

**From:** Katherine Warren [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Brenda Guy  
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Mayor and Members of Council:

I am writing to offer my support to the proposed development on South Street and offer the following observations:

1. The Lower Town Study is a great document but if it is being used as a guide and/or excuse to determine qualification for a project we need to back up to the already approved development at 15 Clarence St. that is allowing a 5 storey building with underground parking. There doesn't seem to be any documentation from anyone complaining it is over the 2-3 storey limit and it passed through Council with flying colors.
2. Parking in the entire south ward cannot get any worse, as every resident and Council for the past 20+ years is well aware. The south ward residents have written, phoned and presented petitions to Council because of the problem the Playhouse patrons have caused but never has there been a resolution to the locked driveways, plugged corners and total lack of regard for property owners in the entire area. The Playhouse has been given free reign and another building to help make a terrible on-going situation worse. There is no one else that could cause as big a parking nightmare.
3. With regards to the waterway rights I again refer to the Gananoque River (Lower Town) and note the docking spaces for this, which by the drawings come out almost to the middle of the River. This a well-traveled waterway as there are many boathouses and docking spaces and does sometimes get quite congested without any new construction sticking half way out but again there doesn't seem to be any complaints about this. Pier One offers docking spaces for their owners; further east on the St. Lawrence a private marina was built along with another private marina on the Gananoque River. All built without concern for waterway rights.

Caraco is very reputable company and well known far and wide for their construction business. They certainly have seemed to put forward an excessive effort to try and accommodate the concerns that were thrown at them even after the deplorable, rude way they were treated by all who participated at the last public meeting. We need this development and any other that might be willing to locate here. We cannot continue in the small minded, not-in-my-backyard attitude. I have lived all of my 60 years here, as did my parents before me but the future of this town worries me. We are facing increase after increase in our water bills since we are now being penalized for conserving and our tax bills continue to rise to cover the ever-increasing cost to run this small town. Our big industrial tax base is long gone and a thing of the past and tourist dollars are not going to help on a year round basis. We need some positive, forward thinking and now is the time to help relieve some of the tax burden on the residents.

Please, at this public meeting try to have someone who can have better control over the unnecessary snide comments and rudeness. It reflects very badly on everyone and not just those involved.

Sincerely,

Katherine Warren  
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