

Dear Mayor Wotten and Members of Council,

We are writing to you today in response to the disturbing news we received via email from your planning staff re the possible approval of an MZO order at the June 24th meeting of Council for the proposed Avenue properties project at Castle Harbour contained below.

"You are receiving this email because you expressed an interest and/or provided comments to the Township about a proposed development for certain Lands south of Castle Harbour Drive and east of Simcoe Street.

Please be advised that the Township anticipates a request from Avenu Properties Limited to Council for the June 24, 2024 Council Meeting. We anticipate the request will be for Council to request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to enact a Ministers Zoning Order (MZO) to implement the proposed development.

Please be advised that the Township has not received detailed background reports for the MZO from the applicant to circulate to the public and commenting agencies for comment, as staff had anticipated and previously indicated to you. You will be able to access the Council Agenda when it is available, as early as June 19, 2024. Please see the link: [Agendas and Minutes | Township of Scugog](#) and click on June 24, 2024 meeting in the calendar, to get access to the agenda and view the MZO request."

This is a proposed housing development that affects not only our lake but our entire infrastructure, such as, our hospital, medical associates, schools, recreational facilities, character of town and quality of life we presently enjoy.

We are not opposed to much needed affordable housing for seniors who want to downsize from their large family homes and live in an integrated community with the appropriate infrastructure and program support to keep them in their homes and out of LTC institutions. What we are opposed to, is unbridled growth based on greed not need. In lieu of an MZO order may we suggest the following process.

1. Deny their MZO request and ask Avenu to submit the reports requested by our planning staff. Staff will proceed with the consultation process with the affected agencies and general public within an expediated timeline to receive comments from the appropriate agencies and general public.

2. Enter into a legal agreement within a plan of subdivision with Avenu to revise their original proposal to build a housing development based on the needs of our community with a footprint that mitigates the impact on the present ecosystem and Lake Scugog.

This would give you and the developers an opportunity to build a state of the art twenty first century community housing development that Avenu could use as model for other communities to follow while mitigating the concerns of the local body politic.

Yours Sincerely,

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