

**From:** JACK H GARNER  
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**To:** Dawn McAlpine  
**Subject:** Deputation to City Council

Hi:

I would like to make a formal deputation to City Council at their regular council meeting on Monday June 16th.

I have just now read the direct motion of Councillor Ainsworth.

Thank you and best wishes

Jack Garner

**You're Worship – Ladies and Gentlemen**

**I am here this evening to speak to you about motion – AGENDA ITEM 11.3  
PRESENTATION BY THE FOUNDATION FUND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE FOR  
SPRINGWATER PARK.**

**I AM HERE SPEAKING AS A CITIZEN OF BARRIE AND ALSO ON BEHALF OF MANY  
BARRIE CITIZENS WHO WANT SPRINGWATER PARK REOPENED.**

**(I can have them all e-mail or phone you if necessary)**

**FIRST – Thank you very much for approving motion #14-A-096 on MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

**“THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE CITY  
OF BARRIE WITH A WRITTEN OUTLINE OF THE PROVINCE’S PLANS WITH RESPECT  
TO SPRINGWATER PROVINCIAL PARK”**

**We are all very anxious to see this plan.**

**I HAVE A SECOND REQUEST - WOULD THE COUNCIL PLEASE APPROVE A MOTION  
THIS EVENING TO ASK THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO REOPEN  
SPRINGWATER PROVINCIAL PARK TO BE AN OPERATIONAL PARK. AN  
OPERATIONAL PARK IS ONE WITH SERVICES SUCH AS WASH ROOMS, PARKING  
LOTS, ELECTRICITY AND RUNNING WATER.**

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This request is necessary BECAUSE if our city does not show some interest in the Park being reopened there is a better than 75% chance it will not be opened to All citizens of Ontario, their friends and visitors. The city does not have to be a part of any community effort to plan the operation of Springwater even though a lot of citizens, myself included think we should be.

**“THE OPERATION OF SPRINGWATER PARK SHOULD NOT BE A TAX BURDEN ON THE CITIZENS OF BARRIE”.**

**REPEAT !!!!!!!**

**IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE. THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH LOCAL PRIVATE AND SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT IN THE BARRIE AREA TO GUARANTEE THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF SPRINGWATER PARK. They just have to be given the chance.**

**There is some mention THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER AND OR THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE SHOULD BE TAKING THE LEAD IN THIS VENTURE. ‘THIS PARK IS AS MUCH IN THE HEARTS OF MANY BARRIE CITIZENS AS ANYBODY ELSE. SINCE 1920 THOUSANDS OF BIRTHDAY PARTIES, CHURCH PICNICS, FAMILY PICNICS AND EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF BARRIE FAMILIES SPENDING THEIR FREE TIME IN SPRINGWATER PARK. SPRINGWATER PARK IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PARK IN ONTARIO. THE DEMAND IS ONLY GOING TO INCREASE – TEN FOLD!**

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THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER HAVE SAID THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO TAKE AND LEAD ON THIS VENTURE BUT THEY ARE WILLING TO LEND THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE A HAND SHOULD THEY WISH TO PROCEED. THIS HAS BEEN THE PAST POSITION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND JUST TO-DAY THIS WAS UPDATED TO ME BY TWO TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER COUNCILLORS.

THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE ARE INTERESTED IN THE REOPENING OF THE PARK. THEY HAVE SAID THEY ARE PREPARED TO BE A PART OF ANY COMMUNITY/MUNICIPAL VENTURE BUT AS OF NOW THEY HAVE HAD NOTHING CONCRETE FROM THE MINISTRY IN THE FORM OF A REPLY TO THEIR REQUEST.

CURRENTLY THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS FOCUSED ON ONE PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF THE PARK. THE REASON THEY SAY IS BECAUSE NO MUNICIPALITY HAS SHOWN ANY INTEREST IN THE PARK BEING REOPENED.

THIS IS THE FIRST REASON WE NEED YOUR HELP. THE SECOND IS BECAUSE THOUSANDS OF BARRIE RESIDENTS WANT TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE INTO THIS PARK, HAVE A PICNIC, WALK OR SKI THE TRAILS AND ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF RESTFUL NATURE. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE THE NEED FOR THIS PARK WILL INCREASE TEN FOLD OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

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PLEASE PASS A MOTION THIS EVENING TO ASK THE MINISTER TO REOPEN  
THIS PARK FOR ALL CITIZENS IN ONTARIO, THEIR FRIENDS AND OUR VISITORS.

IT IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO – IT IS THE ONLY THING TO DO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

JACK GARNER – Citizen of Barrie