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## Good morning,

I am writing to you as a private citizen of Brock Township. My name is Rebecca Anderson, I live in Sunderland and I am writing to you in an effort to validate the need for a park structure on Rennie Street.

There has been a lot of debate recently surrounding the location of a new park and after inquiring to the town, I was informed that the final decision would be made by council. Therefore, I would like to provide some rational for the Rennie Street location.

- 1. <u>Community and Ownership</u>: children across all of Brock Township need to develop a stronger sense of community and ownership in order to respect their area and not deface or destroy it. The more parks and recreation provided to service these growing children, the better there is a chance that these kids grow up to love and respect their spaces. We have a decent park and skate park located at the arena but putting in more parks, throughout all of Sunderland, will only further develop this sense of community.
- 2. **Safety:** the Rennie street green space is currently being used by a small group of young children who ride atvs and dirt bikes. While they're not always there, they are there often enough that any other children cannot use this space. Not only that, when families are out and in the area, they will ride/walk on the road to avoid this space as there are sometimes upwards of 5 or more children driving motorized vehicles. It isn't fair that a small group monopolize a park space while simultaneously creating a dangerous area for others. A variety of community members have complained over the years to the town but there isn't a clear way in which to stop this from happening. Building a park in this space will physically prevent the motorized vehicles while creating a space that all community members can enjoy.



4. <u>Access:</u> Rennie street is already accessible by a sidewalk and Albert street is not. There is a pathway/opening that people can use to access the Albert Street location from inside the subdivision but this space floods in the spring or whenever there is a large amount of rain as it

is the natural low point in the area. In order to create access to Albert Street, this drainage area would need to be changed and additional sidewalks must be built along Albert street connecting Sunderland Public School and Lorne Street to the park space. There was a car accident in this exact area last year and the area is also prone to speeding vehicles, hence the need for sidewalks.

I understand that with an election on the horizon and the every day duties associated with being on council that you are very busy. I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and hopefully consider my reasoning for the Rennie Street park location.

If you would like to discuss any of my ideas further or have any questions, I am always happy to chat. You can reach me by replying to this email or by phone at

Thank you, Rebecca