

As the founder of A.C.T. I am here to say thank you to all stakeholders. I am also here to highlight that the R1.1 to R2.1 zoning change required seems doable and a compromise that has taken much time. R2.1 is the Arbour/Shoreacres zoning, my home and many homes who have been attached to this file from the outset. To go from thirty nine to twenty eight, to ten to eight has shown passion and perseverance by all stakeholders. On behalf of A.C.T., I want to thank the City for its use of resources and I want to thank local residents of Blue Water/Avondale and the Arbour/Shoreacres Area for the extensive involvement required over these challenging years. Following the OMB resolution, the owner/builder came back with ten and now with eight single homes proposed for this site. This seems reasonable and responsive to all stakeholders needs as does a parkette and a view to the lake. Similar to Appleby Line, Walker's Line, Guelph Line (although larger), St. Paul and Market Street, a view of the lake for local walkers such as myself is meaningful. One neighbour who is 95 years old is a smiling example of the importance of a daily constitutional. She lives on the south side of Lakeshore, mere steps away from Blue Water. My family has known her by name but continue to call her the Smiley Lady for 22 years. Her approach to change is wise and her mannerisms and kindly words and mannerisms are always non-confrontational. Her walk is brisk but she never fails to talk when beside you, and her waves especially to local children on school busses have meant more than words of thanks could ever express. For her and for any other walker to be able to include within her walk a view to the lake makes my heart happy and gives many of us hope to be able to do the same into our nineties. It is an example of why ACT is here. This is a quiet walk on a quiet street to a quiet spot with a view to our lake.

As the co-initiator of the Arbour/Shoreacres Character Study I was involved with Blue Water/Avondale neighbours on the south side of Lakeshore from the get go. I and others walked and went door to door in order to get a highly visible presence and voice at the Paletta Public Meeting. Quite a few of us, Ken, Barry, Ron and I to name a few, not only attended all public meetings but also presented on repeated occasions. Two such delegations from ACT were presented within the OMB hearing. We feel that we have been good neighbours and we know for a fact that we will continue to be good neighbours.

Thank you for this opportunity to delegate.

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