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Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council and Staff,

As downtown property owners and developers of arts space, we would like to add our voices to the many businesses and property owners that are rejecting the Pine St. parking lot as a location for the proposed Arts Centre. We also support the BIA's letter to council outlining their concerns about the potential location as well as the scale of the project.

It's also disappointing to hear that the BIA has not been consulted during this process of site selection.

We continue to support the Sainte Marie Street site as recommended in the Phase 2 Study.

However, we also think it would be prudent to reconsider the Leisure Time Center site. Given the adjacent museum grounds, Friendship Park and a large, privately owned parking lot, this may be an excellent site adjacent to the main downtown core. This site is adjacent to other cultural areas, directly on the trail and very walkable to the central core and to the waterfront.

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	Dr Sam Goodman	

Dear Members of Council,

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- 3. **Loss of the Farmers Market:** The Farmers Market is one of the most significant events hosted by the Town of Collingwood. Losing this market would be a substantial loss for the community.

In conclusion, I thank you for taking the time to read this and other letters regarding the proposed Arts Center. As the owner of a business/building in the downtown core, I do not support this proposal and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my concerns with the council at any time.

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John Miller, DDS

Owner, The Trott Block

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