



Dear Barrie City Council,

I am writing today as chairman of the Barrie Historical Archive, a collective group of historically minded volunteers working together to build Barrie's online museum.

The issue pertaining to the Downtown Gazebo at Sam Cancilla Park has caused great concern and distress among our constituents. As you are aware, Barrie sadly has a long history of disrespecting its history, often failing to have the foresight to invest in its few remaining historical buildings in favour of meeting other legitimate needs of a growing city.

With fewer and fewer historical buildings from the 20<sup>th</sup> century remaining in the downtown core, it is our desire that council would add value to these concerns and work to preserve this near century-old structure.

It is our understanding that funding has already been allocated to invest in this building. We respectfully request that it not be diverted elsewhere but used to maintain and improve upon this structure that has meaningful historical significance to the great people of this city.

Thank you for hearing this concern. We trust you will truly make a decision that is not only best for the city, but also reflective of the desires of the people – who *are* the city.

Sincerely,

Dr. Travis Doucette

On behalf of the Barrie Historical Archive