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**Subject:** Re: Notice of Complete Application & Notice of Public Meeting - (D30-006-2024 - 20 Rose St)

20 Rose Street, City of Barrie or County of Simcoe????

This should not move forward in any capacity.

Important legal question as a provincial citizen, should any land/zoning decision be made by a municipality that derives its authority from the province until the investigation into the provincial government is completed re the greenbelt and other zoning and land dealing etc....by an independent and impartial body?

The failure of the county and the city cannot be overlooked.

\$217 Million used to repurpose existing buildings that are empty would allow there to be more units in place quicker in multiple locales across the region servicing more neighbours and more people in need now. How has this not been investigated over the last several years?

Over \$1 million a unit says all that anyone needs to know. It is always about the funding and nothing about what is affordable for those paying for it now or in the future.

Yet another example is the open house held last night May 22 not mentioned in the email or the notice. A group of citizens that came forward with their real concerns for public safety their contact information known to the city and the county not contacted shows the complete lack of sincerity in Brad Spiewak's and the city's disingenuous attempt to be seen as communicating to the public and to the community directly affected.

### **Preamble**

As citizens no one is against affordable housing. Though it needs to be affordable for those who need it and those who are paying to provided it.

If we actually believe in the rhetoric of any of the government parties (not to be confused with our nonexistent sworn representatives), we agree hate speech is wrong, so don't use the term NIMBY to marginalize us personally or our very real concerns.

To be clear, we disagreed then as we do today about closing the Ontario Hospitals.

We are disgusted that no government has put monies back into Ontario Housing not just new building but to up keeping the existing. And that there remains no forethought to budget to maintain what we need as a city and everyone in it.

We did not agree with these myopic stances of the government of the day, nor do we believe that these were decisions made in the public interest.

We don't agree nor did we vote for the government to spend public dollars on private health care nor is it legal, yet they still did it and that is not unlike this matter.

We also would like to point out that we citizens in this city, province and country elect representatives not leaders and that we live or so we thought prior to the last few years in a democracy not an autocracy.

We also thought that we lived in a rule of law country, remember Edgar Schimdt perhaps not, we have no whistle blower protection or laws to speak of.

### **The issues**

1. One cannot move forward without confronting the wrong, the illegality of what was done prior to this, well prior to this notice, before dealing with what this same entity(s) would like to do here and why and with what funds.

2. Whose project is this really? This is important for those whom it is going to affect and already has, to know whether it is the county's or the city of barrie's doing or both?

**3. What is clear is that the city failed to represent its citizens and the public at large in a public safety issue in the existing endeavor for this property. And as such it is considered an illegal operation put in not just void of good faith but in bad faith. They spoke to no one, not the board of education, not a citizen prior to going ahead with this. The city would say they were unaware, and the county would say they did it in partnership with the city. This is a real eye opener for the law-abiding, the taxpayers and stakeholders affected.**

4. And when citizens came forward nothing was done, yes you had meetings, they were dog and pony shows. Disgusting disingenuous theater.

5. Even after citizens told staff of their issues nothing was done, and the lawlessness continued. Yes, the lawlessness. Though they were aware of the issues prior to this as well. Brought on or exacerbated by the unmitigated motel disaster. This is not a comment on the police officers the men and women in service but the political managers of them. Which is yet another issue, a very real and concerning issue.

6. What was exposed in the meeting was it was even more obvious that the situation that the city had put the residents in, in their own neighbourhood was and is wrong, not just thoughtless and ignorant.

7. That the city didn't think to address, speak to, or care to even hear about the very real safety issues with the current operation which was affecting the residents at that moment and has been since and prior to the shelter's existence is wrong.

8. The other more obvious comment is that why would the government not consider the use of open unused buildings in the city? It is clear from what was put in place on this site that they could find a way to get at the funding dollars and around zoning, planning and citizens for this project and that these lands and buildings can be used whether commercial, industrial, or institutional it doesn't matter if there is funding to be had. The hell with those who live there, are raising their children there, or living out their golden years after a lifetime of contributing to the community.

9. That the city would claim that this was the county, yet it paid for the buildings that were used suggests that this was a city project, and that the county was used to obfuscate the citizens rights and to bring a known unsafe operation to a neighbour without forethought or consideration for the citizens and their safety in their homes and in their neighbourhood is very clear.

**This project should not be allowed to continue solely because of how the county and the city have behaved thus far regarding this property.**

1. If it is to go forward, which it should **not** for additional reasons following the below.

2. There needs to be a clear explanation as to what services will be permitted on this property from inception and will continue into perpetuity. To clarify what services are going to be there and what can never be put there. IE no safe supply, ever, no needle exchanges etc..... not just in writing, the city and the county's word is of no value to those of us who live here, these would need to be affirmed and notarized by the highest court.

3. Parking should be at a minimum of 1 per unit, .4 per unit is a future problem in waiting caused by poor planning and an unconscionable council. In the short time that backyard suites have been allowed the parking on yards, streets and anywhere in the rush to neighbourhood intensification can be seen the effect on the neighbourhoods and the safety of same and the intersections in said neighbourhoods. This is earlier in this new world when the population grows and shifts there will be children in these now congested neighbourhoods and the future liability of the cities and municipalities that set this in motion

with little to no thought will be interesting as municipal insurance is already affecting municipalities in a very negative way. Though public safety ought to be seen as abandoned by those charged with assuring it. Is this CSWB (community safety and well-being) Planning at work? We know it hasn't occurred at 20 Rose yet.

4. The citizens certainly cannot trust that they will not, once approved, add additional changes like adding floors, change services allowed or reduced parking yet again.

5. Any changes to this project following an approval should be subject to a public meeting, with a public meeting announcement which should give reasonable notice not like this notice ... actual reasonable notice minimum 30 days. The planning act put forward by the same government under investigation would put this back in the hands of those who failed the affected citizens and should not be repeated.

6. That the open house appears to have been posted just 6 days ago speaks volumes.

7. It is very telling that the city can move so quickly for the applicant but failed to consider the public and their safety, their neighbourhood yet again.

8. It is clear, the city cannot be trusted to make a decision that is in keeping with their sworn obligation to the citizens to consider their interests, their safety, their property.

9. One cannot trust that the city and county haven't already agreed to something that we have not seen and is not public in a grotesque attempt to get funding. Judging by what has taken place thus far this is not an unreasonable concern.

#### **Of additional concern**

1. Of additional concern is that the mayor represents a political party over the citizens of the city that he swore his service to thus leaving citizens unrepresented in public interest of the city. This would seem to be very evident in his thirst for properties outside the boundaries of the city and a proclamation that he has access that these other communities do not should be of great concern to all as this calls into question his decision making and that it is in natural justice and in the public interest not his party's interest. It is also concerning that he may not be the only one on council. The monies referenced in his bid were not in the city budget nor were they available to the city of barrie and as citizens and as reasonable people we should be concerned as to what the funds are and whose funds they are and how he of all people would have such access. It is certainly not open or transparent.

2. We have requested other information, which yet to be provided by the city from the current endeavor, this is what it is like to be a citizen, a stakeholder, a taxpayer and live in secret Canada.

3. Important legal question as a provincial citizen, should any land/zoning decision be made by a municipality that derives its authority from the province until the investigation into the provincial government is completed re the greenbelt and other zoning and land dealing etc....by an independent and impartial body?

4. That a law was brought bringing in a strong mayors act by a government that was caught in a land quagmire of their own making should say no, no it should not be allowed to continue.

5. That we are in an unquestionable accountability crisis at every level of government in every nook and cranny of it. Whether it be the fall guy (pardon the pop culture reference) that one person destroyed the emails in the gas plants or that an assist acted completely on his own when he hacked the leader of a

federal party's computer to sabotage the campaign of a leader of the same party or the findings from the consultation Strengthening Accountability for municipal council members never released to the public.

6. \$1.6 Million spent on 3 to 4 trailers that cost 20 to \$30,000 each to set up a temporary shelter in the wake of the motel affair.

7. Spending over \$46,000 per bed, as much as the average salary of Barrie Residents for motel beds.

8. A parade of multiple emergency services at the same time sent continuously to the motel when in operation with no regard to how this would affect the citizens in city's service in their time of need. Again, this is not the Officers and other first responders' fault, they continue to do their duty to respond.

9. Ward 2 citizens would have countless issues with encampments their safety threatened in their own homes on their own property, in their own businesses. It was spoken about in the "meetings" yet nothing for those who are living in the area, are rate payers in the area.

10. That the prime minister, the premier, and the minster pointed the finger at municipalities and planning for the affordability and housing crisis is concerning. If the words are true it would seem to malfeasance on their part to continue to subject citizens to its tyranny.

11. No representation for citizens.

All of this is a very real shame for citizens and those who need housing right now.

Sincerely,

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Citizens Completely Unrepresented