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Subject: Five Points development

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Your Worship and members of Council

Please do not let the five points project slip through our fingers as we did with the shoe factory development a few years back. This property is still undeveloped with a very dramatic loss of tax revenue.

One just has to walk down Dunlop street West from Bayfield to High street to see the need for this development. There are a number of store fronts and buildings that have been vacant for as much as 10 years. Dunlop street West from Bayfield is far below what it should be and can be as part of our social/economic downtown.

A few years back Mr. Rutledge came to Barrie to develop a new office building (now the city hall) and a condominium (The Bay Club) This was years before condominiums became VERY POPULAR. There were certain folks, at that time who were very concerned about the heights requested from Mr. Rutledge (14 stories for The bay Club and 11 stories for the office building) . These heights were unheard of in Barrie.
The council looked at the vision of these plans and approved them.

For a large number of reasons including tax based positives a twenty story building in Barrie's downtown will be less than average in the next decade or two. The development of this building will lead, very shortly, to other similar developments in the central core of Barrie.
Please do not scare this development off.

Please look into the future and do not miss this opportunity for downtown redevelopment.

Best wishes

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