problem with the Baycats using Queen's Park would be that there is limited parking in the area, and I don't think the area of Queen's Park available is not large enough for a baseball stadium with stands, etc.

The proposal of the soccer field sports field should be before station one the old high school location. Where the new YMCA was supposed to go! [.....]

The proposed eco-park should be zoned Environmentally Protected so that the community never again has to go through this horrendously divisive process regarding this parcel of land.

The proposed multi-use sports field area needs environmental protection and the passive park needs diversification with native Ontario grassland species.

The proposed space for the Parade Ground will interfere with Kempenfest if the surface material is not adaptable and suitable for multiple purposes.

The Queens park baseball field is no longer being used due to the mass amount of needles, etc found in this field, making it unsafe for our people, especially children. The City of Barrie needs to clean up our land, remove the encampments taking over our parks and stop the panhandling on every corner. It is disgusting and unsafe. Turning Queens Park into the home of the Baycats is not going to fix the needles and garbage issue that area currently has.

The downtown area is unsafe. There is no way I want my children down there playing. There are drugs being done out in the open for our children to see, disgusting and unsafe messes left on the ground, intoxicated people roaming the streets - often in the middle of the road. Bikes are being stolen at an alarming rate, theft rate has increased, people don't feel safe, nor are they safe in our parks and in the downtown area. I am disgusted by what I see happening in the city I have lived in for almost 50 years. The state Barrie is becoming is disgusting and embarrassing.

There are soccer fields all over the city. We don't need another one. Clean up and improve the fields we already have. Why not put these funds to better use? Such as building the much needed YMCA or another community recreation centre which caters to various sports and not just 1 sport? Clean up the drug addicts roaming our streets. Make it safe to leave your bike locked up or walk through the forest trails without being stabbed.

I do not want a large theater built on the waterfront. What an eye sore that would be. It would also block the beautiful waterfront view. No way I would take public transportation to an event downtown. I certainly would not want my ticket to include the cost of transit.



The City does not need a dedicated building for the cadets; especially when it rarely is being used by people. Other youth groups don't need a dedicated building, nor do they have one.

The ideas in this report are horrible ideas and a waste of money and the waterfront.

The reality is navigating Lakeshore and the surrounding streets do not support the current and growing traffic in Barrie. Yes Barrie needs more events and cultural activities, but squeezing them into a centralized area that is already highly congested with limited parking and nowhere to go when an emergency vehicle is trying to use the same roadways is not going to be beneficial for anyone. When reviewing these projects, we need to better realize how the city is currently used and the impacts to navigating the city with its ever growing population and traffic. I have not touched public transportation in the city and over 20 years and refused to for my personal safety. Someone who has lived in Barrie for over 30 years. I also ignore Lakeshore and the events downtown now due to the congestion and lack of parking. Looking at adding these new areas, the committee also needs to look at the economical impact that hosting event like Kempenfest bring to the city. I think the performing art centre would be better suited to some of the available lands along Bradford Street that can accommodate adequate parking for its location.

The recurring theme is that the sea cadets need a parade ground. Are they going to parade in January at 20 below on an open air parade ground. Why not look into a deal with the armories that would provide a 12 month inside parade ground I am not aware of anything ever being said about all the boats and paraphernalia the sea cadets require. Where will all this stuff be stored and have access to the bay and how does this affect the south shore buildings and area

The reduction of parking at Southshore is a concern. The parking lot is often half closed for wedding and other private events. Please consider finding a way to allow for a similar amount of parking to be available at Southshore since construction will remove a good chunk of available parking in the lot

The removal of trees for a walking park is taking away from the nature experience and feels more like a stroll in a neighborhood. Also would draw more attention for people out of town to setup picnics and leave garbage and more space for the city to maintain

The report and recommendations are excellent. City council needs to follow these recommendations.

The report focuses on community based activities with particular attention to sports, entertainment, and the environment. The downtown core also has serious issues that must be acknowledged in any plan for revitalization. What positive solutions are being considered for those people who are homeless, suffering from mental illness, or living in poverty? Ignoring the problem does not erase the issues. Revitalization must include thought and consideration of all issues including the challenging issues. I would like to read Mr. Green's ideas from an expanded, inclusive perspective. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The report is a great plan for the City of Barrie Congratulations

The report is a great plan. Fully support all the motions presented. Thank you for listening to the community feedback.

The report is intelligent and well-researched. I love the idea of the theatre spaces at the current sea cadet location. This, combined with changes to the usages of Queen's Park, will elevate the downtown core. Existing parking exists. I don't think the report clarifies where the sea cadets' indoor space will be. Apparently the Barrie Canoe Club will be impacted. I'd be interested in the answer to that question, but that aside, the report is comprehensive and

<p>forward-looking in a very positive way. Barrie could be a wonderful city with some of this type of informed, progressive development.</p>
<p>The report is well thought out, comprehensive and should endorsed by the elected officials of Barrie</p>
<p>The report seems to provide logical approaches to meeting some community needs.</p>
<p>The report should be adopted in its entirety. We need to have safe spaces downtown , With this useage plan we can hopefully take area back from drug users- but city will need to oversee areas so needle useage does not keep people away from area. The sports group need to come together and look at plans to share facilities- gone are the days fields can b one use only</p>
<p>The report was logical and well informed. Unlike that original plan to destroy the area near southshore. I think Mr. Green's report supports a revitalization of downtown that could help reduce crime and the disarray currently in that area.</p>
<p>The report was refreshingly readable. Mr Green was able to do what others, constrained by silos, could not achieve. Barrie has been waiting for a suitable Performing Arts Centre for many years and I am hoping this will result in action by the City to get this in the ground. Arts groups are very supportive and have proven their ability to work together toward this goal. Yes, economics are challenging, but this new venue will revitalize the downtown and strengthen the local economy.</p>
<p>The report was well thought out to creatively find solutions that do not jeopardize the pristine environment of Barries Lakeshore. Plastic turf has no place near natural environments. Housing and community centers are more important that a soccer field and soccer team. Our community needs basic services(housing and transit etc) prior to a professional sports team arriving. Many of us do not want my tax money going towards a soccer field.</p>
<p>The revitalizing of downtown cannot be the only solution to drug use or unhoused populations using Queens park and downtown. Subsidized housing, mental health and substance abuse support, and other social issues cannot be pushed aside because a new baseball diamond is getting made. Money from new builds should go back into the community and specifically help vulnerable people in Barrie.</p>
<p>The Sea Cadets are hardly EVER on the water. Move them elsewhere, but not at the expense of our waterfront.</p>
<p>The sea cadets could use the proposed sports complex for practices or the proposed baseball field as it's within walking distance</p>
<p>The Sea Cadets moving to the basement/shared location with the rowing club at Southshore is brilliant. The parade grounds is not. It is not required as they can use other locations for such activities. Plastic turf on a naturalized, waterfront area just adds insult to injury. A sports field should not be on the waterfront. There are plenty of unused spaces that would make a better fit. I was both appalled at the lack of consultation and aghast at the speed (with lack of environmental consideration) when this first passed by City Council. I was then furious. I am still at a loss for words.</p>
<p>The shoreline of Kempenfelt Bay should remain as natural as possible to protect Lake Simcoe. Once it is altered or more pressure is put on it we threaten that resource. Keep biodiversity and the health of the lake at the forefront always when making decisions that impact such a valuable fresh water lake that we as a community are so fortunate to have as our city backdrop. Protection and preservation should always be first when considering impact to such a valuable resource.</p>
<p>The shoreline park area should be protected from any further sports facilities but kept for the passive use by residents and not adding to mass traffic issues on Lakeshore.</p>

The south shore centre is not the proper location for the cadets or any sports field. There is not enough parking, no change room or washrooms. The former sea cadets site is also no appropriate space for a performing arts centre. Barrie needs to stop building for 2 years from now and building for 10-20 years from now. A 200 and 600 person theatre is a very awkward amount of people for the arts scene that Barrie wants. Parking is a huge issue as well. We keep tearing up parking lots to make room for condos or buildings. The parking tower is a disaster and scary so I would never park there. I think the bay cats would draw huge crowds if they were to play at queens park. It's such an underrated space that will be revitalized and revamped with their presence. I think the skatepark should actually be located by the water if we were looking to move anything. People need more than just bars and clothing stores to get them downtown. When the movie theater was there you could go watch a show and then go for dinner. There isn't anything like that anymore. This could bring that back.

The south shore community will be very displeased if the City uses our tax dollars for a privately owned soccer team stadium or field of any kind. Keep the south shore waterfront environmentally protected.

The south shore is a great place for the cadets. However, there is no need for a parade ground. They can block off the parking ground and march there. The money for a parade ground could be better used elsewhere.

The South Shore should be left as a natural space. Barrie has so many in sports areas. Lampman Lane the Huronia Park sports areas the new fields surrounding Painswick park, the facilities at the new high school. These need to be more fully used or projects that require land development planned as multiuse, this would have been a great idea for the old playground site that sat vacant for years over developing green space.

The South Shore Waterfront should continue to be non commercial and open access for everyone to enjoy fully and free of charge. Non Barrie residents could be charged a fee to park to offset costs of road maintenance and staff to protect the land by forest management,

The Southshore area is not a place for a Sports field. I agree.

The Southshore park should be actively and intentionally renaturalized with Ontario native species.

The Southshore should be left alone. No one asked for it to be built up. It's the only green space we have left downtown barrie, many family's who grew up here have enjoyed that space to walk and observe nature. I myself grew up walking through it with my mother.

The Southshore should stay as is and there needs to be a major work project to house/move the homeless and drug dealers from the downtown core. I know so many people who won't go downtown because of this. A lot of business being lost.

The sports field should not be down at the waterfront

The sports issue and the performing arts issue are separate issues. Keep them that way. Other fields around the city I understand, are under-utilized and many have washroom facilities. Sorry, but some of these sports groups are acting like petulant children about this and as entitled ones at that! They need to work together for the benefit of everyone. Also why don't the sea cadets use the armories? Other cadets do. I was a sea cadet 1000 years ago and we paraded in an armories. I don't get that. They can use the South Shore for boat work in the summer and the, "parade square," is useless in the winter. The whole south shore area is reclaimed railway lands and the remediation is important. As of now, those lands need to be declared as sacrosanct and legislation put in place, that can't be undone, not to develop them in the future

The Survey is not giving an option to say 'NO' to the sports field location at the Waterfront. Why was this not included in the survey so that Council can assess the number of people that agree that it should NOT be located there. This issue is the basis of the recommendation report. It also does not touch on alternative sites for soccer fields within Barrie. It is absolutely imperative for City Staff to prepare a report that assesses other soccer location options and identifies the number of sports fields required due to population and demographic projections and potential priority locations and timelines for these fields to be constructed (NOT INCLUDING THE WATERFRONT FIELD). We asked for this before the vote in May...and it is still very very important.

The synergy of the Canadian Musicians Co-operative and the Barrie Film Festival being resident arts tenants in the new performing arts centre is very cutting edge and creates many opportunities for them to work together for the benefit of the community for the long term.

The theatre needs to be larger than 250 seats somewhere where there can be lots of parking. The former sea cadet property needs to be a bustling restaurant mid priced

The transit service is terrible. The police are not doing their job. This city is in trouble. Thank you Mayor!

The undeveloped areas of the Southshore must be kept safe from commercial exploitation and remain a passive park with nature trails to be enjoyed by residents and visitors. Once the last remnants of the natural environment are lost to pavement and sports fields you will never get them back.

The value of the overall proposal is the integration and linking of the ideas with the overall goal of serving the diverse needs of the community and enhancing the quality of the city core. Whatever is decided should be in context of this and not isolated aspects that addresses only one opportunity.

The water front should be left as an undeveloped space for everyone to enjoy freely.

The waterfront area should Definitely NOT be used for sports groups-that would only accommodate a small percentage of tax payers, while causing even more congestion along the waterfront, and the single lane roadway.

The waterfront area should not be overcrowded with buildings and uses that do not use the water. Overcrowding causes the natural beauty to be degraded and lost. The downtown Arts centre should be placed in another place not on the water. There is no advantage for such a building to be there versus on Dunlop Street or near the city Hall. The downtown would benefit from the revitalization of an arts area where there are creative studios that residents can take part in or showcase their work. Also using Queens park as a sporting area would make sense.

We need to make the downtown safer for residents to make all of this possible. There are many homeless and drug using individuals that make the area inaccessible to families or women generally and particularly in the evenings. This is the first thing that needs to be addressed before any of these other projects can be successful.

The waterfront attracts so many visitors that there is no parking. It's too busy. Keep Barrie Bay cats where they are. What's wrong with the theater locations now? We need to clean up downtown. Nobody goes to queens park because of drug paraphernalia.

The waterfront in Barrie must be kept for public use!!!! Green spaces and parks must take priority as all mobility levels and age groups can use them. Parking for pro soccer games will be difficult to create on the lakeshore. Therefore, plan to create a pro soccer facility farther out in the Barrie limits.

The waterfront is beautiful there is a lot of land on Bradford and Dunlop that could be built up the waterfront should not have a sports field or other big more commercialized facility on it

The waterfront is no place for a sports field, as it would create too much traffic and take green space which is important to preserve. That area is already overcrowded on weekends. A good place would be the old fairgrounds. Although purchased by developers, it has been an eyesore for too many years. If the developers can't build, then the city should take it back. Another area for a sports field could be the land once occupied by Prince of Wales School and Barrie Collegiate. Queens Park is not large enough and too close to a residential area to accommodate the Baycats. As for the downtown... We have lived in Barrie for over 30 years and all that time we've heard the downtown will be fixed up. From what we see, it is worse. Individuals with homeless and/or drug and/or mental health issues who want to be helped, should be. Those who don't want help should be taken elsewhere. It is unsettling to be downtown at an any time of day and see groups hanging around. The older buildings need to be cleaned and painted. There are too many cannabis stores. The downtown could be nice as it has a great location.

The waterfront natural area should have an environmentally protected zoning, and should include purposefully planted gardens/meadows with native pollinator supporting plants.

The waterfront needs public washrooms. otherwise, it is a highly used public space that is already successfully supporting the city.

The waterfront needs to be protected. The building of large facilities only increases the number of risks to the waterfront and the many animals that occupy the waterfront. Building a performing arts center on the waterfront is a waste of money, the current theatre at the five points is barely used, if it still exists. Why waste my tax dollars to build a facility that won't get used. Better to spend the money at the Georgian College facility. I've grown up in Barrie and now live here as an adult with my family, I ask that you leave the waterfront only and focus on increasing the natural habitat for the citizens of Barrie to enjoy and the wildlife to flourish.

The waterfront should be about nature and parks for everyone not special interest projects

The waterfront should be deemed untouchable and to be preserved for what it is, a water park and natural environment at the south shore.

The waterfront should be maintained for water related activities. The city should infill the existing developed areas with other developments for soccer, baseball etc. Greenspace should not be sacrificed for built recreational areas.

Bike lanes and transit should be considered or expanded in areas with sports fields.

The waterfront is NOT an appropriate place for a large sports field.

The whole city is against the sports complex being right on the waterfront, will destroy the habitat and wildlife will lose their homes. You really need to start listening to the citizens who actually live here. Parking is already brutal with out of towners at the lakeshore and this will make it worse. Not to mention you're not doing anything to make the lakeshore area safe for us to walk with the amount of open drug use there. Take the funding for the sports complex and put that towards helping the homeless.

There are a number of questions that don't appear to be available to residents. Why weren't residents, generally, and those who reside in Ward 2, specifically, consulted when the report was being developed? It looks very sneaky, on Council's part, to have a report undertaken for very specific purposes, without public engagement prior to the report being finalized and shared with Council.

Who is Marshall Green? Why was he specifically retained to undertake this report? What is his background? Did Mr. Green review the comprehensive community plan for Barrie? Is this report why zoning changes are being made? Why was the Mayor so heavily involved in "suggesting" where Mr. Green should focus his report and research? From what I can tell, Mr. Green is not a planner and simply composed the report because he initially disliked it.

What is the cost associated with adopting the recommendations in the report? How are they going to impact taxes for Barrie residents and those specifically within Ward 2?

How does the City plan to fund these projects? through raising taxes? Mr. Green's report specifically states up front that he has not proposed how these projects would be funded and would seek to recommend some fundraising opportunities. This seems poorly planned from Council's perspective and I would argue strongly against moving forward with any reports or projects that DO NOT consider how such projects would be funded.

How do these projects benefit the community at large? Would it make more sense to take the funds that would be devoted to these projects and put them into other community programs and services that would benefit all residents - children, youth, adults, seniors?

With the influx of people moving into the downtown over the next 5-10 years, the City should be doing a much better job of planning how infrastructure at large will be addressed; as well as green spaces, etc for those individuals to utilize. The use of these areas for very specific projects (ie the Baycats) puts much stock in the assumption that all residences will like baseball or go to the field at Queens Park. In my mind, this is not an assumption that should be made in the positive.

The fact that Mr. Green's report - as it relates to Queens Park - is all opinion is not comforting. It appears he spoke to one individual - that of the Baycats President who would not bring an unbiased view to consultations on this matter. Mr. Green believes, naively, that bringing a larger stadium to Queens Park (and by assumption more people) will eliminate or remove those "unfortunate" people from the area. Let's call it what it is - those suffering from homelessness. Mr. Green's approach is to cover this wound with a small bandaid and make it someone else's problem. The fact is - the current ball diamond was used extensively prior to the pandemic. As the pandemic played out and more people suffering homelessness came to Barrie due to the shelters/hotels that opened, more people were in Queens Park. It was the CITY who REMOVED the bleachers from that ball diamond so that those people suffering homelessness would not congregate there. How is building a NEW ball park, etc going to help with this? Suggesting that more police presence in the area raises a number of other issues; not only around an increase in possible violence due to police presence, but also around the operations of the Barrie Police (an issue for another day).

My suggestion is that the City retain a actual planner to do a full feasibility study on the downtown core and how the City should address growth in population, use of infrastructure, etc rather than base its decisions on the whimsy of what appears to be an individual, who was in the right place and right time, to get the Mayors attention and who, from what I can tell, has very little experience in municipal planning.

There are four areas in the downtown core that have been addressed in this survey:

1. Queen's Park – established large area, baseball has previously been played there, just need more parking.
2. General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre – Cadet's would be better suited for their needs in that area across the bay. It is far enough away from the downtown core. Other amenities listed would be suited for the area, just need more parking.
3. Performing Arts Centre – Location by the bay is good. Probably a 1,000-seat auditorium would be more in keeping with the growing size of the city. If parking cannot be addressed,

<p>then a location that can accommodate parking should be found.</p> <p>4. Community Sports Facility – This would be too big for the downtown area, with everything else planned. Plus, a lot of parking would be required.</p>
<p>There are lots of positives in Marshall's report. The former site of Barrie Central would be a good location for a small to mid-size stadium...another location for consideration of a sports facility should be the former location of the Barrie raceway...lots of space and potential for parking and right off the 400 with easy access.</p>
<p>There are many many fields in my area to consider for this field eg. lennox park which currently has numerous soccer fields which could be reconfigured to support this project</p>
<p>There are plenty of places in Barrie for sports facilities to be built. The waterfront is NOT one of them.</p> <p>Parking must be a consideration for any new facility. Putting the Baycats in Queens park will reduce the amount of available parking from the stadium they currently use. If you're expecting people to wait at a bus stop in a sketchy area of town, perhaps rethink that.</p> <p>Perhaps consider moving the David Busby centre to the South end near the go station and build an entertainment centre near City Hall, the Art Gallery and the library. It would be nice if these places were safely accessible to taxpayers and not just the homeless drug users that now utilize the facilities.</p> <p>The Yonge Street area near the Go station offers an easy way for those homeless folks to hop on a train back to Toronto. That's where the Food Bank and Shelters should be relocated to. Why are we making life so convenient for people to arrive here and take advantage of our services?</p>
<p>There are plenty of ways to revitalize the downtown without sacrificing our peaceful access to nature along the south shore area. Not to mention the further encroachment on wildlife in the area that a sports complex would impose. In the 20+ years I have lived in Barrie we've already seen a change in the wildlife in the same area as a result of the military heritage park. I'm all for honouring the military but now we have a fox den that has been disrupted forever. Please do not further disrupt wildlife by developing the south side area even more - we need our peaceful places close to nature and the water</p>
<p>There are so many unused fields in Barrie as it is. There is NO need for a new field downtown. Use/update/revitalize already designed spaces in the city!</p> <p>More washrooms along lakeshore would be a great asset for the city. With all of the people lakeshore attracts more washroom facilities are needed.</p>
<p>There are some beautiful old maples and oaks that would be cut down in queens park if you had to make room for a baseball field of that size. Those trees are probably older than the city itself. Please think of them when you are considering this plan.</p>
<p>There are too many people doing drugs on the water front. My family I can no longer walk the water front without being heckled or being asked for something by these individuals. Clean up the atmosphere of the waterfront, that would make the biggest impact.</p>
<p>There don't seem to be many options presented, but feel this is more asking for agreement with only one option. A more thorough and public consultation process would be helpful to engage better with the residents for these big projects using tax dollars. Do not recommend any global partnerships and recommend prioritizing Barrie business and residents wants and needs.</p>

There is a concerning lack of information about resources for the homeless population in this survey. The information circulating about proposed strong-arm policies is inhumane and isn't a problem solving strategy. I like most of the proposals here, save for the conversion of the used green space at Allendale station, but we can't have a vibrant, walkable, well-used downtown without providing more support to the people forced to live on its streets and in its parks. Failure to plan these two things alongside one another is failing to assist our most vulnerable residents and will result in disappointing outcomes for much of what is hoped for in this proposal.

There is a lot of vacant land behind the waterfront, use that land to build condos. stop putting ugly condos close to the waterfront. you're ruining a beautiful area for the benefit of developers and it does not benefit the vast majority of residents. Meridian place deserted most of the time because of the homeless issue. Put some money towards fixing housing or all your plans will go to waste.

There is a need/demand for additional docks/boating space in the downtown waterfront area with clubhouse, restaurant, lockers, showers etc. A theatre could be built on a lot that doesn't require a waterfront view...people will be indoors watching performances. Theatres typically don't have windows in the concert hall or auditorium. Transit might be offered to the proposed new venues but most people will still drive so plan for parking.

There is absolutely not enough space for the Baycats to play at Queens Park. As a member of the organization, we have always hoped to move the stadium into Barrie proper, there is not enough room for out of town parking, team bus parking, and fan facilities.

There is already no parking downtown...why try and cram more stuff downtown? You also need to do something with the homeless people and the drug users...I do not feel safe even in a group being downtown during the day and especially at night

There is an empty building across from the Bradford street mall, that I feel could be used for performing arts. Or taken down and turned into the cadet field area.

There is enough stress on the waterfront as is. Leave it be. But, Dunlop is a good place for the performing arts centre and the sports field, etc...

There is far too much traffic congestion down town, lakeshore is an absolute disaster for traffic... adding all these proposed changes will make traffic insufferable, there is already limited parking, there is no way any of this will work... there should be more park space and café along the lake shore...

Where on Dunlop do you plan a sport center? Out side of Ferndale maybe, that would work... the old barrie central grounds that might work, but again parking nightmare... you guys are trying to add attractions that could draw thousands, but have no where to park.

The baycats downtown, seriously? Where do the spectators park? There isn't even enough parking for rec league games.

Terrible idea putting the sea cadets at South shore center, at least in the proposed location, put them on the water, give them direct access to the water, then the building won't obstruct views from the road, won't interfere with festivals etc.

Terrible location for the arts center too, again no parking, obstructing views and uses of the water front, lakeshore cannot handle the current traffic it has.

So many vacant lands all over the city, no need to be cramming everything downtown and on the waterfront, pretty soon there won't be a waterfront to enjoy... City should be spending more money to clean up the homeless people and drugs, there is no police presence DT, and what is there is useless not doing anything to make it safer. Needles, drugs, violence, murders, stabbings, the list goes on.

There is hardly enough parking now, Nevermind adding the marching space for the cadets. I can't always find parking, & I'm a resident with a pass.

There is no emphasis here on the downtown revitalization; the majority of this proposal relates to sport or theatre. There needs to be a bigger emphasis on cleaning up the downtown- fewer addicts, less homelessness, more support for the SMALL BUSINESSES, including shops and restaurants so that families can go and enjoy things like open air Dunlop without fear their young children will be exposed to addiction and fear for their safety. We hate to see restaurants and stores closing because the support all seems to favour those with substance abuse and mental health issues- let's provide those individuals with supports and resources they need to get them off the street and support our small businesses and entrepreneurs so that we can all go downtown and enjoy the water front, theatre and sports that you suggest we could all enjoy with these upgrades. First we deal with cleaning up the downtown THEN the rest follows. Please cleanup the bus station and transition it into the market that has been promised for years. Please support small businesses and the infrastructure so that our downtown can flourish

There is not enough information provided to vote for these things.

For example:

To have a baseball diamond at Queen's Park, there is currently not enough parking. If parking is not going to be increased, then no, the Baycats should not relocate there. If parking is increased, then possibly they should relocate once probable noise issues have been dealt with.

The cadets do not need a special marching field. One of the parking lots can be closed off when they are marching. Or they can march inside the Hayter Centre or continue to march where they do now.

Nothing should ever be built on the waterfront.

The arts centre can be built on site of current bus station and can have patios and decks that overlook the water. It must have good, safe parking for patrons.

When more information is provided, I would be interested in re-doing this survey.

There is too little parking available. Consider addressing the homeless and marginalized people that are dwelling in downtown Barrie to make public transit safer in the area.

There must be some creative incentives to attract people to use Barrie Transit instead of taking their own vehicles. There wont be enough parking and as it stands Barrie Transit would not be effective. Overall I like this plan. We do have a housing crisis and homelessness crisis that needs to be dealt with in a proactive and humain way. Wrap around services for housing and mental health in the same bulding/locations. Top priority.

There needs to be adequate parking planned for any sports arena. This parking should be free for minor sports events and practices but paid if for larger concerts or professional paid for sports events. The arena should include food and alcohol services. There needs to be an indoor sports dome so that games/concerts can occur year round.

There remains the question of parking. Building a sports field or moving the Baycats to Queen's Park will bring commuters no matter how you try to promote transit. This was one of the major flaws in the last proposal for a waterfront park (Baycats/ Jamie Massey). Revitalizing downtown is a great idea but parking needs to be addressed. And... has anyone asked why we would consider building a soccer pitch 500 metres away from the windiest spot in Barrie, Minets Point? Great for kite surfers and wind sports but terrible for skills development for minor soccer.

There should be more basketball courts in the northeast end

There should not be a sports soccer field near the waterfront.

<p>There wasn't a space to comment about the Barrie Baycats and the use of Queen's Park. I think it would be great to have them in the downtown if they want to be there. However, Queen's Park should be a neighbourhood park for everyone to use, including a ball diamond or sports field. If it's underused, what could be done to encourage people to use it? If more people are moving into the downtown, we need more park space not less. Also, it appears that the size of the diamond and stands for the Baycats requires more space than just cramming it in according to the diagram. The impact on the neighbourhood should also be considered.</p>
<p>There will need to be parking created. The safety issues created by people using drugs in public and encampments needs to be addressed. This is urgent as we work to invite more people to our downtown. I'm embarrassed by our beautiful city currently.</p>
<p>There's a lot to like in the report. I would, however, caution council that Barrie has never been short on consultants' reports, what it has been short on is execution and follow through. Especially when it comes to downtown.</p>
<p>These all seem like wonderful ideas for the downtown area and lakefront, however there seems to be a real lack of planning for parking. The Barrie transit system tries its best, but due to the shape and size of our city, it's not a convenient option for most families. Imagine removing the parking from sadlon arena. I believe it would affect game attendance as well as impact street parking on neighbouring streets and businesses.</p>
<p>These are all wonderful ideas. But I don't feel safe bring myself or my family downtown and feel the facilities won't grtthe use they deserve.</p>
<p>These are amazing ideas and opportunities! Save our waterfront!</p>
<p>These are very exciting ideas that will have a huge impact on the Barrie downtown and the quality of all our lives.</p>
<p>These descriptions may seem fine, but what about the influx of parking and other things indirectly linked to these projects?</p>
<p>These developments are very exciting and will bring put the city of Barrie on the map for artists and creatives! Fantastic for Canadian Musicians Cooperative members to enjoy year-round programming.</p>
<p>These options all sound good...just don't plan too much for our beautiful and pristine waterfront</p>
<p>These proposals are a positive land use and great way to use and showcase our city for now and the future!</p>
<p>These recommendations are fantastic, and a great way to revitalize the downtown core. As someone who owns a business across the road from Queen's Park, I believe strongly in all of these proposals. Thank you.</p>
<p>These suggestions are all wonderful but the downtown core would have to be cleaned up first as any artery into the downtown looks like slumsville and very uninviting. We do not have the road set ups and parking areas to handle large crowds. The safety of downtown would need a major improvement before you bring in more people. Our infrastructure and hospital, etc. is not set up for an increase in population. We need to fix that first than you can grow accordingly.</p>
<p>Think very carefully about the chaotic traffic patterns that may be created by the sports games .We often see the results of this driving past sports fields on Huronia Road as well as the ball diamonds at Lennox Park near Big Bay Pt Rd .There needs to be more parking and this is lacking in the city be it at the proposed concert hall or sports fields .Planning is needed here considering the roaming citizens in Barrie .I appreciate having a say in this endeavour .</p>



<p>Think we are a very long way from a rivitalized downtown. How about we work on people being comfortable to actually visit our downtown, let alone the city itself. Not exactly the best reputation it has.</p>
<p>This all started with the sea cadats marching? Just how often do they March? An how many cadets are we talking? They could March at Queens Park maybe Area needs to be very much improved....lots of drug use in the area....but if better monitored would work for them.</p> <p>We don't need another performing arts centre where sea cadet building is ...for one it is too small and too close to existing performing centre ...5 points. Use it with the marina....boat cruise head quarters....etc.</p> <p>Also Barrie Baycats in Queens Park...again area needs very close monitoring...frankly it is scary down there...Baycats are fine where they are....but could we have a BayCat Bus to transport from Meridian Place up t Midhurst If Queens Park has a big retrofit and people feel safer....then yes viable option to consider</p>
<p>This city is all about sports. We have been trying to get a performing arts centre in Barrie for years. I went to an open house meeting a few years ago that had a site already picked out but nothing seems to have come of it. Collin wood, Penetang and Orillia all seem to have concert venues that draw visitors. I have lived in Barrie since 1975. More and more people but nowhere for the arts.</p>
<p>This city needs hotels and convention facility in the core to bring in business. There's nowhere for visitors to stay in the core. Drop this idea of building a baseball or soccer field/stadium in the core.</p>
<p>This could all become a major tourist attraction with a little careful thought, even bringing the old steam train back from the Museum to the waterfront, it drew a lot of enthusiasts and visitors, now its hidden away out of public view at the back of the museum. That was a big mistake</p>
<p>This easy to read report, generated by volunteers garnering extensive involvement from Barrie residents, should be an example for our paid City Council and staff in public engagement. Our volunteer residents have done more work in their research, reporting, and extensive public consultations than our City. A few of our City Councilors do not respect the voices of the majority of their constituents, which was blatantly obvious in this process, but I do hope this experience will be a reminder to acknowledge the experienced, intelligent, and well educated residents of Barrie and avoid a "personal agenda" impression in the future. Expediting the recommendation to rezone Allandale Station Park Environmentally Protected, in the best interests of the majority, would be a great start!</p>
<p>This is a great start on how to utilize the spaces for the masses. I would as well suggest the parking lots all around the lakeshore present prime locations wasted on parking. If you moved parking further interior or 'offshore' people will walk to inviting spaces/shopping/restaurants. Versus parking at the lakeshore for convenience. Use this prime space for commercial versus paid parking.</p>
<p>This is a great well thought out plan that is utilizing current land to work double duty instead of just sitting there doing nothing. I'd go to a Baycats game if it was in town. I could do many things in walking distance of each other which would be fantastic.</p>
<p>This is a much better plan. Where everyone and most importantly the environment wins. Let's keep Barries waterfront beautiful thanks</p>

<p>This is a very impressive report. Well thought out, comprehensive & intelligent. Well done Mr. Green and thank you for volunteering your time & expertise.</p>
<p>This is a very refreshing and well thought out report. It has been well written and is very informative. Council and the citizens of Barrie are fortunate to have this as a clear guideline in which to follow up on. I appreciate and applaud Marshall Green's effort.</p>
<p>This is a well thought out plan that will bring people into our downtown and waterfront. Equal emphasis has been paid to arts as well as sports facilities which is an effective plan to successfully appease the interests of a wide variety of residents and visitors. This influx into the downtown and waterfront is sure to stimulate our local economy and keep people in Barrie for their preferred form of leisure and entertainment. Public art should be included in all plans where development occurs.</p>
<p>This is a well thought out and excellent plan. I hope the council takes a serious look at it.</p>
<p>This is all exciting for our downtown and our city! Thank you for allowing me to provide input. It's so exciting to think that the Baycats could soon call Downtown Barrie their home!</p>
<p>This is amazing! Good job with this plan. Love the arts and culture center to be built downtown, and encourage more sports and development/ parks to the downtown area. Congratulations on working towards improving the beauty of downtown Barrie.</p>
<p>This is an excellent idea</p>
<p>This is an excellent report with many wonderful suggestions to enhance the revitalization of our downtown and bring positive growth to the area. Hopefully this type of development will help clear out some of the problems we are currently experiencing in this downtown area. Queens park is a key problem at present. His suggestions for maintaining the forested area with its trails and nature setting are not only positive but could ensure it does remain passive for the future.</p>
<p>This is an inspired vision of what our waterfront and sports facilities could be. The idea of a performing arts centre is long overdue and much needed if Barrie is to become a more sophisticated city. Well done Mr. Green.</p>
<p>This is an excellent report that looks at the many needs of our citizens in our rapidly growing community and the concerns around downtown safety and vitality. This could have benefits for folks of all income levels with increased opportunities for employment. I hope many of these suggestions are seriously considered by city staff.</p>
<p>This is the most exciting vision for downtown development in Barrie in the 15 years since we moved here. This is the revitalization the city core needs, will bring in secondary and tertiary opportunities for businesses and will draw residents back to an under-utilized downtown.</p>
<p>This is the third request for input regarding the development of the waterfront in the last few years. A request for dog access to the waterfront east of the proposed passive park area is always proposed. It is long overdue.</p>
<p>This is way better than the shortsighted and ill-conceived "plan" to have sports fields on the waterfront. Allow everyday people to use the waterfront and do not commercialize it through organized sports. Minor league and house league teams should play in existing facilities, and not RUIN our waterfront.</p>
<p>This master plan has been well prepared and addresses so many of our city's needs. I am in favour of the entire plan as it was laid out by Marshall Green. I hope that the forest and meadows located to the east of the Southshore centre remain untouched other than the maintenance of the trails.</p>
<p>This prime waterfront property SHOULD NOT be used as a multi sports field. The Sea Cadets need to be located on the water and I have no problem with the Sea Cadets being located here. Surely there is a different area where this multi purpose sports field could be located.</p>



<p>This process is what should have happened in regards to such significant changes coming to our city. The underhanded way that council passed the development at the waterfront was shameful. I am just glad that Marshall Green's report shined a light on a much better approach to handle a number of issues that our city is now facing.</p>
<p>This project is an absolutely foolish waist of public funds! The very last thing this city needs is another empty and unused sports facility. The area's we already have are empty 90% of the year and are already a significant waist of resources to maintain. [.....]This is criminal use of tax payer funds and our city council's time that will not benefit anyone but the tiny group of elitists that proposed it. It should be flat out revoked before we waist any more of the public's time and money.</p>
<p>This proposal has countless benefits</p>
<p>This report by Marshal Green is brilliant and provides a vision for Barrie that greatly improves the city for the future. It seems to have met the needs of each stakeholder. This plan will make all Barrie residents happy. Kudos to Mr. Green and the mayor for seizing upon this opportunity. It's a no brainer!</p>
<p>This report restores the idea of "VISION" for the downtown area -- a feature that has been sadly lacking over the past 20 years. I hope city council will take this in hand, and begin to fulfill some of the ideas now, and the others very soon, as budget becomes available. Barrie can be much greater than it has been -- and an even more inspiring city in which to live.</p>
<p>This report was concise and logical. There are so many other places (besides the lakeshore) to put a soccer field that are already equipped with parking lots, etc. Queen's Park is perfect. Thank you.</p>
<p>This should absolutely not be done. Put this somewhere else in barrie where all of the green space has already been destroyed by greedy developers. Unnecessary with other spaces in barrie that could be used instead.</p>
<p>This sounds great, but downtown needs a major clean up from drug users. Currently I'm too scared to go downtown.</p>
<p>This survey should have been done long before the May announcement to allow for community input when taxpayers money is being spent. Leave green spaces intact - especially on the Lakeshore. Listen to Marshall and utilize what we already have in available spaces.</p>
<p>This survey was poorly crafted and lacks validity and reliability. You can't just slap a bunch of questions together and get good data. I'd suggest you hire someone who has knowledge in research design to crate your surveys.</p>
<p>This survey was too vague and some questions do not match the description. Ie. you talk all bout queens park but the question is only about if the bay cats should play downtown. Also asking if you support a community sports facility near Dunlop street is too vague to answer just yes or no. Where and for what?</p>
<p>THIS WAS VERY COMPREHENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE SUGGESTIONS. AS A BRAIN INJURY SURVIVOR, I FIND I NEED QUIET PUBLIC SPACES IN OUR CITY.</p>
<p>This whole idea is ridiculous. Our city is a dumpster fire, and council is spending time working on this??!! Leave the lakeshore alone for now and focus your energies on the [.....]of crime, homeless encampments, drug addicts literally everywhere. Create some jobs that these folks can do. Think FDR. Obviously the building of the sports field is intended to line someone's pockets, not create local jobs. Stop being an embarrassment and help the community you're here to serve!</p>

Three organizations. Will be using south shore. We will need more parking if parade ground put there!! Love all the ideas especial developing west Dunlop area.

To find a way to have the Busby center closed down and or relocated to a remote area with no access to the new and improved Marshall green proposal . As well restrict the Collier morning breakfast services at both locations or relocate them to other areas or communities out side the down town core . OR have them host a small number inside . To much crime is associated with this being a simple source of enabling them .

THE BUSBY CENTER doesn't contribute to any good in the community , I live on Poyntz St and have 3 boys I don't feel comfortable being outside with out a parnets eye on them due to this program attracting all the worse types of people to the area, there has been many cars broken into or [.....], Many house have had property stolen from their private yards . We have 2 bikes stolen from the side of the house , countless pairs of sunglasses , and other goods from vehicles . Planter boxes from back yards .. We've found Crack pipes and other drug paraphernalia in our back yard that has been stashed away. They local bank has had [.....] camp out in the ATM corridor. We have [.....] beating up Green garage waste cans , A old man running down the street yelling [.....] at 6 am , [.....] people sleeping on the church front law . A person pleading for the Coast guard to come save him and a 19 year old girl from a cop car. the church and Busby center should both be torn down to make way for better use of space in the down town core. Our 73 year old neighbors house was broken into at 4:30 in the morning while she was home sleeping . We can't leave our windows open fearing what stray crack head it may attract .

We pay our taxes and they get spent on attracting the wrong services for the wrong people . [.....] spend tax payers money on bettering the city not take another city's trash for a municipal handout from a hash money payout , Time to step up and clean house before the locals leave and stop attracting investors or people to live in a city protecting its cancer [.....] can't wait to speak at these meetings !

To much time and tax payer dollar spent on this , imagine how expensive it will be if a. Arts centre moves to the old sea cadets location, council made a decision and a few people who claim to speak for all had more time than normal people to speak to council and all of a sudden AN is using strong powers

Too many unknowns to answer regarding the "global sports entity", which would come with specific requirements that would limit the anticipated uses by local "entities".

Toronto theatres are barely making money. I have worked in Professional Theatre performing and as a part time manager for the Princess of Wales Theatre. Barrie cannot support an income generating performance space. Nor does it have the expertise to do so. A performance Center would just cost tax payers money. When theatre is in demand here, build an arts Center. The 5 points theatre is barely used, no need for a bigger performance Center at this time.

Traffic flow/ congestion/ and parking continue to be our concerns for the downtown and lakeshore as these areas continue to be developed and welcome new residents.

Traffic is bad enough downtown. We don't need more reasons we are stuck in terrific. Plus, less and less people care about organizes sports. I'd rather the micro plastic field was nowhere near our water front. We have a sports park. Expand on that.

<p>Traffic is congested downtown. With all the new condos going in and under plans that are basically on the street, the city isn't even touching on the fact that we can't support the number of people coming to the downtown core for proposed Baycat games, performing arts centres, etc. Single lanes of traffic in and out, lack of parking. You're setting it up for failure. Where is the proper planning and long term vision? Approving these massive condo buildings with inadequate parking, limiting expansions of roads, it'll be a nightmare.</p>
<p>Traffic nightmare. What used to be a quick trip across town, no longer exists even without adding additional sporting venues. People wanting to watch sporting events do not need to do that on the waterfront. Choose carefully as getting waterfront back will not ever happen. Park Place might be a good location, so much vacant land, Sea Cadets toward Johnson's Beach. Do something with the train station that has been sitting vacant for years. Yes lots of people moving in downtown, but again the traffic will be an issue.</p>
<p>Transit and special events - parking and bus transit to venue has to be convenient, comfortable and safe to/from - think about rain, sleet and snow. Parking for/to venues also negotiate flat rate for taxi, Uber, etc. as optional extended hour operation. All proposals - sensitivity to surrounding residential uses/communities also required.</p>
<p>Transit has been ruined, downtown is being ruined and the greedy are oblivious to anything other than the almighty dollar. Take a good look around and deal with the existing concerns before planning new unwanted proposals.</p>
<p>Transit infrastructure needs to be improved to support all the above suggestions.</p>
<p>try harder, do gooder. maybe, k hear me out, what are those things called like at the Ex, they have that giant arch swing catapult thing. can we offer ppl to get absolutely yeeted across kemepnfelt bay and charge a whole bunch of money for it</p>
<p>Try to develop more cycling paths please</p>
<p>unable to comment about the grounds to be built for the local professional soccer team until I know the location</p>
<p>Until Transit is fixed, exclude them from any talks. Currently trajectory plans for Transit are only getting worse, not better in serving our growing community.</p>
<p>Upgrade infrastructure (hospitals, schools) first before you build more towers and Rec facilities. We also need more social housing. Look at the existing problems first (e.g. homeless people, drugs in downtown Barrie). It's a bad idea to build more condos.</p>
<p>Use Bradford St, there are so many empty spaces there</p>
<p>Use space on Dunlop between Ferndale and tiffin.</p>
<p>Use the current Sea Cadet building and area to build retail shops and restaurants right on the water front to general income for the city. Our waterfront is beautiful, but there is no restaurants to actually sit on it and enjoy it.</p>
<p>Use the proposed money to finish all the other empty promises of affordable housing ie Blake street, Bayfield, Dunlop. Buy one of the big hotels and convert them to affordable units. No one wants to visit this [.....] as it stands right now [.....] Long term residents are leaving [.....]</p>
<p>Using school field would be fine if the minor sports teams took care of the facility in the same manner that the schools do. My experience is this is not always the case</p>
<p>Utilization and improvement of existing sports spaces should be conducted instead of building net new projects.</p>
<p>Utilization of Queens Park would be a significant step towards improving downtown revitalization.</p>
<p>Utilize what exists rather than destroying nature. Cadets parade in the armories.</p>
<p>Very deep and intelligent.</p>

Very factual, researched report.
Very positive and exciting
Very well done with good insights and recommendations for development.
Very well thought out report with excellent recommendations
Very well thought out report. In agreement.
Waterfront Eco park should be environmental protection so that no one can ever build on it.
Waterfront space should be maintained for residents' enjoyment of the lake. Park space and more access to the water (beach? Dog beach? Public swimming docks?) should be a priority. A theatre complex which is mostly indoors should not use up waterfront space. If I were a downtown resident I would not want the Baycats or concerts creating noise and parking problems.
We absolutely DO NOT need a soccer park of any kind downtown. Clean up the homeless camps before you build anything else. People who live nearby the encampments have been threatened, assaulted, injured, attacked and now someone's property fence has been burned because of an encampment fire. They don't feel safe. None of us do. Look at BC's way of handling things and do something like that where they're all in one local place and can be cared for and helped easily. Stop sitting on your butt's and doing nothing about them. We're tired of it
We already have enough issues with parking, noise pollution, and congestion at the lakeshore and in the downtown core. Put the proposed sports complex outside the core, where these issues are less/non-existent. Same for the performing arts complex. This city council seems hellbent on making the lakeshore area a hub for tourists and a place for local residents to avoid (really, a big plastic sign that says "Barrie"?).
We are 100% against the sports facility along the lakeshore. Not only for ecological reasons but the traffic along it is already so congested and a nightmare for emergency vehicles trying to get through when there is so much traffic. Especially during festivals/events. This should be the main concern. We have enough going on at the waterfront. Thank you
We are Baycats fans and we are happy with where they play now. We need to protect park space and the mature trees.
We are in desperate need for a revival of the downtown area. I agree with Marshall Green's plan to avoid a sports complex on our waterfront. This new plan benefits all residents and will allow the natural shoreline to remain intact. Environmentally this makes much more sense.
We bought an old building in 2008 and fixed it up hoping this area would grow. I love the report prepared by Marshall Green. The west end of downtown needs something done to revitalize it, and this is an excellent plan to do that. It will bring support businesses to the community along with the new developments going on. I am finally encouraged to see our vision of this end of downtown finally showing some promise
We do not need more theatre spaces, we need parking, housing and greenery. Stop wasting taxpayer money on this useless stuff and focus on affordable housing, road improvements and USEFUL money generating facilities. Don't fix what isn't broken
We do not want the astro-sports field on our waterfront at all. Where would people park for the Performing Arts Centre ??? Nobody wants to walk for blocks at night time in the downtown. Thank you to Marshall Green for all his work on this subject etc.
We don't need this, it's a waste of tax dollars. Our taxes should not go to benefit wealthy sports team owners. [...] Our limited green space should not be leveled for this.



<p>We have a beautiful waterfront and while we absolutely want to preserve public recreational space, it would be great to have a couple (or a few?) restaurants where people can dine and enjoy the view.</p>
<p>We have a beautiful waterfront city and it is more important than ever to keep our downtown lakeshore eco-friendly while attempting to revitalize the area.</p>
<p>We have a beautiful waterfront, let's keep it that way! There is so much value to natural spaces, and they should be accessible to everyone in the community</p>
<p>We have a beautiful waterfront. Unfortunately, it is not a safe/pleasant area for families. Johnson's beach is full of cars and smells of pot smoking. Downtown (Spirit Catcher area) is unfortunately not a nice area any more. I believe Police need to be much more visible and enforce existing laws. It's a difficult situation I understand.</p>
<p>We have many current facilities in the city that are under utilized. We have a Performing Arts Centre at 5 Points that is barely used because it isn't big enough to support arts. Dance companies utilize the auditoriums at Georgian College and local highschools. The sports complex in Springwater lays vacant a lot of the time. (Beautiful under utilized facility). Unless we address the issue with homelessness and drug use downtown, I don't believe anything will attract people downtown.</p>
<p>We have reviewed Mr. Green's report and recommendations are in full agreement with the findings and recommendations, especially as some would help to develop and re-vitalize the downtown area, given the growth in housing (I.e. downtown condo developments - more people to take in events, etc.).</p>
<p>We have such a beautiful waterfront and there are some great shops and restaurants downtown, but until downtown is cleaned up and people feel safe, these parts of Barrie will remain under utilized.</p>
<p>we need a large ice rink facility in Barrie like they have south of here with 5 or more rinks, restaurants, etc that are multiuse building</p>
<p>We need a performing arts center NOW!</p>
<p>We need a year round farmers market building. What happen to that plan. We are big enough and close enough to great agriculture!</p>
<p>We need adequate hotels to accommodate increased infrastructure. The areas need to be cleaned up on city exits. There are dilapidated buildings at the Essa exit when you go towards the waterfront and the area at Dunlop has encampments. It is not attractive to get off the way and be confronted by infrastructure which does not show progress and advancement.</p>
<p>We need affordable housing, all this other stuff is for rich and well-off people, poor people are homeless or under-homed, struggling. There's nothing for disabled people who struggle in deep poverty and all everyone talks about is more sports, arts, events, poor people can't find housing, can't afford groceries, [...] because they can't afford to live, they can't afford your sports, your arts, your events.</p>
<p>We need another community center with a pool, gymnasium and a 4 pad arena in the South East end of Barrie.</p>
<p>We need more clean washrooms and rest areas for families to use. As well good food vendors to support the use of the water front and additional parking</p>
<p>We need more tennis courts.</p>
<p>We need more washrooms along the south shore, and keep them OPEN. WE are down at the park a lot and we watch people all the time trying to find a washroom. Orillia no problem with this issue.</p>
<p>We need our waterfront left as a green area</p>

We need to address the overall safety of the downtown core before we open our doors wider to tourism. Help the people already in our community before we push to host people from elsewhere.

We need to clean up the homeless/drug issue in the downtown along with the excessive number of cannabis/drug shops and tattoo shops

We need to keep existing traffic density in mind when adding more to our downtown. As it is, emergency services are hindered from anywhere on the stretch of lakeshore between Simcoe Street and the south shore stretch of road. I think the idea of adding to the south shore center with walking paths and AOI is a great idea. There is on street parking and a large parking lot available, but that is assuming it is done properly and not just approved with a half cocked plan to whip some plants in and call it a day. There are people who are passionate about design, psychology, and nature who would love to be a part of this project. Having a group of locals who fit this criteria weigh in on the design and development might be a good plan too. The cadets (assuming it's just meetings, drills, etc they need the space for) can use a number of existing spaces. When I was in air cadets we used our local school gym after hours and it worked just fine.

We need to leave the south shore natural forest and trail as is.

We need to maintain what we have and not constantly be developing and spending tax money on new projects.

We need to remain aware of limited parking, congested traffic situations, and restricted access to any project around the lakeshore. In the summer the area is frequently congested. More attractions will only worsen traffic congestion situation

We need urgent focus on six (6) main intersection lights of "downtown Barrie". Who ever owns land needs to clean up structure of buildings and focus on using lease arrangements in a beneficial, beautiful enriching, promise devotion to City of Barrie. Out of all downtown from Orillia, Peterborough, Midland, Barrie is the worse!!!, and we only have six (6) main lighted intersections!!! Sad very sad, I have no idea about our BIA but they need to do some homework, I'm just saying. It's even [...] feeling on how business in downtown area not only pay property tax to City but tax to "BIA", and the spread on further developments that this "BIA" cover is expanding??? I don't know, but I have issues on this set up.

We should keep all naturalized areas natural. Cutting down trees will make our city hotter and less biologically diverse. Any building that absolutely has to be done should only be done if there are improvements to our roads so that the extra population density and building use can be accommodated without increasing the traffic congestion in Barrie.

We should keep park land as park land, for all people to enjoy, not just select groups. (i.e. cadets or sports teams)

We wish that Barrie would consider having an arboretum

We won't have a beautiful downtown until the homeless/drug problem is resolved

We would all like to see a safer downtown with more police presence. It would be great if downtown stores could be open into the evening and not close at 4:00.

We would like to see the Central school area become something! The downtown really needs a breath of fresh air and sports activities would definitely bring more people to downtown. Our waterfront is the jewel, to be able to walk from one end of the trail to the other is so great, there's so much room and the feeling of the wind, the water the feeling of being open is priceless. Unless you are a sports fan, either playing or watching, there would be no reason to even have a sports field by the water, on the south shore extremely far away from the downtown core. Driving, parking, the loss of the natural area would be a huge mistake for Barrie. But, I must say that even filling this survey out is probably going to be a waste of time,

<p>the City seems to listen more to the developer than the people who live here and enjoy the waterfront unrestricted.</p>
<p>We would need more parking especially if all these venues had an event at the same time!</p>
<p>Well documented report. One thing is missing the financial impact and timelines. Costs may require a phased in approach to the projects. these need to be well planned with no unexpected costs and should not overshadow the priorities of city roads and infrastructure. Private funding should be sought and fundraising to minimize costs. The issue of who will run the facilities should be looked at. The city does not need more government staff to cost taxpayers increase in taxes. Management and long term maintenance need to be built into the costing. There will be long term cost and any revenues need to cover these costs plus provide a reserve. Using as many volunteers to staff are a good way to minimize costs in any facility. Parking also is an issue the bus idea was a good one.</p>
<p>Well done Marshall. Thank you.</p>
<p>Well done to all who have been active in this mission to save the waterfront and better utilize resources the city has already.</p>
<p>Well done, Marshall !</p>
<p>Well done... Except for a concert hall on the Lakeshore!!</p>
<p>Well it is nice to be near the water. I believe the sports events should be to the out lying areas of the city. Where the housing is supposed to being built.</p>
<p>Well thought out report. The Performing Arts centre doesn't have enough seats. We should be at least as large as Orillia.</p>
<p>Well thought out.</p>
<p>Well written</p>
<p>We've been waiting for so long for a proper performing arts space downtown, large enough to host large and well-attended performances. I would love to see this built before my kids are grown and gone!!</p>
<p>What about all of the homelessness + crime in Barrie, specifically downtown? All of these plans sound good, but there are other really big problems in our city, specifically safety.</p>
<p>What about parking for those who come from out of town for such events?</p>
<p>What an exciting vision Mr Green has outlined his report! I do hope we will finally get a performing arts center. I moved to Barrie in 1981 and we were being promised one then..... Still nothing. :-(I particularly am thrilled with the idea of leaving the south shore area in its natural state and using it for perhaps interpretive walks using audio, education on the history of the area etc. Preserving, maintaining and enhancing the natural beauty of the area.</p>
<p>What an incredibly important report that sought taxpayer input! My issues with City 'progress' are two: The renaming of the Southshore Community Centre and the City's [.....] not embracing the unique market positioning of Barrie-By-The-Bay. An official launch to brand Barrie would make national TV news and even inform new south Barrie residents that Barrie is actually located on the Bay. [.....]</p>
<p>What are we doing here? I'm all for revitalizing areas of Barrie but this is not the place to start. Downtown needs to be cleaned up before we as a city even begin to debate on moving sporting events down there, if I had young children we would never visit the waterfront. It's dirty, it's over crowded on weekends and the homeless population there mixed with the people</p>

<p>using drugs. It's terrible, but let's just put a bandaid over it and say we will build a performing arts centre and we can all pretend everything is better.</p>
<p>What capital projects will you delay or cancel to make this happen? Our taxes are already too high.</p>
<p>What is most important to me is that we do what is best for local biodiversity, and that we provide 24 hour public washrooms throughout the downtown area for all to use throughout the year.</p>
<p>What is the safety issue with the current sea cadets location? It seems to be negated if you want to put something else there. Clean up [...] or less people will move to the city center. This city is unsafe.</p>
<p>What is the time line for each of the elements of the report?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Navy cadets marching ground 2. Proposed Eco Park 3. Performing arts centre 4. New sports facility 5. Relocate Barrie Baycats
<p>What needs to be revitalized downtown are the homeless people who need mental health and housing assistance. This will in effect improve the lives of these people plus create a cleaner face of Barrie so people actually want to go</p>
<p>Where on Dunlop St W? At the far end makes sense to me. I am unsure of the full details of other questions and do not feel able to answer. Transit? The recent cuts to transit clearly have impacted its appeal. I hear constant complaints from those who need to use it. Being back the old routes. A good transit coverage is essential. THEN I would ride it to events. Thank you for asking.</p>
<p>Where will everyone park? When Lakeshore Rd was changed, a huge mistake was not to include angle parking that would have accommodated more cars and easier parking, than the wasted space of parallel parking.</p>
<p>Where would people park for this new auditorium? It's already a very busy area with congested parking .</p>
<p>Where would you put parking for any of these plans?</p>
<p>Wheres the parking</p>
<p>While development and growth are an essential part of our expanding city, I'd really love to see the lakeshore stay uncluttered by building. The value of Green spaces and nature are often overlooked when thinking of the needs of a city. I believe they are essential and extremely valuable because once they're developed they're lost forever. Good city planning would take into account the many ecological, health (both mental & physical) and educational benefits green spaces provide to the community. We are a city that's lucky enough to be on a beautiful bay, with beaches and wonderful green spaces, so we have a responsibility to keep and preserve them for every resident present and future to use and enjoy!</p>
<p>While I appreciate the efforts of Mr. Green, the City's plans shouldn't be dictated by one private citizen who put together a report. The City needs to lead the process and give more opportunity for community input.</p>
<p>While the ideas themselves are good in theory, the reality is that Barrie's downtown is not in a good state. With all the drug users hanging around everywhere, people are not going to want to subject themselves to that environment. That problem needs to be fixed first, and then you might see people using your new theatres and parks lands.</p>



<p>Who is Marshall Green? Moving the bay cats to a downtown stadium is an awesome idea for the team and identity of the city. Also opens up so many opportunities for the downtown life.</p>
<p>Why ask in question #1 if General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre is a good location for the Sea Cadets parade ground, when in question #2 you already decided it has by saying 'When the Sea Cadets move to the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre'.</p>
<p>Why can't the Sea cadets use the old sports field on the former Barrie Central property as a parade grounds?</p>
<p>Why do all of these proposals NEED to be downtown and at the waterfront?? Why are no other areas in Barrie being looked at? Why did I not see anything about more parking lots to accommodate all of these things? The waterfront is already BUSY! Friends could not even come cheer us on at the Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday because they could not find parking. Why do we want to make this worse? I would never attend a Baycats game in the worst part of Barrie full of homeless people, drug addicts and violence. The waterfront has been a place that I have enjoyed for years but it has become too crowded and unsafe once you pass the beach and get into the downtown core. It is littered with homeless people setting up camp, making you feel unsafe, watching them do drugs on park benches, stealing etc. Residents are the ones who pay taxes to use these facilities and we are now not wanting to. How about you clean up the City first?? Where is the survey about making Barrie safe again? Stop ruining the waterfront. Build this stuff elsewhere. It doesn't need to be by the water. Noone wants to walk down Dunlop anymore. It isn't safe. This stuff isn't bringing any business to downtown. People will come and leave and eat elsewhere. They aren't taking a leisurely stroll afterward to Dunlop to be harassed, robbed, stabbed!, by the people you keep allowing to do this.</p>
<p>Why do you give into a small group of whiny citizens who will attend nothing that you put there not be happy with anything that you do unless it is trees it's Canada. There's 50 billion trees.</p>
<p>Why does this survey not allow more open answers to the questions related to the proposed locations? A yes or a no is too absolute when it comes to major changes. I might be in favour of more sports locations in Dunlop but not paying a large sum of money to entice a team to come or building a stadium that will never recoup the cities investments.</p>
<p>Why have another performing center right next to the Pratt homes performing center.</p>
<p>Why is current location unsafe for Sea Cadets but okay for performing arts centre? That doesn't make sense! Taking away green space at the waterfront is a shame in my opinion, as answered in #3. Traffic would be crazy & parking a nightmare. Why is the Barrie Sports Complex not suitable anymore for the Barrie Baycats? If I was a resident in the Queens Park area, I would be devastated if this idea proceeded. It's a quaint, quiet neighbourhood not to mention the retirement home & long term care home across the street. Lots of facilities & parking at the complex. If no transit is offered to this location - why not? You're suggesting it for the new proposed location on Dunlop West. Please keep the lakefront a peaceful, park setting for the city & visitors to enjoy. The Sea Cadets is a very worthy organization. I would like to know what other location choices are available to them.</p>
<p>Why is the current location for the sea cadets considered unsafe yet it is safe enough for a performing arts centre? Why can't the sea cadets have parade grounds as part of the</p>

performing art centre. The solution for them is not to move, but to make their location more safe. I assume redevelopment would do that?

Why need a parade ground for 1 hour per week weather permitting when we have a parking lot that is mainly empty when cadets meet.

Why not build pickle ball courts at Queen's Park. Participation in the game is exploding and there aren't enough courts. For the Baycats.... why not look at Bradford Street strip of land where "Harmony Village" was going to be located?

The following comments are very important.

There are all kinds of plans for the downtown area (including cultural center) to expand, beautify and showcase Barrie. There has been a concerted effort to build more condominiums and populate the downtown. It is apparent that some of the salient issues related to both the downtown and bordering areas have not been addressed and require solutions. This includes the significant increase in the downtown population of the homeless, addicted and mentally ill people.

Downtown Barrie and the bordering streets have changed significantly over the past few years. The changes have become more visible and salient and have escalated even more significantly over the past couple of years. Issues and deteriorating environmental conditions were evident before but unfortunately were not adequately addressed. They have escalated dramatically, and it is directly related to the location of the Busby Centre which is located on Mulcaster Street directly across from the courthouse. We know this firsthand as we are personally living with them because of where we reside. We have grandchildren who visit us and our neighbor has young children. There are also many seniors living nearby. We have lived in the same location for many years and in the past felt safe in this area. This is no longer the case. I will describe some of the occurrences which I believe you may already be quite aware of.

In the city plan, the east side of the Collier has been designated for professional use.

At times we have been awakened in the middle of the night with screaming, swearing and arguing. On one occasion 911 was called as the noise was so loud and worrisome that I thought someone was being assaulted or might be murdered. Sometimes at night or in broad daylight, it is a person (or persons) walking up (or staggering) the street shouting, arguing, swearing with self or others.

Frequently there have been individuals lying on the edge of the property at the Collier Street United Church. There are often people congregated outside the church either heavily mediated or on drugs.

There is a house beside the dumpster on the Collier Street church as well as a stairwell. The house has been rented a couple of times to older people who have had some bad experiences. The latest one terminated her lease as someone tried to break into her backyard and she was terrified. She was elderly and lived alone there. Sometimes there are people hiding and/or sleeping or "shooting up" near or beside the dumpster. I have seen people changing their cloths there. Walking by the Collier Street United church is uncomfortable as there are many people sitting/lying and some obviously stoned on the property.

Recently, I was having coffee in the morning, and I saw a man crossing through our backyard. I was quite startled and screamed out at him. He quickly rushed to the side of our house. He seemed to know exactly where he was going. There is a gate there and a lock on it. He exited very quickly so we thought he may have jumped the fence. In checking this out we found that the lock on the gate was cut. When we investigated where he got through, we found that he was coming from a gap between our fence and the neighbors. To get through to our property he had to climb up on a few stones which were strategically placed by him to do this. At the site of this entry point there was a lighter and our neighbor found a "crack pipe." This entry point is not visible from our backyard, and it is sheltered. We believe this person had been gaining entry and maybe even sleeping there over a period of some time.

A few months ago, another elderly neighbor who lives alone on our street called the police or 911 as she heard someone breaking into her house at night. She was terrified and was guided on the phone what to do. The police got there quickly and were able to apprehend the person who entered her home. Apparently he was out of jail on parole.

Often when walking along Collier Street we have seen individuals coming from some of the business buildings. We used to shop on Dunlop Street but are now aware of three businesses that have left or are in the process of leaving the area because of what is happening on Dunlop and the surrounding area.

Other things noticed include garbage strewn along Collier and the surrounding area. People camped out at the courthouse, the Busby and the surrounding areas ie. Berzy park etc. A friend who rents an apartment close to the downtown told me that there is an issue with homeless people finding refuge on the property or in the lobby when possible. Apparently, they have defecated in these spots as well. When we go for a walk, we must be careful not to step on vomit. This is not only on Dunlop but also along Collier Street.

It is so bad that we now need to have paid people from the Group One Community Program, walking the streets to look for syringes, needles and other drug related paraphernalia. They walk around between 8 am and midnight. Apparently, that isn't enough, and I believe they plan to increase their time. I am told that by mid-morning they have almost filled their protective containers with needles and syringes.

There was a time we really enjoyed living close to the downtown and walking to the downtown centre, stores and waterfront. There are many issues as I have outlined that are impinging on our quality of life, safety and comfort. We have a right to continue living here and we should be able to feel safe.

Barrie needs to address these issues and although the downtown should be enjoyed by all this will never happen unless these long-standing issues are properly addressed. I believe that it is critical that our concerns and those of other long time residents (including the bordering areas) should be properly addressed before expanding.

Why not develop it over by the area of the Sadlon centre

Why not make the south shore centre a Small Craft Boat Access for the public? Partner with BRC and BCKC to use their dock. Add a secure, attractive fence with racks for the public to pay a fee to store their kayak, paddle board or canoe (for all the people in condos or apartments) to easily get on the water without using their car to carry boats everyday. Add a bigger fenced area for boats from Cadets so they don't have to be stored inside. See a great (secure, attractive fencing) example of this in Fredericton - easy to google. Move bike rentals to this area too for visitors from out of town.

Build a building for cadets with : secure area for cadets uniforms, storage, and workshop PLUS a larger water view meeting room/classroom that could be rented by the public and cadets.

Partner with city of Barrie and BRC and BCKC to offer small water craft day camps out of the 'new' meeting room. While your building it, why not build TWO big meeting rooms beside existing south shore centre (underground-ish) with secure rooms at the very back for cadets and bathrooms. They could used by cadets, rented by public and kids or summer camps.

Why not tear down existing cadet facility and build a new facility on the same grounds and upgrade their docks. As a longtime resident I have had to drive my kids out to the Barrie sports complex for all summer sports. Why can't the cadets march on vacant fields at the sports complex.

Why spend so much money on plans for the theatre centre on Dunlop to change it to downtown. Traffic in this downtown area is already bad. Bringing in more people with these ugly high rises and then adding sports teams seems ridiculous planning. Having the bay cats play at queens park you'd need to build a wall for security reasons, correct? Which would take away from the openness of the park. There isn't much green space currently. Why take it away. You'd also have to deal with parking and there really isn't a lot of on street parking or people will try to park at Victoria village. Maybe do something about the people who do drugs in the park first

Will not spend any time downtown [.....] Feel very unsafe. Would like to see the city spend less money on "revitalization" of downtown and lakefront and focus on cleaning up the real problem. [.....]. Also dismantle and remove encampments. As a long time tax payer, I do not support allowing this situation to continue. The city is not addressing this glaring problem. That is why people do not frequent our downtown. I am extremely disappointed city council sneakily passed the parade grounds without public input. Disgraceful! Suggest cadets be moved to tollendale park and our beautiful waterfront remains as is. As for sport activities I agree use parks under utilized, there are many. Use what we have and/or repurpose. My belief is city counselors have forgotten they work for their constituents and it is their opinions they should be vocalizing not their personal opinions or agenda. Any proposed changes to our waterfront should be presented to the taxpayers of barrie for input. Although I agree with most of Marshall green's report, I wonder why it was necessary. Ask the citizens of barrie, common sense. Why could our city council not have come to the same conclusions. Please please clean up our city! Also agree with baycats using queens park. Have to get rid of all the [.....] needles. Bleachers have been removed washrooms closed. No exaggeration. Used to walk the park everyday. Do not feel safe anymore.

With housing intensification happening downtown, people will need more open spaces available to them to decompress. Don't fill our waterfront and urban parks with occasional use/occasional access 'amenities'.

With increasing population we need to balance things out by making sure to leave areas unpaved. Leave some wild. Nature is good for the soul. Encourage using the facilities we have (school etc) to full potential.

With many festivals and the busy downtown waterfront, I don't believe that putting a sports facility down right along. The Lakeshore makes sense for traffic and or the community whatsoever. I think putting in an outdoor swimming community pool with extra parking, maybe would be a great way and some gardens to enhance the downtown waterfront I think that the soccer Could put in multiple types of places throughout the city not along the Lakeshore, but that's just my opinion. Very resident business owner of 11 years Down Town barrie

With Queens Park I think there would be an issue with parking and crowd access for tickets. What do you do with the current stadium?

Withe Arts centre I would rather see it larger but great local.

As for the sports fields I think I rather see a further development at the college and they same could be said for the bay cats moving to the Georgian college diamond. and that the proposed site for the arts centre or proposed sports field be made available for affordable housing complex

With the development at Southshore, what is going to be done regarding additional parking? If Queens Park is the new home for the Baycats, where are people going to park?

With the increase in homelessness and drug use throughout Barrie and the rest of the province/country, please consider proper lighting and sanitation facilities along all proposed recreation areas and trails. I frequently use the existing trails to walk/run and spend time with my family and safety is high priority. We all want a better downtown and these things all sound nice, but the housing crisis isn't going away anytime soon so please try to offset the increased risks associated with bringing more people to the lakeshore/downtown.

Wonderful opportunities.... hurrah!

Wonderful report with lots of exciting possibilities, thank you Mr. Green. The downtown area however is plagued by the current homeless epidemic, and the city needs to do more to help these people. Barrie residents do not feel safe downtown even during the day time, and any downtown revitalization needs to address this.

Wonderful!

Working with additional sports organizations (Such as Barrie Rugby) to build fields or additional space on fields that can hold a "clubhouse". With the release of the recent 'Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund', there could be a lot of available capital.

Would be nice to have a "Resident only" parking lot at Centennial beach. As a resident I can't even use the waterfront due to out of towners. We pay taxes & can't enjoy our waterfront.

Would like to see some trails leading to downtown for example see collingwood and Wasaga.

Would like to see the lakefront stay as community use and not owned by private individuals.

Would love to see restaurants and/or cafes for locals to enjoy on the waterfront

Would love to see the soccer field at the south shore location

Would not encourage picnicking in passive park. There is already a spot for that at Centennial Beach. There is a lot a garbage left behind every weekend.

Would not use transit due to mobility issues

Main stage at the arts Center needs to be more than 600 people!
Let's look into the future and all the possibilities this centre can bring into Barrie

Yeah. Your egos are bloated and self serving. Barrie is broke. Lower taxes. Entice business. [.....].
Yes please plan , for Barrie's future using all properties inside and out to full advantage for present and future needs. Do make a comprehensive list of Barrie's holdings and considering the potential of each. Also if they can be converted into housing , to get people off the streets quicker than with purpose built housing.
Yes, I want the southshore wild area to be left alone. Leave it for the denning foxes and birds.
Yes, we could have the Barrie film festival and the Canadian musicians co-operative work together to create a network of creatives throughout Barrie and Ontario
Yes. Suggestions are good but without. Moving all the crime and drug users. Using in plain sight downtown. Nothing will be successful as families will stay away
You can put whatever you want, until you find a place for the people on drugs, it's not a place families want to be for their daily activities.
You can't build more waterfront. Don't ruin it with a soccer field. Traffic is already heavy on lakeshore. Red story field sits empty. It's downtown, use it for god sakes. Or build a field out in park place. Tons of room with all the crappy restaurants people seem to like.
You can't create a natural environment and landscape. Cutting down what is the only section of natural land on the waterfront would be a horrific mistake. The city of Bari really needs to look along and hard at what makes other cities great, It is having space for nature as well as humans. Boardwalks, trees, water and nature is a health benefit we have the luxury of having in this city. If I wanted concrete, I'd be living in Toronto. If is wanted Barrie on a large scale, it would be Vancouver. Walking trails In the middle of the city at the Waters edge, but also large park of nature, untouched, and well loved by everyone.
You can't make more waterfront. Leave it alone
You must also include institutions that support the growing number of homeless or people living rough. We must have better mental health facilities, addiction treatment centre's accountability for law and order and a general respect for our community and ALL its citizens.
You need to do something about the homeless and crime and drug use downtown.
You need to fix the transit situation. Any additions to downtown will only make getting around town harder.
You need to make Queen's park safe. The [.....] in public bathrooms , and [.....] living in the shelter are completely unacceptable and thus park is currently a waste of tax dollars as it is maintained and unused. Having to sweep the field for needles(and finding them) in not a place for kids currently
You need to make the downtown safe. Too much violent crime to be there at night.
You want to revitalize downtown? Deal with the crime and drug use. Developing on the waterfront caters to developers and their condo sales. A cash grab for city and developers that will forever negatively impact the waterfront. I can't imagine how horrific construction would impact the city.
Your first and most important concern should be the safety of Barre residents and guests. Barrie is becoming more and more unsafe and has gone downhill over the past 10 years. We need to fix other important issues before we worry about a sports field that is not needed.
Zone Allandale Station Park as an Environmental Protection Area

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Schedule B - In-Person Consultation Themes

Recommendation #1 – Move the Sea Cadets to the General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre

- Great idea
- Not more parking downtown, walking routes and bike lanes
- Use part of the parking lot and extend it for cadet use, other times use as a parking lot
- Make it an artificial rink in the winter
- Parade ground is good for the Sea Cadets
- Yes if not artificial turf
- This seems like a much safer and even higher profile location that's good for the Cadets and for Barrie
- Ensure it is multiuse (ie. Parking, Kempenfest stage, etc)
- What about the East side of the parking lot

Recommendation #2 – That the City not approve the multiuse sports park on that site

- Use artificial turf at High School sites to better use the fields for all
- Cancel the field
- Leave naturalized
- Designate the area EP
- In favour of a field, just not on the waterfront
- Parking must be considered

Recommendation #3 – School sports field should be made available for use by the community

- Schools mentioned where partnerships could be explored: Portage View, Hillcrest, Codrington, Innisdale Little Theatre (Arts), Johnson Street, Maple Ridge High School artificial turf and all other high schools)
- Better coordination of field use throughout the City
- Open for all to use
- All sports – soccer, basketball, volleyball
- Huronia Road soccer fields seem underused

Recommendation #4 – Create a passive park

- Accessible but not paved trails
- Educational signage to learn about nature
- EP zone
- Native species, Oak Savanna
- Need more green space, great idea
- Follow the approved waterfront parks plan

Recommendation #5 – Move the Baycats to Queen's Park

- Amenities needed – parking, washrooms
- Seems like a win to have baseball back to the centre of town
- Ensure games are still televised
- Impacts on local neighbourhood need to be considered (noise, lights, traffic, etc)
- Who pays for this?
- Is there enough space?
- Great idea but don't impact existing park (tennis courts, playground, skateboard park, etc)
- Shuttles might help with parking in the area

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- Locate at the old racetrack or combine with the proposal along Dunlop Street
 - Does a move have to happen?

Recommendation #6 – A Performing Arts Centre at the former Sea Cadets site and required city lands

- Not big enough, too small
- Not on the waterfront, not this location
- Find a place in the city and make it an anchor destination
- Maximize existing locations (Meridian Place, Five Points Theatre, etc)
- Leave the space green, passive
- Concerns with noise, parking, traffic on the waterfront
- A performing arts centre is needed by arts organizations
- What about the Indigenous ceremony area?
- This will create job creation for the next generation of artists
- Other locations (H block, former central site)
- Increase docking space so boaters can come
- Other examples (Ottawa NAC, Snug Harbour, Parry Sound)
- Make Barrie a cultural hotspot

Recommendation #7 – A new community sports facility in close proximity to Dunlop Street

- Enclose the facility so it can be used year-round
- Why this location?
- Host concerts and use it as a multicultural space
- No need for more soccer fields until the ones we have are fully used
- Relocate the chimney swifts
- Public money should not be used for pro soccer
- Love it!
- Considerations for an increase in traffic congestion and parking