

September 9, 2024

Madam Mayor Wilma Wotten

Councillors David Leroy, Janna Guido, Robert Rock, Harold Wright,  
Ian McDougall & Terry Coyne

As a long-time resident, builder and developer in this community, I felt I could not sit back, be silent and not speak my mind while the impending storm clouds approach. I have watched many a Council and staff come and go over the years, sat on our Housing Advisory Committee for 8 years and am now watching an upheaval in our community that I have never witnessed before with any of the past developments that have taken place here.

I am writing not to preach for or against the MZO for the Avenue Development proposal but for what you, our town Council, was elected to do. You took an oath to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality as a whole based on the current laws and policies of the day. We constituents sit out here and throw "stones" for and against the proposal, but we do not have all the facts that are available to you, our elected officials, to make those decisions. You have the tools available to you to make informed decisions based on the facts, what is allowed in the PPS, the current zoning and what our by-laws of the day permit or do not permit.

You are being challenged by very complex issues with this project, laden with controversial policies, new technology and inundated with comments for and against from your constituents. We look to you, our Council along with staff to work together towards the common goal of serving the long-term needs of those who live in our municipality.

I do not envy your role, but I will respect the decision you take to guide us forward, as you have been elected to do. You know, **you will not win either way**, as there are those that will continue to cast stones with whatever your decision may be. I only trust that you will consider all the facts available to you, seek sound professional advice and make a decision, “yea or nay”, based upon the facts alone and not political pressure. I trust in your judgement and will respect your decision as I hope others will follow suit.

I wish you the courage to make an informed decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Lucyk', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

John Lucyk

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Port Perry, Ont.