



14 November 2023

City Clerks Office
Legislative Services Branch
City of Barrie

RE: SUBMISSION MADE ON BEHALF OF THE BARRIE CURLING CLUB LIMITED, ADDRESSING CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MADE BY GREENWORLD CONSTRUCTION INC/DIGRAM DEVELOPMENTS INC FOR THE LANDS KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 175 & 199 ESSA ROAD AND 50 WOOD STREET, BARRIE, ONTARIO.

As you no doubt recall, the Barrie Curling Club (BCC) was afforded the opportunity to present to the Affordability Committee during the last application with respect to the above-captioned matter on April 5 of this year. That presentation reminded the Committee of the unique nature of the BCC within the City of Barrie and of the social and economic benefits provided the City by the BCC. The BCC is happy to report that its membership is growing as the impacts of Covid have somewhat receded and the Club continues to provide a significant economic benefit as a result of hosting province wide bonspiels, and the Everest Canadian Club Championships to be hosted in 2024.

Within that presentation was a request to the Committee, and Council as a whole, to consider the long term viability of the BCC within the development. We did not then, nor do we now, oppose this, or any development, per se, but continue to have concerns as to how this development, as presented, will impact the BCC and its ability to provide an ongoing service to the City of Barrie and its residents.

As a reminder, the BCC has a long term lease for the property on which it now sits (including the parking area) and that lease will need to be changed if this development is to proceed. The BCC acknowledges this reality and, once again, is not opposed to a change, per se. The BCC asks only that this change not result in a significant degradation to its present position and that this Committee, Council and the City of Barrie consider the long term viability of the BCC in its deliberations.

At the previous meeting (April 5, 2023) the Developer committed to work with the BCC to come to an agreement that would satisfy both parties (Developer/BCC). The BCC has not been afforded the opportunity to determine how this new proposal might satisfy its concerns and, as such, cannot comment with respect to same, but can report that no discernable progress has been made since April 5, 2023 to arriving at a satisfactory agreement.

Accordingly, the BCC has the same concerns now as it had some seven months ago and, once again, asks that securing its future be a component part of the decision making process.

Thank you

Norman Speake

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