

ATTENTION: LINDSEY GREEN
BY-LAW DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTHGATE

DATED: NOVEMBER, 2024

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS LETTER IS MEANT AS A WRITTEN
SUBMISSION TO A PROPOSED ZONING
BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO A DESCRIBED
LAND AS CONC. 5 7K. LOT 12
RP 17R 186 PART 9, GEOGRAPHIC
TOWNSHIP OF PROTON, TOWNSHIP
OF SOUTHGATE.

LET ME START BY SAYING WHAT AN ILL
'ADVISED' AND ABSURD REQUEST THIS IS!

IT WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INTRUSION
INTO A LANDSCAPE THAT COULD NEVER
COPE WITH SUCH A CHANGE.

IN QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF
THIS PROPOSAL, LET ME STATE THAT
I AM A TEMPORARY LOYAL TENANT
OF THIS LAND AND COULD NOT STAND BY
AND NOT SPEAK ON IT'S BEHALF.

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OUR INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THIS AREA STARTED WHEN MY WIFE AND I DECIDED TO PURCHASE A VACANT LOT IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY UNDER 10 ACRES, NOT ABLE TO QUALIFY AS A HOBBY FARM, THE PROPERTY WAS DESIGNATED AS A RURAL ESTATE.

THE PROVISIONS WERE AND REMAIN TO DAY (GRANDFATHER CLAUSE) AS FOR THE LAND TO SUPPORT 3 COWS, 5 HORSES, 25 SHEEP, 25 GOATS AND 25 LAYING HENS.

(4) WE ARE WITHIN 450 FT OF PROPOSE CHANGE!

I STARTED BY REJUVINATING THE PROPERTY, PLANTING 100'S OF TREES AND PRIMARILY USING THE LAND AS A GETAWAY IN THE WEEKENDS.

IN 1996 WE DECIDED TO BUILD A HOUSE!

AT THAT TIME A MAJORITY OF THE LOTS WERE EMPTY, BUT SINCE 8 SFD BUNGALOWS HAVE BEEN BUILT AND A COMMUNITY CAME TO BE.

THIS IS A RURAL COMMUNITY!

WE PRESENTLY RESIDE AT 111443 GREY RD #1A.
THE SOUTH WEST TIP OF OUR PROPERTY
ADJACENTS WITH THE NORTHEAST TIP OF
THE PROPOSED REZONING PROPERTY
SEPARATED ONLY BY THE ROAD. (GREY COUNTY #1A)

I WILL ADMIT THAT AT THE BEGINNING
I WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE AND IGNORANT
OF MY SURROUNDINGS.

AS ALWAYS, WE HAD TO ADJUST
AND PROCEED TO SETTLE INTO A
RURAL SETTING.

FARMING IS THE NEARBY WAY OF LIFE,
IT WAS THEN AND REMAINS TODAY
SUPPORTED NOW BY A VIBRANT
MENNONITE COMMUNITY.

OVER TIME, IN CONVERSATION WITH
OLD TOWNERS AND RESEARCHING THE
AREA I CAME TO SOMEWHAT
UNDERSTAND WHAT CONVATE LIVING IS
WITHIN A FLOOD PLAIN AREA.

THIS AREA CONTAINS A VIBRANT WATER SHEET!

THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENT THAT CAN BECOME FRAGILE IF NOT TAKEN CARE OF.

IN ESSENCE THIS AREA IS THE "GREEN BELT" OF SOUTHGATE!

AN INTRUSION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE WILL CAUSE IRREVERSIBLE HARM.

THE STORY IS THAT THE SAUGEEN TRIBUTARIES START NEAR THE HIGHEST POINT IN ONTARIO (PROTON STATION AREA) AND BECOME THE BEGINNING OF THE HEADWATERS THAT TRAVEL SOUTH. THE WETLANDS IN THE AREA CREATE A FILTERING SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS A VARIETY OF NATURAL LIFE. ANGLERS AND HUNTERS HAVE BEEN COMING TO THIS AREA FOR DECADES, FIRST PEOPLES USED IT AS A HIGHWAY.

ANYONE, CAN OBSERVE DUCKS AND GEESSE IN BOTH FALL AND SPRING IN THE WIDER PART OF THE RIVER DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE PROPOSED SITE.

A SANDBAR ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER HOLDS NUMBERS OF BEAVERS, DEER USE IT AS A BIRTHING PLACE.

THERE ARE FISH (MULTIPLE SPECIES),
MUSK RATS, BEAVERS AND TURTLES IN
THESE WATERS.

THAT'S WHY A LARGE STRUCTURE
WOULD THROW OFF THIS BALANCE.

FURTHER; THE IMPOSITION OF THE USAGE
BY THIS UNIT ALONE COULD BE SUCH
THAT THE DISCHARGE. (SEPTIC, DISSOLVEMENT
OF CHEMICAL FROM INDOOR POOL)
WOULD BE GREATER THAN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT PRESENTLY USED BY ALL HOUSES
ON THE WEST SIDE OF GREY #14.

THIS WOULD BE DEVASTATING!

THIS LAND CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO BE
DEVELOPED IN THIS MANNER!

FURTHER; ALLOWING THIS TO PROCEED
WOULD SET PRECEDENCE FOR OTHER
REQUESTS BE IT EVEN / MAYBE A
29,000 SQ FT. COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX?

I WILL NOW SUBMIT THAT I WAS UNAWARES OF WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN PLACE PRIOR TO THE NEIGHBOURS COMING AROUND WITH A PETITION TO STOP THIS CRAZY SCHEME.

I DID NOT RECEIVE ANYTHING, AT ANYTIME, BY ANY MEANS TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

THIS LETTER IS NOT TO CONVEY MY PERSONAL INTERESTS, NOR TO PROTECT OR BENEFIT IN A PERSONAL MANNER.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE COMMON GOOD IS VALUED MORE IMPORTANTLY THAN INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. THE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE OR WILL BE REPLACED OVERTIME, BUT THE GROUPING WILL GO ON.

THIS IS ALL BEING BROUGHT UP SO ~~UP~~ THAT THE PARTIES INVOLVED ARE AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS AND MUST COMPREHEND THAT AN ISSUE SUCH AS THIS IS WORTH TO BE CHALLENGED, AND COULD BE DONE SO ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ONTARIO.

IN CONCLUSION; THE POINT BEING, THAT
THIS IS A SENSITIVE LAND THAT
IS NOT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING
THIS STRUCTURE.

THE ARGUMENT IS THAT THIS IS A
LAND GRAB. IT'S GOAL IS TO
ARGUMENT THE LAND USE TO MAKE MONEY!
THIS MUST COME TO BE STOPPED.

WE THE PEOPLE MUST REITERATE;
THE PRESERVATION OF SENSITIVE
ENVIRONMENTS SHOULD NEVER BE
UP FOR SALE, TO PROFIT AN INDIVIDUAL.
AFTER ALL, WE ALL LIVE IN IT.

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✓ EDWARD CARVALHO

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Green, Clerk

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