

## Joel Watts

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**To:** Sandra Hood  
**Subject:** RE: FILES: D01-2020-005 and D06-2020-023 RE-ZONING

**From:** Sandra Hood  
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**Cc:** Sandra Hood  
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Hi,

I am writing this letter with concerns of the recent letter I received on November 2020 from the City of Kawartha Lakes. I would like to inform you that I would like to participate in the upcoming meeting scheduled by zoom on December 2, 2020. Also if something happens in this zoom conference that I can't get in, I would like my comments addressed at this meeting. Thank you.

It is to my understanding that the properties adjacent to me are applying for a re-zoning with the intention of building an 11-storey, 207 apartment units, complex including businesses in the lower level.

1. It appears outrageous that an apartment of this size can be accommodated on such a small piece of property, also the parking issues it will create.
2. Not to mention the amount of families and increase in population in the downtown area, this will be a disadvantage to the city in this location.
3. It is unfortunate that the city didn't consider purchase of these properties to facilitate present and future parking in and near the downtown area.
4. The city has put a lot of money into building up the downtown roads, the parks around the Trent System locks and waterways, with the addition for boat launching, new playgrounds, landscaping in the park, along the scugog river. The recent landscaping is so beautiful in the park it looks welcoming to visitors and tourists to the downtown by boat, walking along the river and other means. I'm truly impressed with this project so far. Why destroy that with an ugly huge apartment building.
5. This apartment will be an EYE SORE, after all the money and effort spent in the park, making it stand out in the downtown area. The apartment does NOT fit in with the landscape nor ambience of this area.
6. The current bridge at the intersection of William and Wellington is congested as it is now in the present with so much traffic coming and going. This intersection could NOT handle any more traffic and activity. This traffic would also affect the downtown, it could not handle this congestion and excess traffic.
7. We have such a lovely quaint downtown now, this building would be out of place to the heritage of and look of this area, not to mention a big EYE SORE.
8. It would also be an EYE SORE and out of place for the boaters travelling down the river and those walking in the park, who would otherwise experience the lovely view of the park and landscaping.
9. It would also increase the NOISE of the downtown.
10. This apartment complex and style is meant more for a big city like Toronto.

11. I am sure they can come up with a better use for this property. A paid parking lot. The city could purchase it and charge parking for people coming to visit to use the park and shop in the downtown area. Do some nice landscaping around the parking lot to make visitors feel welcome to the city, and add some character to this area.

12. A restaurant would be a great feature to this area with windows overlooking the park for visitors as well as locals, with some added small businesses selling local items and souvenirs. A place for the chamber of commerce tourist office or information booth for visitors.

IT JUST DOESN'T FIT INTO THIS AREA. THE LANDSCAPE, ETC.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hood