



Submitted by concerned community members to the Barrie City Council for consideration at the April 12 council meeting motion number DEV008-21 regarding Wilkin's Beach.



forward

This document was produced by concerned Kingswood residents wanting to voice our opinions on the fate of our beach in the face of challenges it has faced recently, and how best to coordinate the city's efforts to prevent ongoing damage while considering the overwhelming desire of residents to retain the sandy beach that has been the most cherished feature of the area and the reason they moved here.

Though a number of residents have been more closely involved with this developing situation for years, most only became aware of the plans to remove the beach very recently. This document is a reflection of a grass roots effort that began Friday, April 2 with the creation of a facebook page, @saveourwilkinssand, a door-to-door flyer drop over Easter weekend and collection of "deputations" into this document on Tuesday April 6 for delivery to the City April 7. At its onset the authors were unaware of any formal groups with similar goals, though we've become aware of some coordinated efforts with complimentary goals to ours that will join together in the near future.

This document is a collection of comments and letters collected to be presented to City Council on April 12. Though many are accompanied by "Deputation Forms" we aren't clear on what those are so we ask the City's patience with our ignorance of procedure and that you take this as an effort to illustrate to you the overwhelmingly positive sentiment for the preservation of our sandy beach in concert with remediation efforts the City proposes.



history

by Linda Campbell

This history is written by Linda Campbell, an original resident of Capp's Drive.

Mayor Lehman, City of Barrie Council and Barrie City staff...

I find the staff report almost too extensive and detailed for a layperson to fully understand. My hope is that you hear the history of our community and allow us to be part of the solutions. As Mike McCann said on CTV news, "I need to know how we got here, why we got here to determine those facts so we never get here again."

Let me share a brief history of our community. The community adopted the trails, parks and beach in 2003 for 3 years. We cleaned and maintained this area with the amazing support of Mona Boyd. We came together and celebrated our community by putting our hands to work. Significant relationships developed during our involvement. We came together for our neighbours through cancer diagnosis, the loss of a loved one, fundraisers, pot-lucks in the park and activities our children created and implemented. For instance, making bio degradable Christmas decorations for the park followed by an evening of Christmas caroling. This community said good bye to neighbours but welcomed the new ones. We watched out for one another and always offered support and a helping hand. That's the definition of community.



neighbours planting the park

In the past, our community experienced large teen parties on the beach. In response, Mayor Hamilton orchestrated community meetings at the South Shore Centre with Barrie Staff and Police representatives. Wilkins beach was defined by City Parks Department as a "Community Beach", meaning people who use the beach would primarily live within walking distance as there were no washroom facilities or parking. This was consistent and constant until 2016.

The Fall of 2015, several neighbours met with Mike McCann, Ward 10 Councilor, to discuss the issues of parking once Capps Dr. would be joined via the development of Mr. Fein's property. Mr. McCann offered to complete a survey asking neighbours south of Capps Drive what changes they would like to see. He reported back indicating no one was interested in changing the current parking status. Note: In the summer of 2020 a request was made to see copies of this survey. We have not received a copy of the analysis.

By the summer of 2016 the community experienced an increase of all day visitors on weekends. At the end of the day the visitors left their garbage on the beach, parks and our properties. (Examples of items; dirty diapers, toddler / children's soiled underwear, beer cans and wine bottles, paper plates and food items.) Parking issues began to become problematic. Parking in "no parking" zones and very close to the end of driveways make it challenging to exit your driveway. We discussed these issues with Mr. McCann and he told us to take pictures and call the by-law office. The community did exactly that. Each year we witnessed an increase in people visiting the beach on weekends. There was a difference though. People arrived at 11:00 am and remained until 8:00 pm. They dumped charcoal from their BBQ in the creek, wooded area or the lake, washed soiled clothing and washed dishes in the creek. The visitors left behind garbage that animals dispersed into the forest by the next day. Yes, the community went into the bush and gathered garbage then paid for garbage tags to get rid of it.

From 2016 to 2019 we continued to call by-law and update Mike McCann. During the summer of 2019, Mike McCann was contacted frequently asking for help. The number of people attending Wilkins Beach on weekends had become overwhelming. The issues surpassed the previous years. The trend was not only environmentally concerning, but the safety of the roadways surrounding the beach and walking trails had become problematic as well.

On October 4, 2019 several people attended a meeting with Mike McCann. The following issues were discussed and the points mentioned are excerpted from a letter sent to Mayor Lehman and Cc to Mike McCann on Oct 9, 2019

Peopled parked cars at Wilkins Beach in a no parking zone. Emergency vehicles have to park in the middle of the road to respond to emergency calls. Parking in Valley View Court due to nowhere to park at Wilkins Beach.

People were coming in large groups, setting up large tent shelters on the beach and Upper Park. They arrived with coolers, BBQs (charcoal or propane), and stayed for the entire day into early evening.

People changed clothing in the woods, used the woods for defecating / voiding, left their sanitary napkins and tampons in the woods as well as children's underwear filled with feces.

People discarded dirty diapers on our lawns, park, garbage cans, woods. They threw their charcoal into our wooded area or dumped it on the sandy beach. Sometimes garbage was picked up but often our community was required to clean it up. If they left food animals foraged for it from open garbage cans on the beach. We find broken beer bottles on the beach, wooded area and upper park. People that parked in Valley View Court returned to their cars via the back path and disposed of their garbage along the way.

People smoking cigarettes and pot was a regular occurrence.

By-law officers ticketed cars parked illegally but didn't penalize other violations. Once a car had a ticket it remained in the illegal spot causing issues for emergency vehicles. The penalty was a small price to pay for a day of fun at the expense of our community.

People caused environmental damage to the grass, beach area and walking trails.

It's unlikely that these people purchased anything in Barrie. They came with all their plastic, food, drink, diapers and bodily waste, then left it all for us to clean up actually costing the City of Barrie and our community a significant amount of money, time and frustration.



neighbourhood beach clean-up day

Community Suggestions offered during the meeting with Mike McCann on Oct 4, 2019

Extend parking regulations to include Crimson Ridge to Royal Park, all of Valley View Court, all of Blue Water, Royal Park to Tamarac, Capps Drive, with Barrie Resident Parking Permit only signs.

Increase the parking violation fines in these areas significantly and tow vehicles in no parking zones.

Provide residents with two additional parking passes per household to allow visitors to park without being fined.

Increase the number of by-law officers that will not only give warnings, but will fine people for violations. Smoking on the beach, drinking on the beach, dogs off leash, barbecuing, large tents erected and parking illegally should all be penalised.

Take Wilkins Beach off the City of Barrie website. Dock Road Beach, Tollendale Park and the Gables are not currently on the website. Dock road has a parking lot and port-a-pot on site. Tollendale Park is identical to our beach area with water access but no parking or washrooms. They have been spared the grief we have experienced. Gables has parking but they remain off the website. Mr. McCann has not been able to clarify why these other beaches are not highlighted on the city website as Wilkins Beach has. We don't wish this on any other community but would like an explanation for this decision.

Changing the name or removing the word "beach" from the sign and Barrie City website.

A few notable responses from Mr. McCann...

Request for additional city support staff (by-law or garbage clean up) would increase our taxes.

Wilkins Beach could not be taken off the city website because they test the water.

Our community needs to start calling Service Barrie if we have parking violations or to address other by-law issues. Mr. McCann shared the phone number to Service Barrie for the first time in 4 years. He indicated that we needed to call this number with all and any issues to demonstrate the need for more service in our community.

If you would like a copy of the meeting minutes from October 4, 2019, we had a stenographer attend to document the discussion and responses from Mr. McCann.

Following this meeting nothing further happened regarding the above issues.

Fast forward to spring 2020. Mike McCann was contacted frequently by the community in the spring of 2020. With Covid 19 social distancing protocol in place significantly more people came to the beach all day, every day. Mike didn't provide any solutions to the issues we experienced daily. In mid June 2020, I spoke to Mayor Lehman on the phone for 20 minutes. He told me that he would call me back by the end of the day. Mayor Lehman indicated that Andrea Miller would be dealing with the issues and would contact me the following day. Within 3 days Andrea met with the community and listened to our problems. Many community residents were disappointed that Mike McCann did not attend. Shortly after the meeting I discovered Wilkins Beach being promoted on the Tourism Barrie website.

I sent this information to Andrea and in less than an hour she replied Wilkins Beach was removed from the website. Later that day Mayor Lehman made a post on social media regarding this incident. Our community discovered that Mike McCann is the city's representative on the Board of Tourism Barrie and Wilkins beach had been promoted on their website for years.

During the summer of 2020 Barrie City Hall responded to the exact same issues the community identified to Mike McCann in the summer of 2019. It took Covid 19, additional people abusing the beach and trails and CTV News to get the support we had been asking Mr. McCann for for many years.



beach clean up



Wilkins beach is now before council to determine if it stays sandy or rocky. (*The following are Linda's suggestions and not the consensus of any committee or group of community members overall.*)

I support the closure of the beach for 2021 to replant necessary vegetation to help stabilize the creek embankment and not allow people to have access to this area.

I feel the staff report didn't explore less intensive changes to the beach. Why can't we explore less invasive solutions and engage the community to help support remediation. Are boulders and cobble the only answer?

Suggestions:

A small area of access to the water remain open for the summer 2021 to allow people to enter the water to swim, kayak or paddle board.

Fix the forest at the bottom of the stairs and the path off Capps Drive that has drained directly into Kempenfelt Bay since the start.

Enforce by-laws immediately - no warnings.

Establish tow zone for parking in no parking zone and significantly increase parking fines on roads near all entrances of the trails and beach.

Appoint one or two community representatives to attend meetings so the community at large takes on ownership of park and beach care through a collaborative approach.

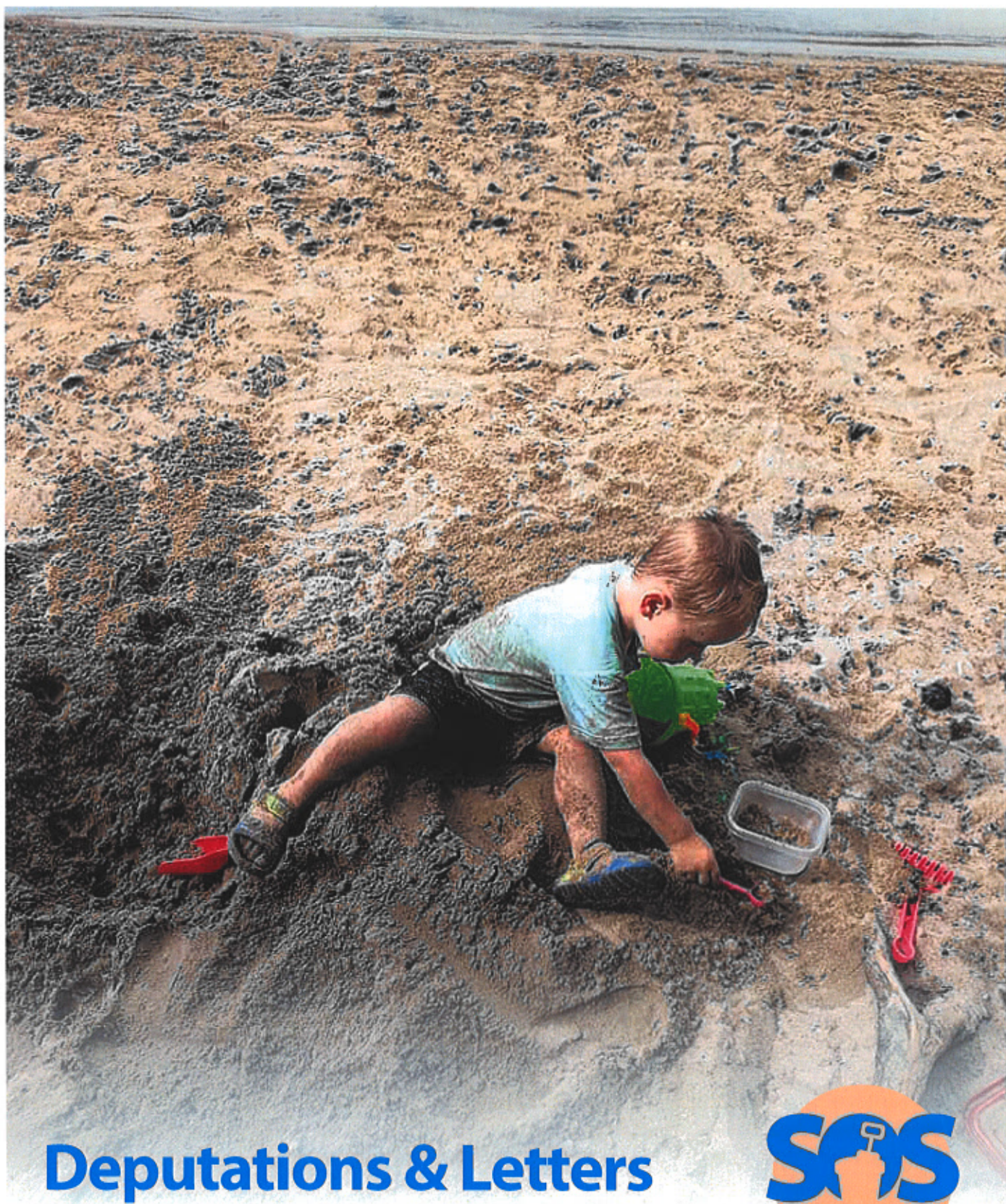
Appoint a Barrie City Council member that will not promote Wilkins Beach on the Tourism Barrie website.

Let's give the beach a chance to heal and re-evaluate in a year. Establish goals for the recovery of the beach and evaluate the healing process' progress on an ongoing basis.

Surely the irreversible, man-made installation of boulders and cobble isn't the only solution available to us.

We have been protecting the beach, creek and trails for years with our hands and voices. This community is strongly invested in the future of the beach and walking trails. We have addressed our concerns to the wrong person for years, but we've learned where to go when we need issues heard and resolved.





Deputations & Letters



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City: Barrie L4N 0G7	Postal Code: 	
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NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING APPEARANCE (if different from person appearing): 		
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NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable): 		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: Slow beach redevelopment, preserve sandy beach, encourage community input		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

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From: Donald Adams artcel@icloud.com
Subject: Wilkin's Beach
Date: April 5, 2021 at 10:58 AM
To: Mark Adams artcel@icloud.com



My wife Sherri and I agree with all the other deputants, that strict enforcement of parking and conduct rules around the beach, de-listing it as a beach, and efforts to remediate environmental damage would be excellent.

We also adamantly agree with our neighbours that the beach sand itself be preserved, even at slightly smaller size.

My point with this note is that we created and distributed flyers door-to-door to these issues to our neighbor's attention and asking them to submit deputations. While delivering we encountered many people outside their homes and so engaged them in brief conversations around the issue.

100% of those we spoke to were also adamant that the sandy beach must remain.

So we hope we can all work together to modify the remediation plan to include our sandy beach.

Thanks!

D. Mark Adams

IF YOU LOVE OUR BEACH YOU MUST READ THIS!

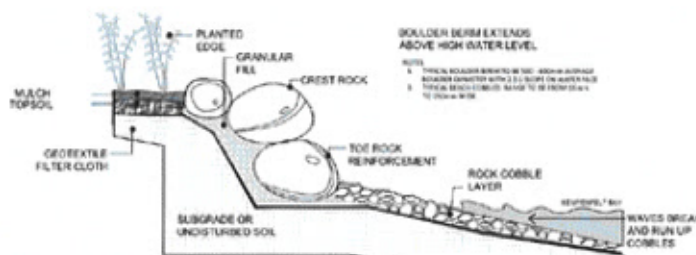
City Council plans to remove our sandy beach and replace it with cobble, boulders & bushes as seen in the cross section below. This is their permanent solution to damage caused by crowds attracted to the beach when it went on their website. Their solution is to remove the sand forever. Their recommended action will be confirmed at the City Council meeting on April 12th at 7 pm. To learn more & have your voice heard go to...

<https://www.facebook.com/saveourwilkinssand>

-OR- @saveourwilkinssand

Use the link in a post there to download a "deputation form", fill it out & save, write an email about what the sandy beach means to you & that you want to be heard before it is destroyed. Attach the form & send it to

**Do not delay because
they must be in to City
Council by noon, April 7.**



SAMPLE BOULDER BERM AND ROCK COBBLE BEACH SECTION
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NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable):		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION:		
Opposed to potential closure and alteration of Wilkin's Beach		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Wilkin's Beach
Date: April 6, 2021 at 7:45 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

I am a home owner on within walking distance of Wilkin's Beach. My family and I have visited and used Wilkin's Beach ever since we moved to our home 18 years ago. We walk down to the beach all year round. During the summer months we visit the beach and enjoy spending time on the beach and swimming in the water. My wife and I also use the beach as a launching point for our tandem kayak. We have spent many summer days kayaking and swimming in the lake along with our friends and family. The beach has always been a place where families can go to spend time with each other and enjoy the sand, sun and water. It would be very disappointing if Wilkin's Beach were to no longer exist as it currently does. One of the reasons my wife and I chose to purchase in our subdivision was the access to Wilkin's Beach within walking distance of our home. Wilkin's Beach has been part of our small community of homes that surround it. Until last year, with the unique pandemic related restrictions throughout the province and country, Wilkin's Beach has never been an issue. Visitors and users of the beach have always been respectful of each other and the beach and surrounding area. It would be a shame if last year's unfortunate events at the end of summer result in our beach being shutdown and altered. This would be very disappointing and I believe a mistake. The decision to do so would hurt the surrounding community of homes and the families that live in them. From my perspective this seems to be a convenient decision which closes the beach to avoid potential issues like those that occurred last year by masking the closing with restoration work. The beach has existed for many years and will continue to exist without the restoration work. I do not want to see Wilkin's Beach closed nor do I want to see the current beach altered or disturbed. DO NOT CLOSE AND ALTER OUR BEACH!

Kevin Anderson

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From: **Donald Adams** artcet@me.com
Subject: deputation form re Wilkins Beach
Date: April 5, 2021 at 10:30 AM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Hello,

This is to request that you do not either close the Wilkins beach or remove its sand. The Wilkins beach is a place to relax and spend time with my family. No matter how the day was or what problems I had during the day, a walk down the beach or a short swim, makes me forget about them. The beach helps with my mental health. And we can all agree that we need to take care of our mental health now more than ever. My daughter likes to swim and explore the beach. She likes to see the fish and play fun games in the water. We do not have a waterfront property or family members that do, but Wilkins beach is like our 2nd backyard. A place to be and see other locals enjoy life with their family. A place to feel safe. Not like Wasga beach or not even Downtown Barrie.. It's walking distance from home. Once we are there we are surrounded by other neighbours. Everytime we went to the beach, we felt relaxed and blessed to have this beach so close to our home. Taking away the sand will not help with the overcrowding issue. Closing the beach will only hurt the locals and punish us for other people's mistakes. Closing Wilkins beach will not affect the out of town visitors who caused the overcrowding last year, they will simply find another place to go and trash. But for us, there is no other place to go.

Hanieh Azimi

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Wilkins Beach Save our Sand
Date: April 5, 2021 at 10:11 AM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Wilkins Beach is a popular place for people to take their small children in the summer time. We used it when our child was young. It is ideal for adults to cool off as well. The beach was subject to overuse due the fact that parking was prohibited at the city's main beaches to reduce the risk of COVID during summer 2020. When similar restrictions were placed on parking in the greater Wilkins Beach area and signs were posted to prevent people from holding social events, like barbeques, the problem was pretty much solved. There is no need for further action. Just decent enforcement. Shutting the beach down for any reason other than health and safety during the time of COVID is utterly unacceptable. Anything that gets people outside is going to contribute to greater safety from COVID and better emotional and physical health for Barrie residents.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,
Gord Bambrick

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I am a local resident on Sumac St and Royal Park for 20+ years, born and raised in Barrie for 43 years I will never leave and I choose to raise my family in this area because of the trails and beach. This beach was a hidden gem, not known by anyone outside of the area. The community going back 20 years would gather to clean it up and cut fallen trees to keep it accessible for our families. My children grew up swimming on summer nights at that beach and playing in the creek with paper boats. Families would walk with towels and floaties at night down to the beach for a nice swim, no one knew it was there and it can be that way again. When the notice arrived at the door my 16 & 17 year old daughters were most upset and shared on social media to gain support. This area is special to our families and our children and should be saved for future generations. The issues and damage was and is temporary, caused by covid and that the city tagged it as a beach years ago and promoted it. Close it this year, no parking etc this pandemic and the impact is almost over and none of the one-time visitors will drive to use it again once they have local resources open. As for the run-off damage it was not related to last year, it happens every year and is a small investment to fix if you choose. The outflow from the retaining pond above pours out at the bottom of the hill and then makes its way with other run off down to the beach. Can't you add drainage to run to the creek 40 feet away vs running to the beach or add a small rock retaining pond at the base of the hill area to capture the water and protect the sand seems much cheaper. I am very concerned a private little local beach will be closed forcing our families to drive downtown to use a beach, and have limited parking options available in my own city. We are reacting and catering to the influx of daily tourists not the tax paying citizens of the city, please support us we are asking for your help.

Thank you,

Corey Bidmead and Family

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April 5, 2020

By email

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To Mayor Lehman and All Councillors:

Re: General Committee Motion:
Subject: Wilkin's Beach

DEV008-21

I write further to this outstanding motion. I am a homeowner and business owner in the area, having lived on Bluewater Trail for over 20 years. I've seen this area develop from some bush paths surrounded by builders lots to the current well-maintained combination of parks, trails and beachhead. It is enjoyed by the residents of the area, who see it as a definite feature and boon to the neighborhood.

I reviewed staff report DEV008-21 with some concern and surprise, given the speed with which this somewhat drastic action is not only been proposed, but is intended to go forward.

The provision of only 3 options; do nothing; permanently close the shoreline to public; or drastically alter the shoreline, gives the impression of a lack of creativity and the failure to: a) fully consider the entire situation, b) include any residents' input or wishes, both those in the immediate area and those within the greater Barrie area.

While there was consultation last summer, it was very generalized and did not focus any discussion on the possible options and actions proposed for this area. Residents were certainly not asked or consulted about a possible move to completely alter and redefine the waterfront area.

The report states:

"The increasing use of the beach in Wilkins Park, which occurred especially during the summer of 2020, has affected the environmental integrity of the area. "

This is a conclusion without any data, reports, or other objective evidence that this in fact occurred. The beach has been regularly used for decades and endured weather-related washouts and changes throughout that time. To lay the blame for "affected environmental integrity" upon a few weekends of overuse, without actual environmental study or data seems ludicrous.

The feared or predicted "continued overuse of the shoreline area" can be prevented a number of ways including the proposed delisting of the beach, closure of the waterfront area for the next year perhaps, to allow natural regeneration to occur.

Rather than attempt to let nature take its course and take active steps to prevent overuse, motion proposes a complete overhaul and destruction of the current sandy beach in order to replace it with cobbles and boulders, in a very unnatural way, in the hope of deterring residents from using it as a beach.

I suggest to council that some time and effort be directed to at least researching and considering options other than the 3 proposed, to look for a solution that provides similar benefit or result, without the necessity of terraforming an entire beach.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'EJC', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Edward J. (Ted) Chadderton
EJC :

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION:		
Slow beach redevelopment, preserve sandy beach, encourage community input		
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From: **Donald Adams** artcet@me.com
Subject: Wilkin's Beach Deputation Form
Date: April 6, 2021 at 1:35 PM
To: **Mark Adams** artcet@icloud.com

Hello,

Please see attached deputation form concerning Wilkin's Beach. I filled it out on behalf of my father. Please send it to wherever it has to go to be seen.

As a family that have lived in this area for almost 7 years, the beach was one of the main destinations to relax after a hard working day. We initially bought the house specifically because there was a beach nearby and the lake is visible from our home window. During the summer, as local residents, it is always amazing to not have to walk far with the family to go swimming. The sand also provides us with a warm foundation allowing us to relax and tan, and for our dog to play around with other friendly dogs. In addition, we pay \$9,000 in property tax, and do not see why we should continue paying this amount if the beach is removed. I think all the residents in our camelot sq area would agree.

Due to ineffectiveness of the local government to turn the beach into a private beach in order to remove the possibility of non-residents filling up the beach during the summer, it is absolutely immoral for the government to punish long term residents of the area by removing the sand and free access to the water. We are against this action and see it as a spit in the face by the local government towards the local community.

Warm Regards,

Daniel Cheine

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: DEV008-21 WILKINS BEACH
Date: April 5, 2021 at 9:15 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

G'day,

I wish to express my dissatisfaction with the City's intended plan to remove sand from Wilkins Park, a totally naturalized area that has been there since formation itself.

From time to time we are beset with crises in society with which we must deal and one could consider the restrictions placed on us due to the Covid-19 pandemic exactly that, resulting in an abnormal influx of persons in 2020 wishing to use the Wilkins Park area.

But is the City's proposal to totally alter a natural beauty the correct plan? Is the City required to take any action at all with our tax dollars knowing full well that the pandemic will pass and all will return to normal? As a twenty-plus year resident who resides 200 feet from Wilkins Park, and speaks for many of the neighbors, I will be saddened by such a quick, drastic change when for all we know, may never have been truly warranted in the first place.

I urge the City to continue to erect 'Resident's with permits only' parking signs and to monitor the site with municipal by-law officers. This crisis will eventually end along with the complaints from a few folks, and the sand will be relieved!

Michael Clark

Barrie ON
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NAME OF PERSON TO APPEAR: Aaron and Melanie Cooper		
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NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable):		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION:		
we do not agree with removal of sand beach at wilkins beach.		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Save Our Sand - Wilkins Beach
Date: April 5, 2021 at 9:31 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Hello,

Thank you so much for arranging this action against the removal of sand at Wilkins Beach.

Please find our deputation form attached.

Our family has lived in the area around Wilkins Beach for over 10 years.

We are extremely disappointed to hear that Wilkins Beach is to be "restored" by permanently revising the land structure to remove sand.

We are regular (walking distance) visitors to the beach with our two young sons. A big reason we live where we do is because of this beach and area. We work very hard and pay high taxes to live here. Removal of the sand at the beach is not acceptable. Will our taxes be reduced now that the sandy beach is removed?

We find it absurd that the restoration of the area would translate into having to remove the sand from the beach. It is an area that so many local families enjoy.

People are experiencing frustration, depression and hard times right now and this is just making it worse. It is beyond our comprehension why the City would want to remove something that actually brings positivity to people lives.

We have personally observed City By-Law Officers patrol the area, but be reluctant to enforce legislation to protect the land and local residents from mischief, pollution, and public health restrictions due to COVID-19. The removal of a local public beach should not be based on the lack of legislative enforcement.

There surely must be other options to help protect the area, rather than removal. Why not install barricades temporarily during COVID? Close the beach for a year or two as required to stave off the crowds.

Or keep the beach open but actually enforce no parking and ticketing legislation that has not been adequately enforced. Have more bylaw officers present in the area to enforce these laws.

To permanently revise the landscape so no sand remains will cause more harm than good. Frankly, it seems like the City is seeking a permanent solution to a temporary problem, which is never an excuse and may led to further mental health issues for local residences.

Thank you again,

Melanie and Aaron Cooper

Melanie and Aaron Cooper

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: Slow beach redevelopment, preserve sandy beach, encourage community input		
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*It would be a mistake for the City of Barrie to "pave paradise and put up a [wall of boulders]." -
-- Joni Mitchell*

I am writing to oppose the City of Barrie's plan to destroy the beautiful sandy Wilkins Beach and replace the beach with cobblestones and boulders.

In August 2019, my wife and I purchased our house on _____ Street. Wilkins Beach was at the heart of our decision. After viewing the house, our realtor suggested that we check out this amazing hidden gem Wilkins Beach. We walked onto the sandy shores of Wilkins Beach and saw families building sandcastles, swimming, having picnic-dinners. My wife and I looked at each other having each come to the same conclusion: this amazing place is exactly where we want to build our family. Since moving into our home, we have spent countless hours on Wilkins Walk and we always make a point of dipping our toes in the lake and remembering to celebrate our decision to move to such a beautiful location.

In 2020, I took up kite boarding, and Wilkins Beach was my "bail out" spot when I was learning. I always launched from Minets Point. While learning, the wind sent me eastward along Kempenfelt Bay. The sandy shores of Wilkins Beach were my compass and safe-haven. On a few occasions, I landed at Wilkins Beach and walked home.

Wilkins Beach is a beautiful and idyllic place for people and families. By replacing the sandy beach and replacing it with cobblestones and boulders, the City of Barrie is choosing to make its public lands objectively worse. I cannot understand the rationale for such a dramatic decision.

I suppose that this "solution" was proposed in response to the overcrowding of Wilkins Beach during the summer of 2020 (as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic). However, I cannot understand why such a dramatic and permanent "solution" is being proposed in response to a temporary problem.

In closing, I ask the City Council to consider the following (in no particular order):

1. Who wants this "solution"? Who benefits from this "solution"? From my perspective, it just seems like everyone will be punished by this "solution"
2. If this is being proposed in response to Covid-19 and the need reduce social gathering at Wilkins Beach, then this is not the answer. This is a dramatic and permanent proposal that will forever change the nature of this beautiful neighbourhood.
3. This plan punishes the local residents (who have enjoyed this beach for decades) because of the unfortunate actions of out-of-town guests. Why would the City of Barrie choose to punish its residents for the actions of out-of-town guests?
4. Is this plan feasible from an environmental perspective?

Sincerely,
Harrison Cooper

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Save our Sand
Date: April 6, 2021 at 8:56 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Wilkins Beach is a wonderful community beach. Prior to this summer, it was used by locals wanting to escape the busy beaches in Barrie and spend time with their families. This past summer definitely needs to be addressed but not by eliminating the sandy beach. Prior to 2020, the beach was well maintained and respected by the locals. We feel an alternate solution should be considered to allow the community to preserve their wonderful family memories and to continue to use the beach, while finding a way to maintain the integrity of this "natural beach".

Thank you for your consideration,
Kim and Shawn Currie

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NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable): SAVE OUR SAND WILKINS SAND		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: - DELAY THE REPLACEMENT OF SAND AT WILKINS BEACH WITH COBBLE BOULDERS, KEEP THE BEACH THE WAY IT IS AND USE THE MITIGATING CONTROL USED LAST YEAR TO CONTROL THE CROWDS		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>		

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Deputation
Date: April 6, 2021 at 8:28 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

In regards to what the beach means to us, it is a place for people to take kids and in our case grandkids for a few hours to wade in the water and make sandcastles or anything their imagination can come up with. Can't do that with stones. I know there are beaches with stones in Georgian Bay but those were created naturally and not man made. You don't want to disturb the environment so you make do with what nature gives you.

The beach is a place to lay a blanket down and read a book for a couple of hours or just sit and enjoy the scenery. I think the neighbourhood and Barrie residents understands that it is not a place to linger on for the whole day but something to enjoy for a few hours.

Let's not have a knee jerk reaction for what happened the last few years especially 2020. Last year just exorbitated the issues that were there for the last few years. Once we remove the beach we cannot go back. The beach has been there for a long time and has been enjoyed by the neighbourhood and Barrie residents without issues. Why punish the neighbourhood and Barrie residents for the boorish behaviour of out town people. Suspend the change for a couple years, maintain the mitigating measures implemented last year or make them even stronger and see what happens.

Yours truly

Lynn and Sam Damiani

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From: Donald Adams aricet@me.com
Subject: Wilkins Beach Deputation Form
Date: April 5, 2021 at 10:12 AM
To: Mark Adams aricet@icloud.com

Good afternoon,

My name is Justin Di Vito. I live in the area, specifically . I have attached a copy of the deputation form but I have never done one so just let me know if there is anything I need to do or be present for on April 12th.

When my wife and I learned about what the city wanted to do we were very upset. We moved to this area instead of springwater because of the beach for us and our kids and we were ok with paying the double property tax of the springwater property we were considering for the proximity and use of the beach and the excellent local school. We use the beach extensively with our 3 kids through the summer months. We love coming home after work and going for a dip or waking up on the weekend and heading down for a few hours of sun and relaxation and we thought that paying higher property taxes was fine because of the nice proximity to the beach and excellent school. Otherwise we would have spent our money in Springwater and installed a pool but seeing as my wife and I are from Barrie we wanted to continue to support the Barrie community and lifestyle we both grew up with and loved so much. We were looking forward to our kids growing up with these experiences and are disappointed that due to the city not handling this situation quickly it has gotten out of hand and now the solution they have come up with is that nobody gets to enjoy the beach? Does this mean then that they are going to flat tax property taxes in Barrie then and we won't have to pay higher to live close to the water? If I can't enjoy the beach then why should I pay more tax than my parents house which is the same size as mine and they live in the Ferndale/Essa area.

My solution for this is that they should close the beach this year to restore it and once every 5 years to keep it from becoming run down. This will also show people coming to the beach that it's no longer a destination they can come to. After the year of restoration I would have bylaw officers going to these small beaches in Barrie to check and see if they are residents from the area and if they are not residents then they should be asked to leave. These gems should be for residents of Barrie only. Beaches in Tiny township, Midland and surrounding area only allowed local residents to visit the local beaches and you were asked to leave if you weren't from the area. We tried in previous years to visit beaches in these areas on camping trips and were asked to leave if we were not residents. I think this is reasonable and a couple of years of enforcement would stop the flow of people. I would not restrict the parking due to people visiting people's houses from out of town and people are upset due to their family or friends not being able to park outside their home because they don't have a resident pass. I really do think closing the beach this year even once every 5 years for restoration would be good and the bylaw enforcement requiring that people are residents should be mandated. This would stop the flow of people coming and not require we remove the beautiful sand we enjoy. I would also recommend removing the park from Barrie maps and tourism sites.

Thank you and if you need anything else from me just shoot me an email back. If we do lose this beach we are considering listing and moving out to springwater but we are willing to fight for this beach as much as we can for now. I appreciate you making the facebook page and working to keep Barrie beautiful!

Justin Di Vito & Aeron Povey

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From: Donald Adams aricet@me.com
Subject: Wilkins Beach
Date: April 5, 2021 at 8:56 PM
To: Mark Adams aricet@icloud.com

We are absolutely opposed to the removal of our wonderful neighbourhood sandy beach. The beach has been used successfully and enjoyably for many, many years by so many families. Now you have decided to reconfigure it - it seems primarily because of damage done to it by the crowds who overcame it during 2020....they could easily locate it on your website.

There is a 'run-off' problem with the drainage of water from the hill behind the beach. That should have been fixed years ago with proper drainage pipes (underground) or some other system which should not be beyond the abilities of the city engineers. :You don't have to remove the sandy beach.

You do NOT go from a beach that YOU publicised on your website to supposedly attract visitors - and then decide to get rid of the beach completely. **One wonders whether Mr. McCann cares at all about the Barrie residents in the area around Wilkins Beach and what is important to them.**

Ever since we moved here in 2005 we have used the beach every summer. It is a 20-25 minute walk from our house on . Last summer was the only time when the beach was abused by an overload of out of town visitors who behaved shamefully and irresponsibly. Local residents do not behave in this manner.

DO NOT REMOVE THE SAND. KEEP OUR BEACH. KEEP ITS NAME OFF YOUR BARRIE WEBSITE

Marcia Dyer and Geoff Dyer

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: The reconstruction & removal of sand from Wilkins Beach looks like an expensive fix for taxpayers when all we need to address are the environmental concerns of flooding & erosion of the banks of the creek - Flooding due to increased water runoff.		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

The banks of the creek will need to be reinforced & a redirection of the water from the runoff to the Sand beach is part of the charm of this area & should be left natural.

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9 We will still need the boys to keep boats from coming into shore as they did 20 years ago. Am

The plan to redesign the beach area looks like an expensive fix for Barrie taxpayers when all we need is to address the environmental concerns of flooding & the riding banks of the creek. The flooding is due to the increased water run off needs a solution & the banks of the creek need to be reinforced with rocks etc. We still need the buoys to keep boats from coming into shore.

Anne Elliot
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Dear Mayor Lehman, City Council and City of Barrie Staff:

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns with regards to Wilkin's Beach, a very special place in my neighbourhood.

When I moved to Barrie in 2006, I came across this hamlet and specifically purchased my home or to be close to this beach, a place of solitude, nature and beauty.

Over the past few years, due to this beach being advertised as a public beach with the City, it had become overrun with people flocking to this area. This has resulted in great problems within our community due to parking, garbage and crowds.

After meeting with our City Councillor, Mike McCann, in the fall of 2019, many of us have voiced our concerns with these issues long before the global pandemic with promises to follow up. Unfortunately, these promises were not raised, but ignored. In fact, it was Mayor Lehman that introduced to Andrea Miller to raise these issues with the City during the pandemic last summer once the crowding became overwhelming. She was able to successfully implement changes to the community to ease these problems temporarily and we were pleased that we were finally being heard.

I believe our beach can be preserved naturally with time and I am urging the City the following so that there is no further erosion:

- 1) To not dig up our precious beach and allow nature to preserve it.
- 2) At the very least, provide an access place at the beach so that people can paddleboard, canoe, swim and not being cut off from this resource that we have so enjoyed.
- 3) To implement a no parking zone and towing for cars that are not residents of Barrie
- 4) A community representative should be appointed to attend all further meetings
- 5) Immediate high fines in breach of any bylaws
- 6) Additional bylaw officers patrolling the area

Thank you for hearing my concerns and taking them into consideration for the future of our neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Fedosoff

Barrie, Ontario

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From: **Catherine George** mizcat777@gmail.com
Subject: Wilkins Beach
Date: April 4, 2021 at 5:05 PM
To: artcet@icloud.com

Wilkins Beach is a beautiful natural beach and should be a place for local children to swim. It's not big enough to be designated a public beach and I hope city council will reconsider its plan to remove the sand and replace it with boulders and bushes. It's not a public park but a natural setting formed by nature. It should be left that way.

Catherine George
Sent from my iPad

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NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING APPEARANCE (if different from person appearing): <u>Caulya Hollingshead</u>		
PHONE:	HOME:	BUSINESS:
<u>Same as above</u> ↑		
NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable): <u>Caulya Hollingshead</u>		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: <u>Wilkin's Beach is one of the biggest selling features for this area & Barrie's prettiest Beach! My partner & I spend a lot of time there and we would be devastated if the sand</u>		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> <u>was removed.</u>		

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I don't want the change. I bought this house on _____ so I could enjoy my grandchildren on the beach and reflect the times my husband and I had sitting at the beach before he passed away. I think as a community we can come up with a better solution.

Lynn Hrynyk

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To: City Council

Regarding: Save Our Sand

To whom it may concern,

My name is Chantelle Irvine and I am an original home owner to the area living here for 20 years. I feel very fortunate every time I take a nature walk to enjoy the beauty at the bottom of the trail, a small little beach which I have enjoyed for many years. I have two children that also feel very lucky that this is in our backyard. We have enjoyed many beach days down at Wilkins. Not to mention the nature that surrounds this little beach, it's nice at the end of the day to enjoy this oasis of calm. Really hoping there is way that we can preserve this little gem that we have grown to love as our little beach in the backyard.

Sincerely,

Chantelle Irvine

Barrie, Ontario

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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Save our Sand
Date: April 6, 2021 at 5:15 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

April 5, 2021

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Laura-Lee Kelloway and I own a house on _____ near Wilkins Beach in Barrie.

We live at _____ and purchased our home 3 years ago for the sole reason of its proximity to the sandy beach. We regularly walk down to the beach carrying our stand-up paddle boards and floaties. We need not worry about crowds or parking. One of our boys, Kyle is autistic with an intellectual disability and the beach and sand are the absolute highlight of his summer. He does not adapt to change well normally and I can't see why this decision was made without consulting the people who live here.

I had no idea about this proposed plan for our precious beach until a neighbour dropped off a flyer yesterday. We saved for so long to be able to own a home this close to be able to walk to the beach.

I took my children everyday to the beach last summer and there were only 2 dates that I found any sort of a crowd or mess. My family and I spend time picking up any litter that we do come across.

I normally don't even bother having my voice heard as it rarely makes a difference, but in this case, I thought I would try.

Please reconsider the plan and leave our sand alone.

Thank you.

Laura-Lee Kelloway

Barrie, ON

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In response to the proposal for blocking off Wilkin's Beach, we ask that this be held off for the next year or two, to see if the preventive measures help to restore the ecology of the beach. We are supportive with the other measures (delisting the beach, strict parking enforcement, no BBQ's, etc.)

Rachel & Pat Larouche

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From: **Donald Adams** artcet@me.com
Subject: **SAVE OUR SAND** deputation form attached
Date: April 6, 2021 at 7:40 PM
To: **Mark Adams** artcet@icloud.com

Good day,
My wife and I moved to Barrie 2006 and chose for many reasons, ONE being that the builder had advertised access to sandy beach which was supposed to be for all of the subdivisions that was being built. {Royal park homes}
Over the years, myself and family have enjoyed wilkins beach. We walked the trail down to the beach with grand kids, spent countless hours swimming in the lake, watching sunsets, the memories have been numerous.
Much to my dismay, hearing that the beach sand will be replaced with boulders and shrubs so that we no longer can enjoy the beach, leaves me angry and sad.
We should not be punished due to the actions of certain people that had destroyed the beach last summer.
Taxes around this area are among the highest in Barrie, primarily due to having access to the beach. WILL OUR TAXES BE REDUCED
IF THE BEACH CANNOT BE USED?

Sincerely,
ALFONS PIRPAMER
RENATE PIRPAMER
SUSAN PIRPAMER

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NAME OF PERSON TO APPEAR: <u>CAROLYN RAY</u>		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
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NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING APPEARANCE (if different from person appearing): <u>SAME AS ABOVE</u>		
PHONE:	HOME:	BUSINESS:
NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable): <u>CAROLYN + GARY RAY + FAMILY</u>		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: <u>I AM A RESIDENT OF AND WANT TO</u> <u>SAVE THE BEACH / SANDS. I BELIEVE IT IS MISGUIDED</u> <u>TO REPLACE SANDS WITH MANMADE STRUCTURE OF ROCKS</u>		
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From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Save our Sands
Date: April 5, 2021 at 8:54 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com
Cc: Gary Ray garypray@hotmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

We fell in love with Wilkin's Beach and this neighborhood in 2009 and bought our home on _____ to be close to the ponds, the lake and beach. We do not believe that the proposed elimination of the sands is beneficial to the natural habitat or our lovely neighborhood. It has not been proven that eliminating the beautiful sands for man-made rock/grass structure will in any way benefit the neighborhood or the wildlife and surrounding natural habitat of this pristine beach area. It is my hope that we can stop this misguided plan before it destroys the beauty of the sands our neighborhood holds so dear.

There is no reason why the beach cannot continue to be maintained under the present budget (correcting runoff gulley's etc. and monitored for overcrowding through resident passes). The reason this is an issue right now is because of Covid restrictions and perhaps overcrowding from people escaping other districts (ex. Toronto). This is not a good reason to destroy the beach and the two issues should not be merged (eliminate beach/remove appeal of overcrowding).

I would be happy to discuss this matter further or present at council if requested.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Ray

Barrie Ontario L4M 0C3

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From: **Donald Adams** artcet@me.com 
Subject: Save Our Sand Deputation form and letter
Date: April 5, 2021 at 8:58 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

To whom it may concern,

I hope that you are well in these trying and unprecedented times. It was recently brought to my family's attention that the City of Barrie is looking to make changes to the waterfront area at Wilkin's Walk. To our understanding the options presented are either to remove the beach/sand area and replace it with stones, or to limit the access to the waterfront entirely. Both of these options, as they have been presented to me, are in reaction to the previous summer's influx of tourists. I am sorry if this is overly simplified or incorrect. I am seeking as much information as possible as it was only brought to us within the past weekend.

I grew up in Simcoe and, after spending over a decade outside of Canada, chose to relocate my family here as it, as many will tell you, is the best of both worlds. Our children have access to a great school, we have amazing neighbours, and moreover an unparalleled sense of community. As I work most weekends, our time outside of our neighbourhood is limited to camping trips and socially distanced visits with relatives. One of the greatest privileges is going to the beach after work on weekdays. We spend the majority of our summer evenings on the beach and go there well into fall.

If the news of the beach being removed is true I can only implore that you reconsider other options. The removal of the sandy area would inhibit the overall atmosphere and the fun that is to be had there.

Thank you for your time and God bless,

John Robertson



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I feel that the level of review on this potential decision to close the beach has not been properly managed. A rock berm will still attract people and will make the area unsafe. I have young kids that will continue to go as they grow up and sand beach should remain!

Mark Rustan

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: OUR REASON TO MOVE TO BARRIE 18 YEARS AGO WAS THE PRIVILEGE TO ACCESS AND RESPONSIBLY ENJOY THIS BEACH WHICH WE HAVE DONE AND ARE NOW DOING WITH OUR TWIN GIRLS. POLICING SAND WITH ROCKS WILL TRAP LITTER, ATTRACT RODENTS AND INCREASE RISK OF INJURY.		
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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 12		
GENERAL COMMITTEE MOTION NUMBER: DEV008-21		
SUBJECT: Wilkin's Beach		
NAME OF PERSON TO APPEAR: D. Mark Adams		
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STREET ADDRESS:		
City:		Postal Code:
Barrie L4N 0G7		
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NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING APPEARANCE (if different from person appearing):		
PHONE:	HOME:	BUSINESS:
NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable):		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION:		
Slow beach redevelopment, preserve sandy beach, encourage community input		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

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From: **Donald Adams** artcet@me.com 
Subject: Save our Sands Deputation Form
Date: April 5, 2021 at 8:29 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Hello

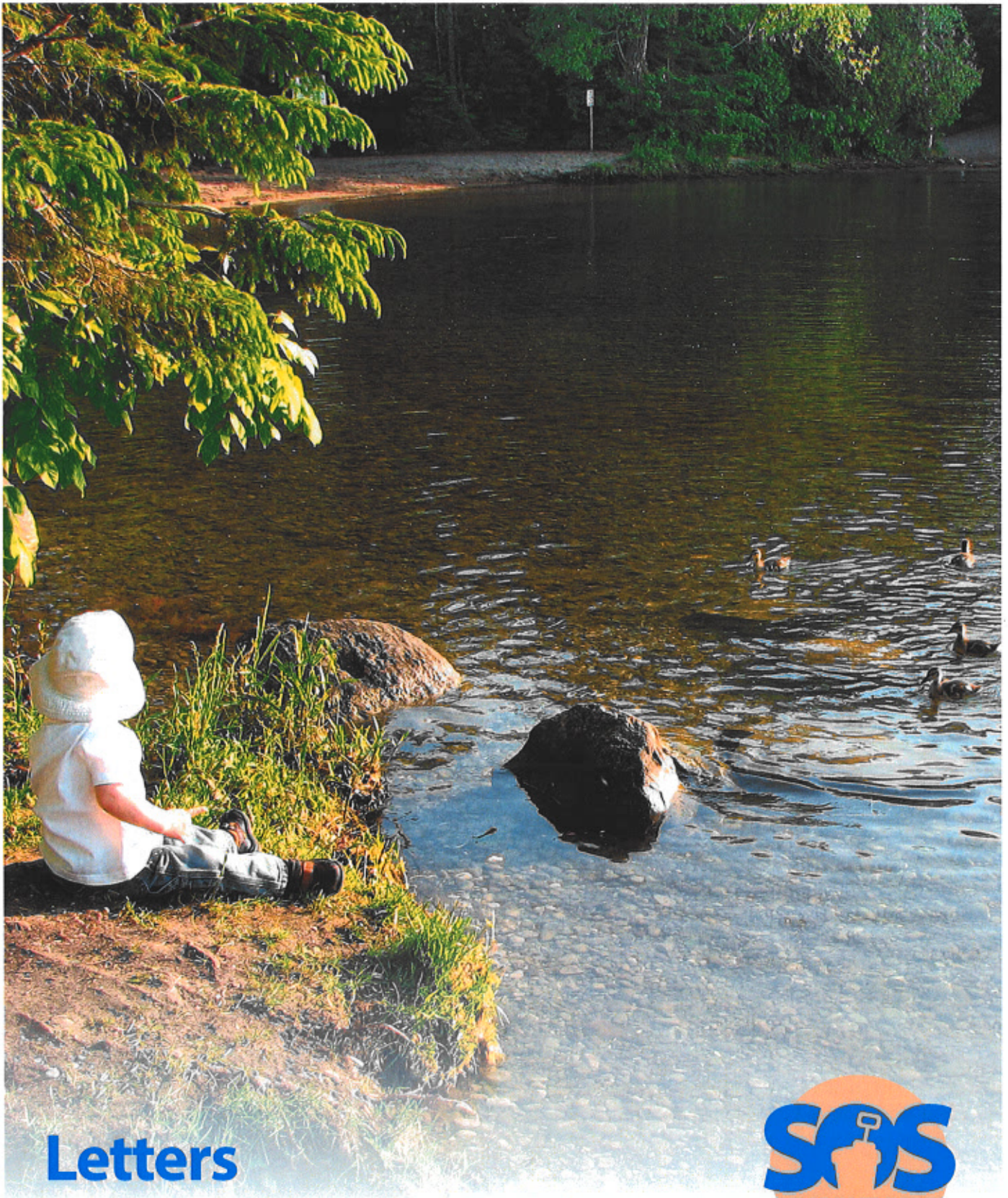
Thank you for taking the charge on this fight! I am behind all you the way. I don't want the City to change Wilkins Beach in any way.

The plan to redesign the beach area looks like an expensive fix for Barrie taxpayers when all we need is to address the environmental concerns of flooding & the riding banks of the creek. The flooding is due to the increased water run off needs a solution & the banks of the creek need to be reinforced with rocks etc. We still need the buoys to keep boats from coming into shore.

Teresa Woolard

**Barrie Chamber of Commerce's
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Letters



From: **A. Brouillette** aabrouillette@rogers.com
Subject: Wilkins Beach
Date: April 5, 2021 at 3:19 PM
To: artcet@icloud.com

Good morning,
We received your flyer regarding the city council's proposal for our beach.

My husband Warren and I live close to the lake on _____ We
strongly object to closing of the beach, indeed, Wilson's beach is one of the main
reasons we chose to live here.

We are disappointed that the council's decision was made without warning or
advise to the local neighbourhood.

We do not subscribe to facebook and therefore are unable to attach the deputation
form. This email serves to express our objections.

Thank you,
Angela & Warren Brouillette

Linda Campbell

Barrie, ON
L4N0G9

Re: Deputation in opposition to shoreline restoration project at Wilkins Beach | General Committee motion number DEV008-21

April 6, 2021

Mayor Lehman and Barrie City Councilors

I find the staff report rather hard to swallow and ask that you hear the history of our community and allow the community to be part of the solutions.

I would like to Quote Ward 10 Councilor, Mike McCann on CTV News, "I need to know how we got here, why we got here to determine those facts so we never get here again."

Let me share a brief history of our community. The community adopted the trails, parks and beach in 2003 for 3 years. We cleaned and maintained this area with the amazing support of Mona Boyd. We came together and celebrated our community by putting our hands to work. Significant relationships developed during our involvement. We came together for our neighbours through cancer diagnosis, the loss of a partner, fundraiser, pot-luck in the park and activities our children created and implement, for instance making bio degradable Christmas decorations for the park followed by an evening of Christmas carolling. This community said good bye to neighbours but welcomed the new ones. We watched out for one another and always offered support and a helping hand. That's the definition of community.

In the past when our community experienced large teen parties on the beach, Mayor Hamilton orchestrated community meetings at the South Shore Centre with Barrie Staff and Police representatives. Wilkins beach was defined by City Parks Department as a "Community Beach" meaning people would be within walking distance as there were no washroom facilities or parking. This was consistent and constant until 2016.

The Fall of 2015, several neighbours met with Mike McCann to discuss the issues of parking once Capps Dr. would be joined via the development of Mr. Fein's property. Mike McCann offered to complete a survey asking neighbours south of Capps Drive what changes they would like to see. He reported back indicating not one was interested in changing the current parking

status. Note: a request was made to see copies of this survey in the summer of 2020 and have not received a copy of the analysis.

By the summer of 2016 the community experienced an increase of all day visitors on weekends. At the end of the day the visitors left their garbage on the beach, parks and our properties. Examples of items; dirty diapers, toddler / children's soiled underwear, beer cans and wine bottles, paper plates and food items. Parking issues began to become problematic, parking in no parking zone and very close to the end of driveways making it challenging to exit your driveway. We discussed these issues with Mike and he told us to take pictures and call by-law office. The community did exactly that. Each year we witnessed an increase of people visiting the beach on weekends. There was a difference though. People arrived at 11:00 am and remained until 8:00 pm. They dumped charcoal from their BBQ in the creek, wooded area or the lake. Washing soiled clothing, dishes in the creek was witnessed frequently. The visitors left behind garbage that by the next day the animals dispersed in the forest. Yes, the community went into the bush and gathered garbage then paid for garbage tags to get rid of it.

From 2016 to 2019 we continued to call by-law and update Mike McCann. During the summer of 2019, Mike McCann was contacted frequently asking for help. The number of people attending Wilkins beach on weekends had become overwhelming. The issues surpassed the previous years and the trend was environmentally concerning let alone the safety of the roadways surrounding the beach and walking trails.

On October 4, 2019 several people attended a meeting with Mike McCann.

The following issues were discussed and the points mentioned are cut from a letter sent to Mayor Lehman and Cc to Mike McCann on Oct 9, 2019

- Parking violations- Parking at Wilkins Beach in a no parking zone. Emergency vehicles have to park in the middle of the road to respond to emergency calls (picture attached). Parking in Valley View Court due to nowhere to park at Wilkins Beach.
- People are coming in large groups, setting up large tent shelters on the beach and Upper Park. They arrive with several coolers, BBQ (charcoal or propane), and staying for the entire day into early evening.
- They are changing clothing in the woods, using the woods for defecating / voiding, leaving their sanitary napkins and tampons in the woods, children's underwear filled with feces.
- At the end of their lovely day at the beach they discard dirty diapers on our lawns, park, garbage cans, woods. Throwing their charcoal into our wooded area or dump it on the sandy beach. The garbage sometimes is picked up but often our community is required to clean it up. If they leave food by the next days the animals have gone into the open barrel garbage can on the beach. Yes, we find broken beer bottles on the beach, wooded area and upper park. Please note, people that park up in Valley View Court walk the back path and dispose of their garbage on the walk to their car.
- Smoking of cigarettes and Pot is frequently happening and is very frustrating.

- By-law officers will ticket cars parked illegally but do no other violations. Once a car has a ticket it remains in the illegal spot causing issues for emergency vehicles and is a very cheap day of fun at the expense of our community.
- Environmental damage to the grass and beach area and walking trails
- These people are likely not purchasing one single item in Barrie and come with all their plastic, food, drink, diapers and bodily waste and leave all of it here for us to clean up. Actually, it is costing the City of Barrie and our community a significant amount of money, time and frustration.

Community Suggestions offered during the meeting with Mike McCann on Oct 4, 2019

- Parking: extend parking regulations to include Crimson Ridge to Royal Park, all of Valley View Court, all of Blue Water, Royal Park to Tamarac, Capps Drive, with Barrie Resident Parking Permit only signs.
- Increase the parking violation fine in these areas significantly and tow vehicles in no parking zones
- Provide residence with two additional parking passes per household to allow visitors to park without being fined.
- More by-law officers that will not give warnings BUT rather fine people for violations. Smoking on the beach, drinking on the beach, dogs off leash, barbequing, large tents erected and parking illegally.
- Take Wilkins Beach off the City of Barrie website. Note: Dock road beach, Tollendale Park and the Gables are not currently on the website. Dock road has a parking lot and port-a-pot on site. Tollendale Park is identical to our beach area with access to the water with no parking or washrooms but they have been spared the grief we are experiencing. Gables has parking but they remain off the website. Mike has not been able to clarify why these other beaches are not highlighted on the city website in the same manner as Wilkins Beach. We don't wish this on any other community but would like an explanation for this decision.
- Changing the name or removing the word beach from the sign and Barrie City website.

A few notable responses from Mike McCann,

- Request for additional city support staff (by-law or garbage clean up) would increase our taxes
- Wilkins beach could not be taken off the city website because they test the water.
- Our community needs to start calling Service Barrie if we have parking violations or to address other by-law issue. Mike shared the phone number to Service Barrie for the first time in 4 years
- He indicated that we needed to call this number with all and any issues to demonstrate the need and necessity for more service in our community.

Following this meeting nothing further happened regarding the above issues.

If you would like a copy of the meeting minutes from October 4, 2019, we had a stenographer attend to document the discussion and response from Ward 10 Councilor.

Fast forward to spring 2020.

Mike McCann was contacted frequently by the community in the spring of 2020. With Covid 19 social distancing protocol in place and significant increase of people coming to the beach all day, every day. Mike was not able to provide any change or results for the issues we experienced daily. In mid June 2020, I spoke to Mayor Lehman on the phone for 20 minutes and he told me that he would call me back by the end of the day. Mayor Lehman indicated that Andrea Miller would be dealing with the issues and she would contact me the following day. Within 3 days Andrea was meeting with the community and heard many issues. Many community residents were disappointed that Mike McCann did not attend. Shortly after the meeting I discovered Wilkins beach being promoted on Tourism Barrie. I sent this information to Andrea and in less than an hour she replied Wilkins beach was removed from there website. Later that day Mayor Lehman made a post on social medial regarding this incident. Our community discovered that Mike McCann is the cities representative on the Board of Tourism Barrie and Wilkins beach had been promoted for years on this website.

During the summer of 2020 Barrie City Hall responded to the exact same issues the community identified to Mike McCann in the summer of 2019. It took Covid 19, additional people abusing the beach and trails and CTV News to get the support we had been identifying to Mike McCann for many years.

Did I answer Mike's need to know how we got here, why we got here to determine those facts so we never get here again.

Now Wilkins beach is before Council to determine if we stay sandy or rocky.

- I support the closure of the beach for 2021 to replant necessary vegetation to help stabilize the creek embankment and not allow people to have access to this area.
- I feel the staff report has no flexibility to explore less invasive changes to the beach. Why can't we explore less invasive most affective and engage the community to help support restoration. Does the current status of the beach have only one solution ROCKS?

Suggestions;

- A small area of access to the water remain open summer 2021 to allow for people to enter the water to swim, kayak or paddle board.
- Fix the forest at the bottom of the stairs and path at Capps drive access that has been draining directly into Kempenfelt Bay since conception.
- Enforcement of by-laws immediately no warnings.
- Establish tow zone for parking in no parking zone and significantly increase parking fines on roads near all entrances of the trails and beach.

- Have a partnership with the community and appoint a community representative to attend meetings and have a collaborative relationship and ownership with the community.
- Appoint a Barrie City Council member that will not promote Wilkins beach on the Tourism Barrie website.
- Let's give the beach a chance to heal and re-evaluate in a year. Establish levels of recovery for the beach and evaluate the healing process. Is the Rock Plan the only PLAN?

We have been protecting the beach, creek and trails for years with our hand and voices and this community is strongly invested in the future of the beach and walking trails. We have been screaming to the wrong person for years but now understand where to go when we need issues heard and resolved.

Thank you,
Linda Campbell

From: **Hanne** hanneegonw@gmail.com
Subject: Wilkins beach
Date: April 5, 2021 at 5:49 PM
To: artcot@icloud.com

We understand that Wilkins beach must be repaired for the environmental damage done by large crowds last summer. Please do NOT close the beach by installing cobble, boulders and bushes .As local tax payers we enjoy riding our bikes for a dip on a hot summer day. There must be a better solution. Do not advertise it as BEACH to out of towners. Instead of investing in boulders and rocks use the money to pay someone to enforce the rules at the shore on hot days. For years there have been signs that dogs are not allowed but many dog owners continue to walk their pets there without enforcement.

Save our sand.
E & H Christensen

City of Barrie, Legislative and Court Services Department

70 Collier Street, P.O. Box 400,

Barrie, Ontario

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RE: Wilkin's Beach Motion- DEV008-21

Attention- Barrie Council

We are writing to express our concerns as homeowners for the undesired changes proposed to Wilkens Beach sand removal and disruption that will have a negative affect on the environment and our community.

1- Portion off an area of the beach from traffic to allow for the area to repair itself with no massive manmade (removal of sand, lake waterfront and disruption to the fish spawning for the lake) changes to the area.

Why to allow area to heal itself-

To describe flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, unstable soils and unstable bedrock as 'natural hazards' is misleading. These are naturally occurring physical and ecological processes that have been continuously shaping and reshaping the earth for thousands of years. These processes are considered to be a 'hazard' when people and structures are located within areas directly impacted by these naturally occurring processes (MNR, 2001). All regions of Ontario have experienced these naturally occurring processes to varying extents.

<https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Shared%20Documents/permits/watershed-development-guidelines.pdf>

2- Federal Law endangered species Cowesic affecting the natural habitat negatively.

Ontario Recovery Strategy – Piping Plover bird endangered in area.

3- Rock formations in the water attract Zebra Mussels and Round Gobies that effects our area ecologically and economically.

4- Natural plants added to the area behind the beach to help with erosion and drainage.

5- Lessen traffic to the area to local only and beach sectioned as off bounds.

As a homeowner in this area one of the main reasons for purchasing in Barrie and this area was due to this beach and nature preserve. We purchased a kayak and paddleboard to adventure down to the beach and enjoy daily in the summer and this was a decision to move here to pay higher taxes so that we had this advantage. Tearing down this beach would have a negative effect on this community and environment.

On our daily walks we clean up the garbage left behind and have seen a tremendous increase in the traffic and amount of people since the area was advertised as a destination beach without the facilities.

Any change to this environment area with the sand, erosion, fish spawning is due to the new traffic and not to this community that has always treasured it.

We have been here for only 8 years yet people that have lived here for over 30 years have said this area has always had a beach with not problems to the environment or erosion. It was meant to have a beach.

Any manmade involvement at this time, especially what is proposed, will have a negative impact to the natural resource, environment, habitat and fish spawning in the lake. We have had one year of overused traffic and now to create more change manmade will be more of an issue that will affect the environment.

Any more disruption will affect the fish spawning in the river for years to come.

This proposal is a quick fix that will affect not just our area negatively but the lake in its whole as well.

Anita Heidema & Dario Tomaselli

Barrie Ontario

L4N 0G7

From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com
Subject: Re: Re: [EXT] Wilkins Beach: Save our Sand
Date: April 5, 2021 at 11:32 PM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Re: Deputation in opposition to shoreline restoration project at Wilkins Beach

Dear Mayor Lehman and Barrie City Councilors,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Lindsay Knight

From: Donald Adams artcot@me.com
Subject: Note from Rita Lockhart to your Facebook Page Save Our Sand
Date: April 5, 2021 at 8:46 PM
To: Mark Adams artcot@icloud.com

Your Name: Rita Lockhart

Phone Number:

Your Question:

I live on _____ and just received your flyer.

I was very disappointed when I saw and read in the news about Council's "solution" to the problem that we had at Wilkin's Beach last summer. Wilkin's Beach has long been used respectfully by local residents as a quiet, out of the way beach at the end of a lovely trail through a ravine. The overcrowding and destruction that occurred there last summer was directly related to the pandemic and the advertisement of "our little gem" in Tourism Barrie. I walk the trails often, and love to go down to the beach area and enjoy the lake, whether gazing out at the water or going for a swim. It's lovely to see the families with their young children enjoying an afternoon at the beach, having a sandy spot to play and rest. The ravine trail and sandy beach are one of the prime reasons my husband and I bought in this area. Last summer, while walking along the trail, I couldn't and wouldn't even venture down to the beach and creek area due to the overcrowded conditions; however, Council's "solution" of removing the sandy area is unfair to the local residents who have long used and respected Wilkin's Beach. It is a knee-jerk reaction to the out of town visitors who came because of the pandemic and advertising in Tourism Barrie. Why are the local residents being punished permanently for a problem that is temporary? In my experience, it is not the local residents that have abused the beach area. Once the City put up signs and restrictions last year, things **did** improve. While a rehab is necessary after last summer's fiasco that should not encompass taking away the sandy beach area that the local residents have enjoyed for so many years. I urge Council to re-consider your "solution" to Wilkin's Beach. Keep the signs and restrictions in place. Allow the local residents to continue to enjoy our sandy beach as they have for years in the past.

Thank you for your response and your activism.

Sincerely,
Rita Lockhart

From: **Alex McDonald** eamcd67@gmail.com
Subject: Wilkins beach
Date: April 6, 2021 at 10:17 AM
To: artcet@icloud.com

It is a privilege to be able to live so close to a natural shoreline such as the south shore of Kempenfelt Bay. Wilkins beach should be left as it is to recover from overuse.

Removing the sand on Wilkins Beach and converting it to a artificial shoreline is a very poor solution to a parking problem

A park without washroom and picnic facilities should not be listed on the City of Barrie website.

Alex McDonald

From: **AnnaMarie** amn1@rogers.com
Subject: **Save our sand Wilkins Beach**
Date: **April 5, 2021 at 7:25 PM**
To: artcet@icloud.com
Cc: **Anna Marie Norquay** amn6kids@gmail.com

Hi,

Please add our names to all the information you collect.

We are seniors that live on Tamarack Trail and will not be able to attend any of the meetings. I have not downloaded and printed out the Deputation request form.

We bought here 4 ½ years ago and one of the reasons was the proximity to the lake and access to Wilkins Beach.

When our grandchildren come to visit it allows us to go out with them and stay in our community.

Our grandchildren are not able to come right now because of Covid but they look forward to going there and walking along the water when they can come.

We believe this is a waste of taxpayer's money! Even though you want to put in boulders to try to keep it as natural as possible, it is not the great solution!

There must be other solutions to keep people away. Why not have parking for owners only on the streets close by. That deterred a lot of people last year.

Deputize someone to ticket non owners! If you want to spend the money to put in the boulders and it takes 2 years to do this, then you cannot argue the cost of hiring and having people ticket legally.

Also, Wilkin's beach could be renamed so the word beach is no longer there. Keep Wilkins Walk. Take the beach off the map and any pamphlets, internet, media, to minimize any new people from coming up!

Also, we believe that COVID will be in a better place(meaning we are doing better this summer) so people can go on vacation and not need to come here for a dip in the lake!

Even if it is not this year, it will likely be that way next year. You could also block the site temporarily for this year if we start to have issues again.

Big assumption from the local government to think it will happen again this year!

Let me say we feel bad for the people who were impacted with all the garbage etc last year, however, it was one year! Even they should be concerned for the other residents-and most likely are .

They have waterfront properties and will always have water access. We, like them, pay taxes for this and would like to be able to access our sandy beach-not ruin it forever!

Anna Marie and John Norquay

Barrie, ON

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From: **Kathy PSIHOGIOS** npmovers@rogers.com
Subject: Letter supporting your proposal
Date: April 5, 2021 at 7:03 PM
To: artcet@icloud.com

Thank you for taking this on, if you require any further assistance please call or email.

Kathy Psihogios
NP Movers

From: **TANYA YEARWOOD** tanyay@rogers.com
Subject: Wilkins Beach
Date: April 6, 2021 at 9:12 AM
To: officeofthemayor@barrie.ca
Cc: **Mike McCann** Mike.McCann@barrie.ca, artcet@icloud.com

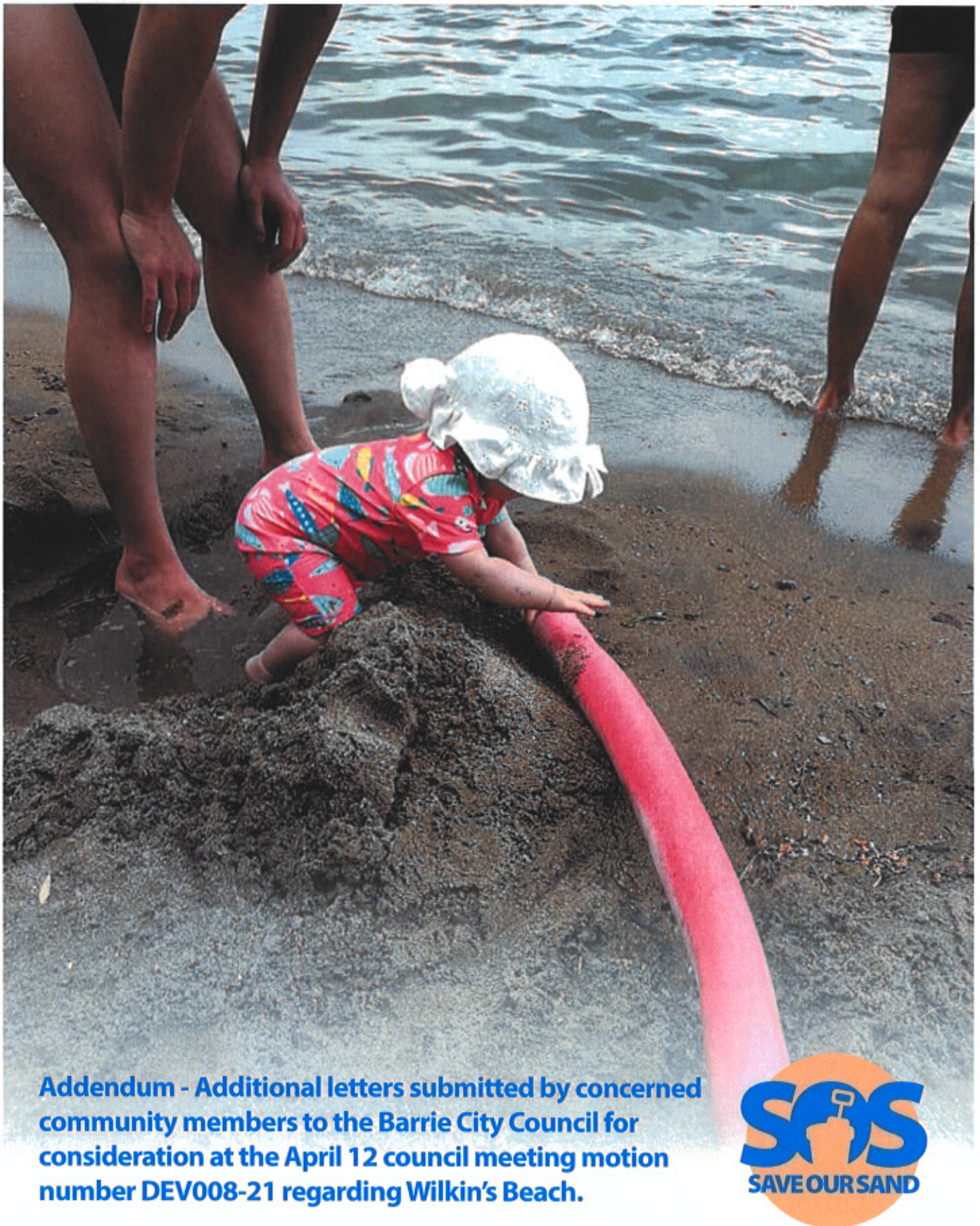
We wish to express our displeasure and concern about the recent announcement to destroy the little beach at Wilkins Walk. We are seniors who have enjoyed taking our grandchildren to cool off in the local beach. As well, we walk regularly down the trail and around the neighbourhood pausing to watch little neighbourhood children frolicking at the beach. The natural environment is enjoyed by all.

The unusual circumstances of posting this beach as a tourism destination in the middle of a pandemic created crowds like have never been seen in the past. With proper by law enforcement early, the parking, trash and general disruption of the area would never have occurred.

Therefore, we would suggest that instead of destroying a unique neighbourhood treasure, do what is necessary to prevent a reoccurrence of last year. Enforce early if it appears that crowds are returning. Punishing the people who live and pay taxes in the area is a very poor solution.

Paul and Tanya Yearwood

Sent from my iPad



Addendum - Additional letters submitted by concerned community members to the Barrie City Council for consideration at the April 12 council meeting motion number DEV008-21 regarding Wilkin's Beach.



FULL NAME STUART BROWN

ASHLEY RUSSELL HARTE

BARRIE LYN 9K2

Street address, postal code, phone number and email address

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Lindsay Knight

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 12		
GENERAL COMMITTEE MOTION NUMBER: DEV008-21		
SUBJECT: Wilkin's Beach		
NAME OF PERSON TO APPEAR: <i>Julia Butler</i>		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
STREET ADDRESS: <i>Place L4N9K2</i>		
City: <i>BARRIE</i>	Postal Code: <i>L4N9K2</i>	
PHONE:	HOME:	BUSINESS:
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PHONE:	HOME:	BUSINESS:
NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable): <i>Julia Butler</i>		
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION: <i>I am very upset to think that to remove our beach is even being considered. It does not make sense. We pay high taxes here and I love to go down behind my house and enjoy the absolute beauty. Just because some inconsiderate</i>		
LETTER SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST: YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

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People come from out of town and make a mess
we loose our beach? Barrie would have no beaches
at all if you did this to every beach that has issues.
Surely you should think of it as this beach is little and enjoyed
by many people

Please reconsider
we should not
loose our beach
why do we pay
such high taxes
This beach is an
enjoyment
protected land.
Please leave it
for our enjoyment

Andrew Oesch

, L4N 8K9, Barrie ON

Re: Deputation in opposition to shoreline restoration project at Wilkins Beach | General Committee motion number DEV008-21

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Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew and Krystal Oesch

From: Donald Adams artcet@me.com 
Subject: Save our Sand!!!!
Date: April 7, 2021 at 11:06 AM
To: Mark Adams artcet@icloud.com

Sorry I am late in responding but I would like to share that my 3 children have grown up at Wilkins Beach (known to locals as Chicken Bone Beach). I have always planned on taking my grandchildren there one day too...we would pack our lunches and spend countless hours playing, looking for frogs and swimming. As my kids grew, they started going on their own and now as a local teacher, I spend countless hours in the summer reading and swimming there. This is the hidden gem that makes our community what it is...a beautiful place to live and enjoy life!!! Why it was EVER listed on a website is beyond me! It was a local, secret beach that only our neighbourhood enjoyed, and now you want to take it away because of the carelessness of City Hall in the first place? Please let our concerns be heard!!!
I can be reached at any time:

The photo attached is my youngest (now going off to university) at chicken bone beach in 2009

Thank you,
Tammy Ovens



Ernest K. Vettese

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Lindsay Knight

April 6, 2021

Subject: Opposition to shoreline restoration project at Wilkins Beach | General Committee motion number DEV008-21

To the council members of Barrie,

My name is Ernie Vettese, and my family (wife and 2 children ages 15 and 17) have been residents of _____ for over 10 years. I would like to thank the council for their efforts to resolve the problem of overuse by non-residents, while protecting and preserving the beach park. We walk to the beach park every day and used the beach frequently. My kids grew up playing in the sand at that beach, and I am extremely proud that the beach is a part of my community and use of my tax dollars. It is a big reason why I chose to live here, and a reason for me to continue living here. I think we can all agree that the park is one of the most beautiful (the most beautiful in my opinion) in all of Barrie. I strongly support the protection and preservation of such an amazing natural jewel, not destruction.

I had hoped that my grandchildren would get to experience the daily joy my children had. Removing the beach would destroy the essence of the park and ruin something so special to our community. The concept of removing the beach from the park, simply to prevent the possibility of others enjoying it is expensive, irresponsible and unnecessary. I do not support any changes to the beach, unless they are done to enhance the natural beauty and health of the beach park. Please work toward a solution to preserve and protect what is there!

I use the beach and trails at least once a day, all year and have been doing so for over 10 years. I was witness to the disrespect, over-crowding and pollution caused by non-residents arriving to expect a public beach, with public beach amenities. The changes made by ticketing cars without resident passes made an obvious improvement, and it appeared to have fixed the problem. Listing it as a public park last year (especially a Covid 19 year) was a clear oversight and mistake. This obviously brought traffic by non-residents and delisting it as such, coupled with ticketing and towing those without a resident pass, seems to be an obvious and effective solution (also a lot less expensive). The pandemic has brought a lot more foot traffic from residents enjoying the beach park, however they have been respectful, and I have not seen any damage as a result (just some foot path erosion). This additional traffic will subside when the pandemic is over and doesn't appear to be a problem anyway.

Please respect the fact that that the beach is a very special place, and needs our protection and respect. Destruction of something so beautiful should not be on the table...that is simply not a solution to any problem.

Sincerely,

Ernie Vettese