



**SCUGOG LAKE STEWARDS INC., submission to
Scugog Township Council, June 21, 2024**

**Avenu Properties Development Corporation - Equus/Scugog
Port Perry, (Cawker's Creek)**

**SUBJECT: THE SCUGOG LAKE STEWARDS' COMMENTS
REGARDING THE PROPOSED MZO APPLICATION TO
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

We are aware that the Township is currently in receipt of the above development proposal which seeks to rezone lands to facilitate intensive residential development on private services directly adjacent to the lake at the mouth of Cawker's Creek. This proposal is conceptual only without the necessary data-study to enable essential assessment of its potential short and long term impact on the health of the lake and therefore the economy.

The proponent's apparent intention is to obtain rezoning approval of their proposal for the land through the new Bill 185 and through a Ministerial Zoning Order. Does Council support this Ministerial Zoning Order in the face of missing prerequisite information or feedback from the community to evaluate its short and long term impact to Lake Scugog?

Scugog Lake Stewards Inc. was established in March 2003 as a non-profit charitable corporation with a mandate which included the conservation and protection of Lake Scugog and its watershed and to increase public awareness of lake health and support for continued economic, social and recreational development around the lake in an ecologically responsible and sustainable manner.

We believe that the health and vitality of Lake Scugog is critical to the continued success of the economy of the Township of Scugog and its livability and viability as a community. Especially since 2015, we have observed a serious deterioration of lake quality through the impact of many factors including the various results of recent climate change, the

introduction of destructive invasive species and continued shoreline development deteriorating near shore viability and balance, to name a few.

The Scugog Lake Stewards are supportive of continued development in the Township of Scugog and would not oppose development provided it has been evaluated positively with regard to its short and long term impact on the environment generally and upon Lake Scugog in particular, ...

Therefore, the Scugog Lake Stewards' Board of Directors have resolved:

"That Scugog Lake Stewards Inc. recommends that Council not support advancing this major conceptual proposal to the Province at this time or until such time as the necessary detailed information is provided that confirms, based on science-based assessments, that the development will not negatively impact the health of the lake and or the municipality's financial responsibilities in both the short and long term, ...

And that any other proposal to develop adjacent to Lake Scugog require similar substantive evaluation to ensure that the lake and the municipality will not be adversely affected in the short or long term;

And further, prior to making any decision on the proposed development, that the Township Council hold a public hearing(s) to enable residents and stakeholders the opportunity to be updated on Council's due diligence of the potential impacts of this development on Port Perry's overall livability, and economic viability, together with the impact upon the health of Lake Scugog, a lake already under serious threat."

Proposed as at: June 20, 2024

President, Rob Messervey, Scugog Lake Stewards Inc:

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