

Donna Chambers

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Barrie City Council
City of Barrie
Collier Street
Barrie, ON

Dear Barrie City Council:

I am a long-time resident of Barrie, and I am writing to express my concern about recent discussions and the pending decision to remove the "beach" at Wilkins and put cobble, boulders and bushes there. I understand the decision is being considered because of the issues during the Summer of 2020 and the disrespectful ways that people were using the sandy beach, leaving their garbage, having bbq's, and not socially distancing during this Pandemic of Covid 19.

However, I do not believe that this is a good or proper solution to this problem. Please consider keeping the beach and putting stricter policies. I understand that the City was trying their best to keep traffic from areas other than Barrie from using this beach but it was only because Mike McCann had put the Beach on universal web site with ALL beaches that this problem even started to begin with.

I am not only a long-time resident but I also live on Crimson Ridge and have fully enjoyed my walks down to the beach. In late October of 2019, I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. In December of 2019 I had my surgery and into 2020, right before lockdown in March, I had just finished my Radiation. As part of my recovery, I walked to the beach at least once a day when the weather was warmer to swim so I could gain my strength back. I will be devastated if the beach is no longer there to use. This latest information has caused considerable stress for not only myself but my neighbours as well. We DO NOT want the beach to be taken away.

This is such a lovely area and is one of the reasons that we purchased here over 10 years ago. We would appreciate you taking consideration in keeping the sandy beach so that the 'local' people can still use it.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Donna Chambers