

## **City of Barrie Public meeting- November 27, 2024**

**City of Barrie pledge to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to facilitate construction of 23,000 units by 2031. By the end of 2023, 14,641 housing units are approved leaving a difference of 8,359.**

**The following City of Barrie action items to address the above.**

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| <b>1. Collaborate with Development industry partners:</b>       | <b>3,900 units</b> |
| <b>2. Re-examine existing development approvals:</b>            | <b>1,400 units</b> |
| <b>3. New foundation programs such as churches:</b>             | <b>1,500 units</b> |
| <b>4. Promote the creation of additional residential units:</b> | <b>1,800 units</b> |
| <b>5. Community improvement plan (CIP)-prorated to 2031:</b>    | <b>434 units</b>   |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>9,034 units</b> |

**This is a surplus of +675 units**

**Regarding application number D30-020-2024, the leadership at the City of Barrie have important decisions to make regarding the long-term quality of living within the city of Barrie. This presentation is not a NIMBY (not in my back yard) issue. We acknowledge there is a need for housing in the City of Barrie. We also acknowledge with a surplus of 675 units under the current planning directives, severe scrutiny must be put in place as to where increased living density is approved. The west end of Ottaway Avenue in Barrie started to be established in the 1960s. For over 65 years this street has offered several generations of families to raise their children in a safe and non-congested environment.**

**To change the zoning from R2 to R4 for 12 Ottaway Avenue and allowing not one, but two units to be built on 33 foot lots each and then to have the potential to have garden suites built in the backyard of each of these units is a negative paradigm shift. With future growth**

**to the City of Barrie, neighbourhoods that are not overly congested will be an attraction for a quality living environment.**

**A solution after declining this rezoning application would be as follows. Have City of Barrie planners better scrutinize where residential intensification locations are made. For example, using a high-rise dwelling instead of changing the complete fabric of an existing residential street. Precedent has already been established in Barrie with a 32 story high rise apartment building on Dunlop Street.**

**We support a single detached unit being built at the location of 12 Ottaway Avenue, Barrie as this would completely line up with the current residential design of the West end of the street thus allowing a family to take advantage of an open lot that is not currently being used for a dwelling.**

**In conclusion, if the zoning at 12 Ottaway Avenue is changed to R4 the owner of the property, developer of the property, City of Barrie planners and politicians do not have to deal with the change in culture of this currently wonderful residential street. However, after these units are built and multiple families move in, the inevitable complaints such as traffic congestion, vehicles parked on the street, noise, etc will be directed to City of Barrie police department and City of Barrie politicians.**

**Leadership at the City of Barrie has a real opportunity to reaching their goal of 23,000 units without disrupting a well-established neighbourhood that requires almost a zero police and fire department presence.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John Fischer**

