

Dear Ms. Greenwood,

The minister of finance forwarded me your email. I am writing on behalf of several businesses and residences on Mary Street in Barrie where I run a music school, adjacent to my family home.

The LCBO store, located at the other end of the street, is a source of disturbance that undermines the day to day life of our neighbourhood, attracting, alcoholics, drug dealers, prostitutes and loiterers who harass the homeowners and members of the business community who live and work on the street. A stabbing occurred last summer which alerted residents to the ever present threat of violence.

Our clients and families are feeling threatened by people who purchase alcohol and then get drunk on the street in front of the LCBO building. We have also witnessed employees of the LCBO being intimidated and harassed along with customers of the LCBO store who aspire to buy more than one 'tall boy'.

* This problem could be resolved by relocating the entire store or its retail portion while maintaining the premises as a distribution centre.

The Mayor of Barrie is in favour of having this LCBO moved and is on board with our efforts to have it allocated. I am seeking your advice in regard to the procedure our group should follow to set this request in motion. We hope to mount a formal petition and would greatly appreciate your help in the matter.

