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Good morning,

I would like to make a written submission regarding the proposed zoning by-law amendment for the King St Parkette, ZBA 2024-08.

I strongly oppose the proposed change from Recreational (RE) to Residential (R1). The township claims the parkette is not used enough to justify its existence. Yet, this is solely due to the township's own (in)action as the township has neglected the parkette, performing only minimal maintenance and no investment. This is what made the parkette unattractive to residents. After years of neglect selling the parkette to the highest bidder is yet another slap in the face of residents who want to enjoy this greenspace. This land was given to the township as parkland. Once it has been sold, this asset will be gone forever. It feels almost like the township is trying to mimic the provincial government who tried to open up the greenbelt to development. Instead, the township should keep the parkette and invest some modest funds into its revitalization. Some tree pruning, a new sandbox, and a picnic area would be all that's needed. I am offering to donate two wooden park benches for the parkette if the township decides to keep it as a parkette.

Best regards, Hanno Rein, Uxbridge