

**FORM LETTER FROM “THE FRIENDS OF
BEAR CREEK WETLAND COMMUNITY
GROUP” DATED MAY 2, 2012-05-03**

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★ Form letter from the Friends of Bear Creek Wetland Community Group dated May 2, 2012 - 104 form letters included.

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File: D09-OPA019/D14-1533/D12-340

To the Attention of the City Clerk's Office

Re: Application for Official Plan Amendment, Amendment to the Zoning By-Law and Draft Plan of Subdivision – Pratt Development 40 Ferndale Drive South (Manhattan West)

This is a written submission to the Corporation of The City of Barrie with respect to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Amendment to the Zoning By-law.

The Group states the following:

- 1) **We are not an NIMBY Group.** We understand The City of Barrie has been designated by the Province as a Growth Area and development must happen in our community to support this.
- 2) **We advocate for responsible intensification** for the proposed developments with due diligence in addressing the social, environmental and economic impacts.
- 3) **We desire an opportunity to work with the City and Developer** in protecting our precious remaining Green Spaces which are quickly diminishing in our City and across the Province of Ontario.
- 4) **The Developer is one of our Community Leaders** and has had a significant influence in making Barrie what it is today and what it will be tomorrow.
- 5) **Legacy for future generations.** We must be forward thinking to ensure long term implications are considered.

The following concerns are being brought forward to City Council:

Environment

- Do both developments ensure minimal/zero impact on the surrounding Wetland area?
- What strategies is the Developer taking to address the displacement of wildlife in their natural habitat?

- What are the tree preservation and green space strategies for both developments? Do they tie in with the Eco Park and existing homes in the area?

Neighbourhood

- Confusion and inadequate information available from city staff on the status of the lands at time of purchase.
- Concerns of property values diminishing, and the loss of privacy and the loss of benefits associated with a vibrant natural landscape.
- Concerns that proposals will encourage some purchased properties to be used for rental units, leading to concerns with safety and crime as experienced in other parts of the city.

Intensification

- To permit future development do the proposals pass the sniff test of developing low and medium density residential units and ensuring the best way of protecting the environment?
- Do either or both proposals follow good urban design in minimizing impacts on existing neighbourhoods?

Transportation Corridor

- What is the Impact on traffic flows for both public and safety vehicles?

As a community we believe that the close proximity and potential encroachment on the designated boundaries of the Bear Creek Wetlands amplifies the requirement of the City, Developer and the Citizens of Barrie to all do our due diligence and work together to ensure that all compliances are put in place ensuring the maximum protection of both the environment and community interests.

We must grow, but it must be done in a responsible manner that is defined by all those impacted. If in good conscience City Council feels this is not being achieved delay any and all approvals until such time as the developer can propose the "right balance" that fairly addresses the social, environmental and economic impacts for each of the two proposed developments.

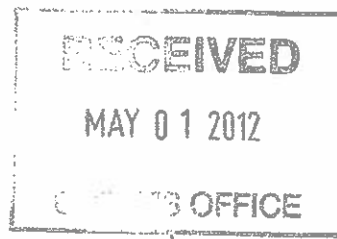
We look forward to being involved in the process, working with the City and Developer, to ensure we continue to build a City that we are all proud to call home.

Sincerely,



Friends of Bear Creek Wetland Community Group

Dear City Hall



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please Do not build houses

in the Bear-creek wetlands,

if you did build houses

you would Destroy it many

plants and animals. Where

would the cut trees go?

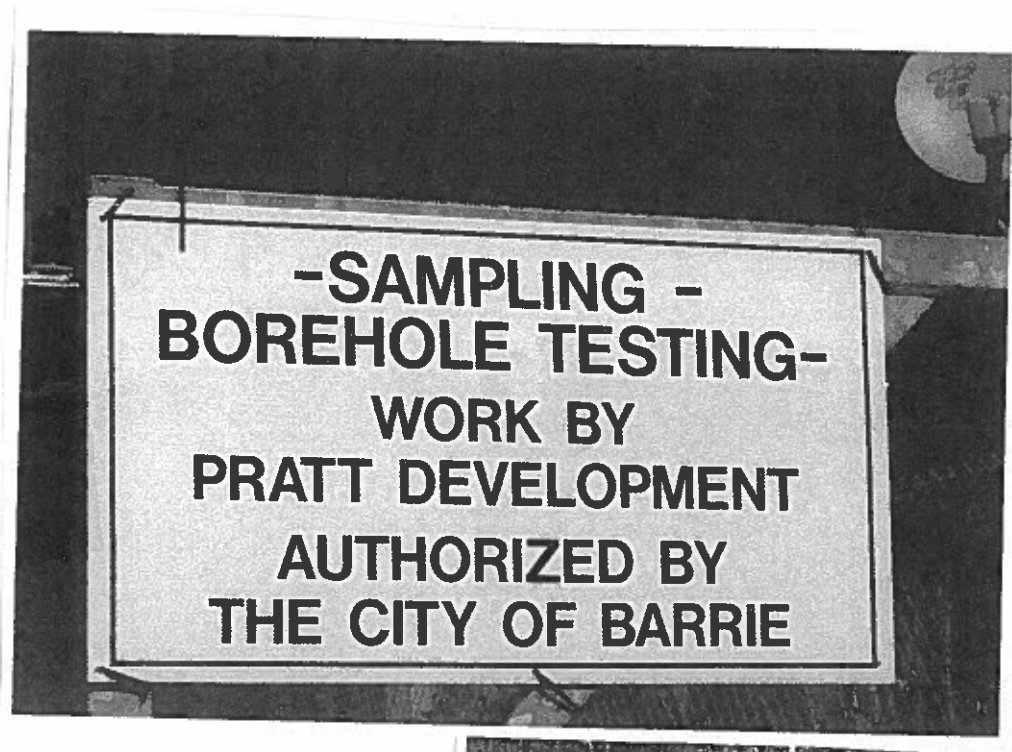
Where would the reptiles,

water, birds, fish, bugs,

and animals go? →

These are photos I took
of the forest area where
people hike and kids play.

From Ethan Ward Age 8



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Dear City Hall,

Can you please NOT
Build houses by the
Bear Creek Wetland.

please NOT cut down
the birds homes.

From James and I am
Six.

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