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TO: Kawartha Lakes – Ann Rooth

From: Idele and Rod Hynes

SUBJECT: file no D06-2018-022 at 132 Oakdene Crest, Little Britain

We understand this case was not resolved at the Sept 12th planning meeting and is now going to the Sept 25th Council meeting. Their property is directly across the street where we own a cottage at 133 Oakdene Crest. As we are not able to attend the September 25th meeting I wanted to make sure our views and concerns are addressed.

I have not discussed this with the owner of the property but I understand it was built for bird watching. While I applaud them for helping nature by building the Osprey nest; being able to go up there and take pictures and having a full view of the area is for their pleasure only, the birds don't benefit from it.

Their property is already much more elevated than ours so our concern is that the tower now gives them a full view of neighbour's yards; front and back and the bay. In the past the tower has not just been used for the purpose of bird watching. One day while I was playing in the yard with my grandchildren, I had the owner yell out to me to say hi, from the top of the tower, where she was sitting with a friend. We feel we have lost our privacy in our own yard; behind fairly high hedges may I add, with the construction of the tower being so high. While the growth of the trees and leaves give us back some of our privacy for part of the year, it is wide open the rest of the time.

Also, we were in the process of selling our cottage this past summer and several potential buyers and/or real estate agents have commented on it in a negative way. It is hard to miss.

The owner of the property has been very quick at telling people what to do and what not to do since she has moved in; to follow the law and even for her own satisfaction; telling us where we should store our boat on our property for the winter, so it is interesting to see how she has just gone ahead and built this very high tower without first looking into what they were allowed to do.

While I do appreciate nature very much and enjoy it myself, it should not impact people around you. What people do on their property is none of our business, unless it impacts my quality of life; therefore, we would ask that the re-zoning request not be passed and that the tower should be reduced in height according to current by-law.

Thank you,

Idele and Rod Hynes

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