

## Legislation Text

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### **DEPUTATIONS CONCERNING MOTIONS 22-P-006 AND 22-P-007, PROPOSED CITY OF BARRIE OFFICIAL PLAN AND MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW**

**Councillor, S. Morales declared real and direct pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as he and members of his family could be financially impacted in the future. He did not participate or vote on the foregoing matter. He left the virtual Council meeting.**

The following Deputations were provided concerning motions 22-P-006 and 22-P-007:

1. Jennifer van Gennip, advised that she was speaking on behalf of the SCATEH Barrie Chapter. Ms. Van Gennip thanked City staff for encouraging SCATEH's engagement throughout the process of developing the proposed Official Plan. She thanked Council for its interest in affordable housing and expressed support for the proposed changes to the affordable housing target and the proposed Official Plan as amended.

Ms. van Gennip provided an overview of the Housing Assessment Resource Tool (HART) developed by the University of British Columbia which aims to establish standardized methods to measure housing needs and enables affordable housing targets to be established based on household income. She stated that this tool is currently being piloted in several Ontario municipalities. Ms. van Gennip commented that she feels that this is a much more useful way than what is currently being used to set affordable housing targets.

Ms. van Gennip stated that good planning includes housing options for the full spectrum of people who call the City of Barrie home and that the proposed Official Plan provides City staff with more robust tools to address housing needs. She indicated that she felt the proposed Official Plan will result in more reliable access to infrastructure with public washrooms and areas that can be used as warming and cooling centres for vulnerable and marginalized populations.

2. Cathy Colebatch commented on Council's discussions that have taken place concerning the proposed Official Plan and the questions and amendments that had been brought forward. She acknowledged the effort it has taken to review the proposed Official Plan and its policies throughout the various updates and legislative changes. She thanked City staff, Michelle Banfield, Director of Development Services, and her team on the work undertaken on the proposed Official Plan.

Ms. Colebatch suggested that the use of storey and metre be clarified as it results in confusion between the Official Plan and Zoning By-law documents. She also requested that a cap on high density developments be established so that this matter is not decided by City staff or Council. Ms. Colebatch expressed her concerns with the two-year moratorium on changes to the Official Plan once it is approved by the province. She felt that this moratorium prevents residents from bringing forward proposed changes.

Ms. Colebatch noted her concerns with the City of Barrie's tree canopy and stated that she felt the City

of Barrie is losing a significant portion of its tree canopy and that the proposed Official Plan does not contain enough focus on this issue. She discussed further concerns with parking, and townhouses that do not fit in the neighbourhood being developed in existing neighborhoods with bungalows or two storey homes. She noted that setback requirements result in parking being located at the front of the development which eliminates greenspace. Ms. Colebatch stated that demolition control should be implemented to maintain existing built form stock that is in good condition.