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**Subject:** H Block

Good morning,

I am writing with respect to the proposed rezoning of the H Block parking lot. I park in that parking lot during the week. I live in the Collier Street between Poyntz Street and Mulcaster Street. We don't have employee parking at our office.

When I first started working for my employer in 2017, we could park on Collier Street and Poyntz Street with a monthly parking pass from the City. A few years later, parking on Collier and Poyntz were changed to 2 hours only. I then started parking in the city parking lot across from the library at the corner of Owen Street and MacDonald Street. That parking lot was then sold and the parking lot torn up.

I currently park in the H Block parking. The only other place to park is in the parkade on Collier Street, which makes me uncomfortable. I

H Block is sold, the closest outdoor parking will be Heritage Park or Clapperton Street.

The H Block parking lot is usually 3/4s full every day. I'm not sure where the people currently parking there, which seems to include a lot of City of Barrie employees, are going to park.

I used to have a 5 minute drive to work when I parking on Collier Street. My commute has now doubled as my drive is 5 minutes and my walk from my car to work is 5 minutes. I know it's not much, but it doesn't make sense to me that you are asking people to park further away when there are other properties that housing could be developed on. As an example, the lot at the corner of Bayfield and Sophia has been vacant for years. The property at the 5 points is also sitting empty. There is unused space in the BMO building at the corner of Mulcaster and Collier Streets that has been sitting empty for years as well.

I know I don't have all the background information, but it seems like the parking is being taken away to create more housing at the expense of people working downtown. I would ask that you reconsider getting rid of the H Block parking lot.

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