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**“WITHOUT PREJUDICE”**

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Re: Zoning By-Law Amendment 2024-08 (ZBA 2024-08)  
Public Meeting Held December 2, 2024 at 11:00 am

Further to the above noted meeting and instructions given to the public by Todd Snooks, Councillor, my comments are as follows:

From previous speakers prior to my statements, it appears that the King Street Parkette was put in place somewhere in 1981 as a requirement as part of allowing a developer to construct homes. If the parkette was a part of the building agreement between the developer and Town, I question how can the Township now consider rezoning the land now after residents had use of the land as a parkette after 43 years?

What were the costs to maintain the parkette in 2022, 2023 and year-to-date for 2024? As per a photo taken back in the summer of 2024 (June 25) which is attached, the park hours are April 1 to September 30 from 7am – 10 pm and park hours are October 1 to March 31 from 7am – 8pm and there are two statements on the sign. One advising “Trails and Playgrounds not inspected or maintained during the winter months” which means there are no costs to maintain the park in the winter and another advising “This is a Recreational Trail” which any resident in the township is aware of, Uxbridge promotes this to everyone as the “TRAIL CAPITAL” yet they are now willing to rezone recreational lands to residential and would this be rezoned for single family residential or for town houses or maybe an apartment complex. I did not hear what the rezoning would allow to be built on the parkette property. I did hear a comment about the new Provincial Park with 1300 acres and another comment that residents could go to Quaker Common a further distance from the area but no consideration if all residents would have the ability to get to the other park and/or how crowded that would be with the new developments proposed to the North of the arena.

Why were the swings already removed in August 2024? I did hear it was because they were unsafe but was that due to the neglect by the Town or anticipation of the proposed

rezoning to residential.

When I spoke about the anticipated sale price should this property be sold, the response I received was it was not going to be made public at this point. My reason for asking this question, had anyone compiled a report as to what was the Township cost for park maintenance versus income? I also heard in the meeting that there are no services such as hydro, municipal sewers or water on the street in front of the parkette. Who would pay to have these services extended to 233 King St? If the Town needed to pay for this upgrade, there would be a much less incentive to sell the parkette.

Also, it was noted that Liz Howson had recommended to the Township years ago that this property should be kept as a parkette. After a consultant is hired to comment to the Town, it seems irresponsible for the Town to dismiss her advice and go their own way anyway.

There are many large trees on the adjoining properties and no consideration is being given to the residents whose trees could have the roots of their trees damaged and eventually die. This statement also involves the bird life that live in the area. Trees have positive attributes to the quality of air and life.

In closing how much park space is being required for any new developments and how long will it be before the Town of Uxbridge rezones that park land in exchange for dollars.

I am requesting maintenance expense reports for 2022, 2023 and 2024 year-to date for the King Street Parkette as a taxpaying resident since the information was not available at the meeting and I would think that should have be available to the public during the meeting.

Our taxes keep going up yet the Township needs to sell our designated parklands --  
WHY?



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 **Township of Uxbridge**  
This is a Recreational Trail  
TWP BY-LAW (22-04)  




**PARK HOURS:**  
APRIL 1 – SEPTEMBER 30  
7AM - 10PM  
OCTOBER 1 – MARCH 31  
7AM - 8PM

TRAILS AND PLAYGROUNDS NOT  
INSPECTED OR MAINTAINED  
DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED. THIS AREA IS  
ACTIVELY PATROLLED & VIOLATORS FACE A  
MAXIMUM \$5000 FINE AS PER P.O.A.

    

PLEASE CALL 905-622-7121 TO REPORT ANY PROBLEMS OR VIOLATIONS.

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**NO SMOKING**  
within 20 metres  
of the Playground

 

