

September 8, 2025

Township of King
2585 King Road, King City, ON

Dear Mayor Pellegrini, Councillors and Staff

RE: Zoning By-law Amendment – 22 and 32 Snowberry Lane File Number: Z-2025-10
Applicant: Steven McCarthy
Owners: Vince Oppedisano, Lynn Cooke, & Marco D'Ercole

I have had an opportunity to review the limited documentation provided regarding this proposal. In principle, I am not opposed to intensification if the natural features of the involved properties are seriously taken into consideration and protected.

Because King Township does not have a Tree Bylaw, I am concerned that with the alteration in lot lines, and the construction of three new houses, this will result in the unnecessary removal of trees, many of which are mature on these properties.

As is almost always the practice now in the settlement areas of King Township, trees are clear-cut prior to construction with zero thought as to how at least some could have been saved.

I am asking that staff seriously discuss with the owners whether all the proposed trees destined for removal need to be cut down, and to negotiate saving, and protecting during construction, as many as possible.

In the absence of a Tree Bylaw, we all need to do our part to save mature trees and to consider them an asset. They provide valuable habitat for birds and wildlife and play an important role in our adaption to climate change. They must be in our forethoughts when we consider new proposals and not be disregarded because it is easy to do so.

Yours truly,

Catherine Flear