

Important public information meeting
March 19, 2014, 7 to 9 p.m.
Presentation at 7:15 p.m.
Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre
Black Box Theatre - Room A030
2302 Bridge Road, Oakville

On March 19 the Town is hosting a public information meeting regarding the potential development of the Merton Lands. This large swath of greenspace (578 acres) includes Saw-whet golf course, Deerfield golf course and Fourteen Mile Creek.

I am strongly against even considering development in this area for a number of reasons:

- Oakville has already met Provincially-mandated growth targets in its Official Plan - you can see the rapid development happening north of Dundas. Do we really need to sacrifice even more of our precious greenspace?
- We have not budgeted for any additional growth.
- The environmental studies which will be used to determine which areas can be developed on Saw-whet were done by the development industry! Does that sound like a good idea to you?
- If Saw-whet and Deerfield are given the green light for development, is Glen Abbey Golf Course next?
- The vast majority of the Merton lands were purchased by the Province in 1978 for passive recreation - shouldn't that vision remain?

I am hoping the public will speak up on this important issue.

Here's what you can do:

- read the information on my website to find out more about the lands
http://www.elgar.ca/Ward%204_Spring2014.pdf
- attend the public information meeting on March 19 and voice your concerns
- spread the word to family, friends and neighbours (feel free to forward this email widely)
- let me know your thoughts on this issue by replying to this email or giving me a call (416-709-0082). I am trying to gauge the public's opinion - some at Town Hall say the public doesn't care.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope that you will come to the March 19th meeting.

Warm regards
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