

June 13, 2019

City of Kawartha Lakes
P.O. Box 9000, 12 Peel Street
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To Whom it may concern,

Re: June 19th, 2018 Council Meeting

We are writing in regards to the potential development of surplus lands which are located along the Scugog River, near Bond St. and Lindsay St. North. We are concerned about this development for a number of reasons.

First, we are very fortunate to have the Scugog River running through the Town of Lindsay. To have parks and treed green space within easy access of our downtown core, makes Lindsay a very desirable location for tourists to visit and for our residents to live. Building a structure of any sort along the waterfront will detract from the natural beauty that is currently there. We have limited waterfront green space in Lindsay. We need to protect that space from development, because once we start doing that, that green space is forever lost.

Also, there are already high density affordable housing structures being built in that area of the city. The need for affordable housing is great. That is undeniable. But most cities now are adopting mixed residential housing policies. Certainly there must be other areas of the city where land is available to build these housing units, where the impact on our environment is smaller.

Finally, with the addition of so many social housing structures being built in this small area, and the loss of parkland, we are concerned that property values are going to begin to fall. It will not be an area that is considered by potential home buyers. The incentive to update and maintain our homes will decrease, as the cost would not be recovered in the future sale of our homes.

Certainly we need more affordable housing in the Town of Lindsay. But the location must be chosen so that it has the least impact on our environment, preserves precious green space, and does not overwhelm one particular neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

John and Diane Pearson