Petition to the Town of Collingwood

Whereas the Town of Collingwood's Official Plan has designated numerous Environmental Protection Areas in order to provide a heightened level of protection for Collingwood's most sensitive natural resources; and
Whereas that Plan further states that these Environmental Protection Areas, by virtue of their significant functions, attributes and linkages, are considered to make the greatest contribution to the natural heritage system of the Town of Collingwood; and
Whereas many of these Environmental Protection areas are located along the shoreline of Georgian Bay and include, in many cases, provincially sensitive wetlands that provide habitat for numerous species of fish, mammals and shoreline birds and in some cases protected species such as snapping turtles; and
Whereas the Town's zoning bylaw provides "set-back" requirements from these areas that are normally 7.5 meters or greater in order to ensure that harm from adjacent development is minimized; and
Whereas a development application has been made for the Living Waters lands at the corner of Balsam and Harbour streets that, if approved, would result in the construction of a five (5) story conference centre and hotel only 1.2 meters from an adjacent Environmental Protection Area containing provincial sensitive wetlands; and
Whereas the approval of such development would pose a major risk to the future health of the Environmental Protection Area and set a precedent for future harmful development next to other Environmental Protection Areas.

The individuals signed below hereby petition the Town of Collingwood to reject the current development proposal for the Living Waters site and take steps to ensure that any development on this site, or on any site adjacent to an Environmental Protection Area, be subject to set-back limits of 7.5m for residential properties, 10m for commercial properties and 30m for industrial properties.

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