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Township of Scugog  
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Mayor and Members of Council;

Lake Scugog and the surrounding area has been a favorite holiday area since the late 1960's . My late parents owned a cottage on the lake Scugog, Palmer Park and water front were regular areas to bring my daughter when she was younger and more recently, since 2015; May - October I spend a significant amount of time enjoying Lake Scugog, the Town of Port Perry and the beautiful water front.

It is true, housing (townhouses, apartment, condos, semi-detached, single living, garden suites and such) are needed, Port Perry is a desirable area especially for individuals seeking to make the area their home into retirement. That said, please take time to review other options. Please be encouraged; Mayor and Members of Council to consider building denser neighborhoods, expanding within and around neighborhoods that already exist; seek other options for growth And, vote against the MZO which will one day lead to building on or near precious Port Perry wetlands / shore lines.

It seems to me that all people considering moving to Port Perry certainly don't want to move into homes that have been highly contentious. New residents will want to know their new town will be amicable to them moving to Port Perry and would want the community to be welcoming.

An MZO is intended for use in cases of extraordinary urgency. When it's invoked, it overrides local planning authority, doesn't require expert analysis or public input, and includes no chance of appeal. There are other viable areas to build in Port Perry, many which are viable, density could be built, there are many other options. There is no extraordinary urgency to enact an MZO which would start the process toward removing safeguards that protect the Lake Scugog wetland area in the zoning request.

It is well known; the wetland provides essential natural services, like cleaning the water, helping prevent flooding in the community and providing critical habitat for wildlife, plants, bugs, fish, birds; these are no small things in the bigger picture. This habitat supports the natural environment, the ecosystem is a system. One essential part of it cannot be overlooked without climate issues increasingly being greater risks. Once essential parts of the ecosystem are removed no rerouting of water and other usual pitched solutions will replace what the ecosystem was doing effortlessly. This development threatens to destroy the sensitive wetland and add to the burdens that Lake Scugog carries. These include: increased polluted runoff, shoreline erosion and increased risk of flooding. This development will make all of these issues worse.

With an MZO, there is no criteria for technical competency. More study is needed on the impacts to the health of the lake and the feasibility of the project, including the private communal wastewater facility. For example, what infrastructure and water volumes the site can bear, how long repairs would take if/when the facility malfunctions, and what would happen to wastewater during periods of shutdown, and who will pay infrastructure costs.<sup>7</sup>

Thank-you for the work you do for the Town of Port Perry and Scugog.

**Please say "no" to Avenu's request for a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) from the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.**

Kindly,  
June Kinniburgh  
Durham Region Resident