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| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen. We do indeed have a quorum of Council present so I'm pleased to call to order the continuation of this public hearing regarding the Official Plan Amendment.</p> <p>In fact, I'm suggesting we should continue these meetings for a long time because every time we seem to come to order, there is more good news.</p> <p>Last week we had the Supreme Court decision on pesticides and we had the Ontario Realty Corp.'s announcement that they were not going to sell the environmentally-sensitive lands and tonight I'm pleased to announce that we've won the first round of what could be a lengthy court challenge to the question that we had on the ballot on last November's municipal election.</p> <p>You'll recall that the question on the ballot pertained to billboards, or third-party advertising. Well, at the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario, we were upheld. There are a couple of other, if not three other, appeals that can take place. But we're sure the industry will be pursuing their appeals aggressively but it's nice, as the Chief Solicitor for the Town Doug Gates said earlier, it's nice to win one. So we'll keep you upheld on how that's happening.</p> <p>I'm hoping that's your one burst of applause for the evening, but thank you for it.</p> <p>At the last meeting, at the last evening of the public meeting, a question was raised regarding the legality of continuing this public hearing. Legal staff reviewed this matter and are confident that this hearing may legally proceed. The matter has also been reviewed by outside legal counsel, whose opinion in this regard concurs with that of the Town Solicitor. Details of the opinion will be made available when Council receives the staff comments on the issues raised at the hearing, that means the series of meetings that we're dealing with.</p> <p>So Madam Clerk, do we have any regrets for this evening's meeting.</p> |
| <p><i>Christine Shewchuk,</i></p> | <p>Yes. Regrets are as follows: Councillor Fred Oliver,</p> |

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| <i>Assistant Clerk</i> | Councillor Linda Hardacre, Councillor Kurt Franklin. In addition, Councillor Jeff Knoll indicated that he will be late, arriving approximately 9 p.m. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Now Councillor Knoll is participating in a long-term care facility meeting with the Regional Chair Joe Savaline. Councillor Oliver has asked me to extend his regrets. He's having a routine medical test that precludes his attendance tonight. He did want you to know that he would otherwise be here in attendance and will of course have the opportunity to watch the cable.</p> <p>Once again Cogeco is kind enough to be here tonight. And we'll find out sometime during the proceedings when this meeting will be broadcast. And I'll announce that too.</p> <p>Right at the beginning of the meeting, I'd like to announce the two dates that have been set aside for a continuation of this public hearing. We've polled all Members of Council and we are able to proceed Thursday, July the 10th, that is one week from tonight. Again in the Council Chambers. I'm sorry, the 12th, excuse me, one week from tonight again in the Council Chambers. And Thursday the 17th will be the next meeting.</p> <p>We've got Thursday the 12th and Tuesday the 17th. Is that right? Sorry. Thank you. Yeah, in fact, if Members of Council would confirm those dates by resolution. So motion to move that we reconvene again Thursday July the 12th and Tuesday the 17th.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | I would so move your Worship. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Seconded by Councillor - well I think we can come into the whole. So moved by Councillor Flynn. All in favor? We will take steps to ensure that those dates are advertised appropriately.</p> <p>Yes, does anybody a conflict of interest that they need to restate or to share for the first time? Seeing not, the Clerk will continue in the same fashion of calling forward the next delegation, but also giving an alert to the subsequent delegations in sequence so that they will know their speaking order.</p> |

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| <p><i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i></p> | <p>The first delegation is Steve Dankowich, and the next five are Jeffrey Davies, Steve Baker, Tom Scott, Catherine Balmer and Gerry Yellowlees.</p> |
| <p><i>Stephen Dankowich (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Good evening fellow citizens, Mayor, Council and staff. Hello again. My name is Stephen Dankowich and I've been the Executive Director for the Oakville Community Center for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights, a storefront located at 148 Kerr Street just south of Rebecca since we were founded in 1992.</p> <p>We appreciate very much the opportunity extended to conclude our remarks that we began to deliver last Thursday, July 28th – June 28th – when we were the last to present.</p> <p>We shall revisit just the highlights of our presentation tonight. Our organization is very concerned about proposals for development of the North Oakville area, as outlined in Official Plan Amendment #198.</p> <p>We do not think it is possible to enhance the quality of life as stated in the Plan Concept by increasing the density of people living and working in Oakville by expanding into the last green space left. We are provided no evidence as to how you will minimize pollution, minimize traffic congestion and respect the quality of life in both the new and established neighborhoods.</p> <p>We do want to stress that it is in the details that things get done and unless the details are specified, citizens will have no guarantees that the plan concept is achievable.</p> <p>Oakville is already experiencing overcrowding and the incumbent traffic gridlock. The atrocious air pollution will only get much worse with even more development. It is very distressing that the OPA 198 will allow for the destruction of our last remaining agricultural lands.</p> <p>We live in a very special place – Carolinian Canada. The most unique feature of the Carolinian life zone is the number of rare species found here. Our life zone boasts fully one-third of the rare, threatened and endangered species found in all of Canada. A 30 per cent forest cover</p> |

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| | <p>is minimally required to sustain Carolinian Canada. Just 13.5 per cent of Oakville is forested. Oakville is part of the problem and therefore must be part of the solution. If we are to get to the attainable goal of 30 per cent forest cover throughout Carolinian Canada.</p> <p>Oakville has the Trafalgar Moraine, as significant for us as the Oak Ridges Moraine is to the people living in Toronto and north of Toronto.</p> <p>Today there is the huge issue of urban sprawl and its impact on the flora and fauna of Carolinian Canada. Last week, we enumerated the vast diversity of life here that could be lost to urban sprawl.</p> <p>Before any decision is made on OPA 198, it is incumbent upon our (<i>demakers?</i>) that they recognize that if we lose the plant species, we will also use the animals and winged things. As you consider development of lands, it is wise to remember that you must also be able to identify what you do not know.</p> <p>Everyone can do their share to assure the future of Carolinian Canada's fauna by planting native flora and leaving well enough alone that little of it that we have left. We need to do more for the restoration of native species, expand upon campaigns for beautification of natural habitats and pay greater attention to creek and roadside management, in order to enhance protection of flora and fauna of Carolinian Canada, here at home in Oakville.</p> <p>We hope you will become even more informed about the flora and fauna of our beautiful collective backyard before decisions are made in September. We hope you will want to slow down plans for approval of OPA 198 until you know even more about what will be lost and lost forever if development is allowed to ensue, as described in the document.</p> <p>The Oakville Community Center for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights has organized environmental events over the past six months that saw the participation of great numbers of Oakville citizens and students, including 4,600 people for the annual Earth Week clean-up alone.</p> |
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| | <p>The large number of volunteers shows that the community appreciates its green spaces. We related those stories to you last week because we wanted to be sure you are aware of the depth and extent of support and concern for our local natural environment, which we feel is really what this debate is all about.</p> <p>We are very pleased how the community is responding to environmental initiatives as never before. We are only afraid that, as is too often the case, people realize too late that they can really make a difference for our common natural environment. We hope that is not the case for the remaining chunk of Carolinian Canada land left in Oakville, located north of Dundas and extending east-west from Ninth Line to Bronte Road.</p> <p>The decision that Council will soon make will subsequently impact upon and influence all future decisions in a very direct way. For politicians of all stripes and from all jurisdictions, whether Federal, Provincial or Municipal, in the new future, a new slogan, “It’s the environment, stupid,” will soon replace its predecessor slogan, “It’s the economy, stupid,” as there is increasingly less local land to grow food on, less clean air to breathe and concerns for clean water to drink.</p> <p>Let’s do ourselves – let’s do a great service to ourselves and to all Greater Toronto Area communities by now stepping outside of the pre-cast die of non-stop industrial, commercial and residential growth around existing cities and put the natural environment first.</p> <p>It is time to recognize that the natural environment cannot sustain constant demands for growth as are represented in this document, the OPA 198. Let’s first deal with cleaning up some of the messes our urban sprawling ways have already gotten ourselves into. When we have collectively figured out how to do that, then let’s consider what to do with our remaining agricultural land and green spaces. To do otherwise would not be prudent and could make worse an already precariously dangerous situation that is impacting greatly on the health of our communities here in Carolinian Canada.</p> |
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| | Ecosystems are fragile. Sacrifices have to be made. Walk carefully on the earth. Thank you very much. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you. Are there questions of the delegation? Councillor Elgar. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Steve, you mentioned the 30 per cent forest cover for Carolinian Canada. Is that – you’ve got reference for that? |
| <i>Stephen Dankowich (Delegate)</i> | Yes, this is the reference point of the Carolinian Canada Coalition, which is a network of governmental organizations, environmental organizations throughout Southern Ontario here in Carolinian Canada who have combined together to try to raise greater awareness about what is being lost at a really rapid pace here in Southern Ontario as a whole. And it is Carolinian Canada Coalition’s contention that for ecosystems to survive as we now live with them at least 30 per cent forest cover would be required to sustain a whole variety of life here in Carolinian Canada. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Anything further? Thank you very much. The next delegation? |
| <i>Christine shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | Jeffrey Davies. |
| <i>John Latamore (Delegate)</i> | Thank you Madam Mayor, Members of Council. Our firm is Bressa Developments Inc. and I am not Jeffrey Davies. I am his partner John Latamore. Mr. Davies was here at the first two meetings, but unfortunately or fortunately depending on how you look at it, his allocation of time, he’s on holidays so I’m filling in for him tonight. Our client owns 90 acres of land which are legally described as part of Lots 6, 7 and 8, Concession 1 north of Dundas and south of Burnhamthorpe. The lands are formerly known as the Lakeport Development Company lands. Our client has recently acquired this property and my partner wrote a letter on June 25 th indicating that we would be making this submission. Bressa is generally supportive of the thrust and policy |

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| | <p>direction of OPA 198. Our client does however have some specific concerns which it would like to identify at this time and since these concerns are similar to some of those concerns you have already heard expressed from other of the landowners in the area, I will just identify them without any lengthy elaboration.</p> <p>Firstly, there is an employment area designation for lands south of Burnhamthorpe in Bressa's holdings that are located between the forks of the tributary of the creek. We would request that Council direct staff to reconsider the appropriateness of an employment designation in this area for obvious reasons.</p> <p>And just by way of reference Madam Mayor, if you look at Appendix G, Page A64 to the June 11th staff report, you can see that designation.</p> <p>Secondly, our clients have a concern with respect to the designation of a wood lot on lands as Environmental Protection 2 lands, falling in category three. I would just echo and support some of the previous speakers who suggest that a further detailed characterization of the wood lots, based on their qualitative features as outlined in the LGL report, within the proposed OPA is required and would ask Council to direct staff to undertake that review.</p> <p>If, by way of reference, a quick analysis of Appendix B in the LGL report shows that the wood lot on our clients' lands is not as some of the others are. It is not a wetland, it's described as a deciduous forest but in the comment section, it's clear that the wood lot there is not in good shape. It's already been heavily disturbed, calling into question ranking it on a par with some of the more sensitive wood lots, which are identified in the balance of the plan. So we would ask Council to direct staff to look at that further characterization to ensure that there's some distinction between the wood lots.</p> <p>Thirdly, our client is concerned with respect to the phasing structure, which is being proposed in the staff report, and again, just by way of reference, that's Page A-130 of the June 11th report. And our client quite frankly has a concern that the cost of the infrastructure that may be</p> |
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| | <p>required to bring the development on line could require and should require a reconsideration of the phasing schedule proposed. We'd ask Council to direct staff to further examine this issue as well and consider adjustments to the phasing proposed in order to ensure that there would enough financial synergy if you will available to ensure the planned development could proceed as is anticipated and hoped for.</p> <p>For example, we would point out it may be more appropriate that Phase 3C and 3B be allowed to proceed simultaneously in order to ensure that there is enough financial impact to provide the infrastructure required for the scope of the development, which is contemplated.</p> <p>In addition to these three specific issues, which I've outlined, our client does have a broad interest in all of the policies and schedules proposed in OPA 198, specifically as they affect their lands.</p> <p>We would request an opportunity to continue to work with staff and all stakeholders to address a number of the concerns which have been raised during the course of this public meeting by various individuals and as well we would continue to request input and notice about any further dealings with the OPA by staff, Council, its committees and subcommittees. And Madam Chair, I was mindful of the comments at the last public meeting that is we have an opportunity we would provide a written summary of our submission.</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>We'll come and get that from you Sir. In fact is you could, as you approach the center podium, if you could sign in. And for everyone speaking that's a great assistance and help in terms of fulfilling notification to the Ontario Municipal Board, should, there, we be wishing to speak there.</p> <p>There any, as the Gentleman is signing in, are there any questions of this delegation? Seeing not.</p> |
| <p><i>John Latamore (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Thank you Madam Mayor</p> |

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| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you Sir. I think the next speaker, Mr. Baker. Thank you sir. Thank you. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | Sorry, am I? Thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Please proceed Sir whenever you're ready. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | <p>Okay. Can everyone hear me? Madam Chair, my name is Steven Baker. As most of you know, I own 98 acres of land in the study area adjacent to 16 Mile Creek.</p> <p>Much of my land is covered with Category 1 and Category 2 wood lots. I have over the past two years participated extensively in the process, including the LGL Report, the Hemson Study and more recently as a member of the North Oakville Open Space Task Force. And even more recently, I was appointed to the subcommittee of the North Oakville Open Space Task Force.</p> <p>I'd like to put on record that a great deal of work has gone into the drafting of OPA 198 and that Councillor Sanderson and staff should be complimented for their efforts. It has resulted in an intelligent, logical phasing plan and has reasonable boundaries for the secondary plan areas.</p> <p>I was, however, somewhat stunned to find that the wording of OPA 198 now eliminates the use of Categories 1 through 5 to rank the relative importance of wood lots and that this has now been replaced with a single ranking called woodlands. I was stunned because this method of ranking has never been discussed at any task force or subcommittee meeting.</p> <p>Surely the whole point of the LGL Report was to establish a series of wood lot categories from the most important down to the least important, so that we could ensure that none of the most environmentally sensitive wood lots slip through the cracks and get lost.</p> <p>There was no need to spend a year and a great deal of Town money to do the LGL work in the first place if we were ultimately just going to discard it and replace it all with one category. We have heard other speakers refer to backroom pressure being put on staff to satisfy special interest groups and this is a clear example of that.</p> |

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| | <p>I'm sure that the proponents of the single category system see this as a means to save all of the wood lots. Unfortunately, it also opens the door for the totally reverse aspect.</p> <p>I for one am sick and tired of the endless wrangling between the development and the environmental lobbies. We have two hostile and polarized camps that seem to have little common ground. In the middle is the group that is being largely drowned out by rhetoric. This is the group made up by the residents of North Oakville. These are the people who actually live and work in North Oakville and who actually own the land that's being squabbled over.</p> <p>The arguments back and forth seem to sometimes lose sight of the fact that this is not public land that's being, under discussion. Some of the parcels are owned by developers but the bulk of the land is owned by ordinary taxpayers and they have rights, too.</p> <p>At a recent subcommittee meeting, Mike Lansdown rather excitedly told the members about the City of Ottawa, which had sought an amendment to the Planning Act to enable it to confiscate without compensation those lands that the City deemed to be environmentally sensitive.</p> <p>Mike, god bless him, had a nasty glint in his eye and it reminded me of the old Benny Hill sketch where Benny Hill is reading the newspaper, looking at the classified ads and his eyes widen as he comes across one that catches his eye and he reads out: "Communist with knife and fork wishes to meet capitalist with pork pie." Madam Chair, the last time that I checked we still lived in a democracy, but obviously that's not the case in Ottawa.</p> <p>There are a number of things that have been said by earlier speakers that in all conscience I can't leave unchecked. A comment was made by Rob Burton of the fiasco on Monday last week's meeting, which had to be cancelled due to overcrowding. Now, after last Thursday's meeting, Rob confirmed to me that the overcrowding was an event staged by Councillor Flynn. Now tactics like this are a time-honored form of filibuster and I tip my hat to</p> |
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| | Councillor Flynn for doing it so well. If indeed he did do it... |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | But before you tip your... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Just a second. You will be able to rebut. |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | On a point of order, before you tip your hat, Steven, you may want to check your facts and you may be hearing from somebody in my employ tomorrow. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Okay. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | No, no, no. Listen to me. I am merely repeating what Rob Burton said. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Okay well, we'll get... You did name Councillor Flynn at the conclusion of your remarks. If he has anything further he wants to, he has every right to. But I would ask the Councillor to let you complete your presentation. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | <p>What rankled me though, and that's something that I expressed to Rob Burton, was that the blame for the fiasco was unfairly directed at the Chair and Town Management. And that's the only reason I raise it. That was not a good thing to do.</p> <p>Staff have also come in for a lot of criticisms in these public meetings, and unfairly in my opinion. Adverse comments have been made of the LGL study. It is fair game to criticize the contents and conclusions of the study, but it's, you know, it's unworthy to suggest that the authors, who are professional men, have behaved unethically in the execution of the Town's commission.</p> <p>Much has been said about the Trafalgar Moraine. It should be noted for the record that less than two per cent of the moraine actually falls within the proposed urban area.</p> <p>Much has been said about the inevitability of the process winding up before the OMB, as if the OMB were some kind of bogeyman. Madam Chair, the threat to the democratic will of the Town lies not with the OMB but rather with the Greater Toronto Services Board.</p> <p>For those that are not aware, the GTSB is rapidly becoming a second layer of government, ranking just</p> |

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| | <p>below the Province. It has 41 members who between them have 110 votes. Fifty per cent of these votes are held directly by the Toronto Councillors on the board and as a block they can never be outvoted. Gordon Chong, who's Chairman of the GTSB was himself a former Toronto Councillor.</p> <p>On May the 1st 2001, Chong wrote to the Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing, asking for expanded planning authority. "The GTSB" – and I'm quoting here – "The GTSB has requested the authority to establish a growth management plan with which the cities and regions of the GTA would have to comply. It would require that the four Regions and the City of Toronto amend their Official Plans to comply with the GTSB growth management strategy."</p> <p>This would be a direct attack on HUSP. I've heard views expressed in this process that scrapping HUSP would be a good thing for the environmental lobby. This view fails to recognize that HUSP is not a developer's free-for-all but is in reality an iron-fist holding the reins of development in Halton. If you don't believe this, then I suggest that you attend some of the Milton Town Council meetings, and listen to the whining of the speculators who bought land that now falls outside of the little square that HUSP drew around Milton. These speculators are well aware that it's going to be 30 years before they have any hope of developing on their land.</p> <p>Any further delays in the implementation of OPA 198 and its ratification of HUSP will lead us into the arms of the GTSB.</p> <p>If you caught the news last week you will have heard that Toronto is projected to grow to 7.5 million people within the next 30 years. Ask yourselves where they're going to find the housing for that growth. The inner cities are full. Mississauga is full. The only land available for developments to the west, is Halton. And have no doubts that that's the reason that they've put the request to Mike Harris for expanded powers.</p> <p>The housing that Toronto requires will not be high-end</p> |
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| | <p>housing. In the main it will be low-income and subsidized housing. Picture, if you will, what Oakville is going to look like in the next 30 years if we have no control over our own growth.</p> <p>The second threat to Oakville comes from the Region's transportation needs. Dundas is a Regional road and has reached gridlock during rush hour. It cannot be expanded from four lanes to six because it runs through an already developed area and is in any event constrained by the width of the 16 Mile Creek bridge.</p> <p>During this process it's been mooted on a number of occasions that Burnhamthorpe should be widened and should cross the 16 Mile Creek to meet Dundas at Third Line, from which point it's practicable to widen Dundas to six lanes by expropriating farmland. If you think this is unlikely, just remember that Burnhamthorpe is six lanes wide as it runs all the way through Mississauga, until it reaches the Oakville border, where it becomes a two-land country road.</p> <p>If you want to know whether Regional planners would like to put the bridge across 16 Mile Creek, don't look at the newsletter that's available at the back. If you look at the nice beautiful vista, the picture on the front page there, that's where they want to put it. This is all Category 1 wood lot. And I should know, because it's my land.</p> <p>Once and for all, we've got to stop the nonsense with regards to the bridge. We've got to stop it dead in its tracks. If they have to continue Burnhamthorpe then they should cross 16 Mile Creek where the 407 bridge has already crossed, where it will do the least environmental damage.</p> <p>In conclusion, Madam Chair, we need to work together as a community and not as diverse special interest groups. We must have planned development that meets Oakville's needs with care and concern shown both for the environment and for the residents. We should recognize the request for further studies for what it really is, which is an attempt to delay the process. I believe passionately that we should keep firm control over the process and pass</p> |
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| | <p>OPA 198 without delay.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you. Are there any further questions? Councillor Elgar. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Um, thank you. So, Steve, I guess you've read LGL and I get, I'm having trouble. You're saying, like in LGL it says that two-thirds of the study area, the Trafalgar Moraine transverses two-thirds of the study area. Now two-thirds and I just heard you say only two per cent of the study area is Trafalgar Moraine? |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | I told you, I said two per cent of the moraine falls within the urban area and the urban area is that area below the 407. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Only two per cent. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | The bulk, the bulk of the Trafalgar Moraine that runs through Oakville is north of the 407. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | You can provide those details to me? |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | Yes. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Because I would like to see them. Because it's much different than the study area that LGL then looked at. Especially, you know two-thirds. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | Two per cent. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Two per cent is quite different than everything. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Councillor, we're trying to just ask questions, he'll supply the material. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Okay, okay. Now, the next thing is in Toronto you're aware they are doing a new Official Plan? You're not aware? Or are you aware? |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | I'm sure they are. I'm not aware of the details, no. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Well they are and as they do their Official Plan, they are looking at increasing their numbers considerably to fill in all the brownfield development. |
| | And this came out last October, the Toronto Plan, and I |

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| | was hoping you would have read it, with all the knowledge you have. But it's quite interesting... |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | Well that's fine but you know, Councillor Elgar... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Okay, Gentlemen, could I just... |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | We're talking about growth from 5 million to 7.5 million. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | And what they're saying is that... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Yeah, yeah, no, hang on (<i>Gavel</i>). Maybe I should have restated this. We're not going to have cross debate. People are allowed to make their statements. If you have...we'll get a copy of the report, you may ask questions but the Chair will not entertain cross-debate and that's what we're getting into. You have two different viewpoints, that's not novel, we've had that throughout this. So please, specific questions. Did you know they have a plan? Have you read the plan? The answer is no really. Where do you want to go from there? |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Where I want to go from there? I want to say the 2 million people, are you saying they're going to Toronto? I thought I heard you say Toronto? Is that what you're saying? Or are they going to the GTSB? |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | We're talking about the Greater Toronto Area. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Oh, you're talking about the Greater Toronto, not just Toronto, because I thought I heard you say Toronto. Okay, thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you. Councillor Flynn is there anything further you'd like to say, Sir? |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | Not that I would question this delegation now, but I do at some point want to clear up the misinformation that's been spread by the last presentation. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | There's lots of misinformation in people's minds and I'm sure at the end in our debate we will all speak to what we perceived to have been misinformation. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | My point Councillor Flynn was not to.... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Sir, you're not making... |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | I think the presentation is over, your Worship. |

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| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | You're not making this Chairing easy for me. You've made... The Gentleman rose on a point of order because you named him. You indicated you were repeating what you heard said and you indicated who you heard said it. That's the end of the issue from the Chair's perspective. |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | Fine. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Is there any further questions of the delegation? Thank you very much for your presentation, Sir. We appreciate it. And if you would sign in and if there is a text of your presentation, we'd very much like to have it. The next delegation. |
| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | The next delegation is Tom Scott. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I don't see Tom in the room. There are a few people in the overspill room. So, he's not there. Yeah. There are some people who we'll keep calling up on subsequent nights as they've left on vacation and we hope they'll get back eventually. But thank you. Next delegation. |
| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | Catherine Balmer. Gerry Yellowlees. Catherine Balmer? Is that you indicated? Yes, please come forward. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Whenever you're ready. Thank you. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | My name is actually Balmer. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | We apologize if we misrepresented it. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | I just have some information about the – before I get into my research – about the Button Bush Swamp in the, which was classified by the LGL. And I just got this information before I went out the door, so, let me just state that in the staff report which has been handed out to people coming to these meetings, there is a direct request - it's called a memorandum – from the LGL, which is an environmental consulting firm hired by the Town yourself, applying to the Town to amend their own statement, upon pressure from Trinison the development, the developer. And this itself would be handy to have in front of you as I'm talking but, basically, um, I'm wondering what the Town of Oakville is doing regarding this wetland designation? |

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| | <p>The information that I've found out, for example: I called Halton Conservation, who had heard something about the LGL discrepancy and tried to tell me that maybe I had misinterpreted my facts. Fine.</p> <p>The Region of Halton had not heard anything about this swamp nor any development of the LGL and was in fact keen for me to fax them this particular sheet, which is in the staff report. And they were saying things like, 'Well we have an environmental planner, I guess,' and it was all quite vague.</p> <p>Basically, the Halton Conservation says that the Button Bush wetland has been categorized by the Province but is not yet identified by the Province. So this kind of contradiction would concur with the, with an MNR, Ministry of Natural Resources' wetland expert, who notes that, and I'm quoting him;</p> <p>"The MNR has not received even a copy of the natural heritage report, even a copy that the Town did in their expansion plans. We have never seen a copy of that report, so we have never seen the areas that were identified as wetlands. Once we see a copy we can establish the status of those wetlands. Right now they're unevaluated until we get a copy of the natural heritage report from the Town of Oakville. We need to take a look at the data and see what status those wetlands should have. And this is also dependent on sufficient detail from that study of those wetlands."</p> <p>This Gentleman said to me today that the Button Bush is a rare plant species in the Greater Toronto Area. It is very unusual to get a swamp in which the Button Bush is a dominant plant. Also, if it is, which he feels it is, a kettle wetland, it's uncommon and rare in the Toronto area. So these two points alone make this case a little stronger already. Plus the fact that very few wetlands have been identified in the Town of Oakville, especially off the moraine area.</p> <p>Before I went out the door, he even gave me his home number, which I thought was very nice, and I faxed him that report from the LGL, in which the LGL is stating that</p> |
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| | <p>Trinison wants them to reconsider their designation and is applying to you to cancel what they previously said.</p> <p>He, this Gentleman, says that this is the only, is is the second Button Bush swamp in the whole of the Toronto area, that he gave LGL all his information regarding that and he never received any word from the LGL, that the Town of Oakville does not send him reports anymore because of the one window approach, which is I presume from the Harris government changes. And that the MNR, the MNR is responsible for the designation of wetlands and has never seen that heritage report.</p> <p>They have never been asked if it is wetland or not, in fact, whether or not it's locally or provincially significant. And therefore the Planning Act may come into effect in, into your secondary plans regarding buffering and all that.</p> <p>He also said that you should not probably be relying on a developer's lawyer, if in this case, LGL is probably undermining their credibility I feel by asking you this. He feels that you should just plain be protecting that swamp. He feels that the wetlands should be highest category, not Category 2, because it's so rare, it's off the moraine. It should be protected as Category 1, period, no matter what the status.</p> <p>And this is a wetland expert from the MNR in Aurora. He is waiting for you. He says to me, 'Talk to your planning staff and your Councillor,' send the MNR in Aurora...</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>Ma'am if you would read into the record. We have staff waiting for the name and the phone number. We will gladly speak to that individual.</p> <p>And I think, I'm not sure if you've been with us throughout the evening for any part of them. We're capturing all the questions. There will be, we will be putting them into categories. We will be answering them. But we will be very pleased to follow-up because the staff works with a lot of Ministry people and there's a whole lot of people in any one Ministry.</p> <p>But as we've stressed throughout this, we intend to not</p> |

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| | only comply but to exceed all the requirements on public participation and other requirements in the Planning Act. So if we could have that person's name? |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | Did you want that right now? |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Read it right out and the phone number and we will follow up. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | Okay. Aurora District. I'm not going to give the name of the Gentleman because he has his job at stake, probably. 50 Bloomington Road West. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | No the point, I'm not trying to get anybody into problems... |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | No I just, I don't want to give his name. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well our problem is that we can, we will talk to people in MNR, I'm sure we already are but our problem is always that unless we can go... Maybe you'd feel more comfortable speaking to the Planning Director when you've finished and we'll take... |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | No, I don't mind giving the address. I'm just saying I don't... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | No, I'm sure we know the address. Our problem is that if we've got one set of advice, and I don't know whether we have or we haven't from one person versus another it becomes very problematic. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | I would just appreciate a direct comment on the fact, for me myself, how you feel about the LGL, which he didn't seem to think held that much credibility going back on what there original designation was. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well, one of the things that we get into and you'll see more of it, people who attend the Ontario Municipal Board, because it's very correctly articulated, there will be an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing, it just depends who's leading and who's balancing. And so when that happens, you'll see a lot of cross- |

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| | <p>examination by experts who fall into the category who make statements on interpretation.</p> <p>And I'm sorry, I'm being handed something that's been highlighted so if you'll work with me a second, it says, okay, "The OMB, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora District Staff were contacted," - this is on Page 41 of the LGL report – "were contacted to confirm the presence or absence of significant wildlife and to confirm a current working list of regional sufficient species."</p> <p>So I can confirm to you that we have been working with them, we've been using their resources. So I have no knowledge as to who you've been speaking to for us, but it's right there in the text of the report.</p> |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | It's a wetland expert. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well it's right in the text of the report. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | He said he doesn't think much of the LGL. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well all I'm saying to you Ma'am is that as you go forward you'll each group will go forward and they will have their own team of experts. So everybody will have their wetland and environmental expert, and there will be a range of opinion. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | But this is in fact the Ministry of Natural Resources. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well, I don't want to get argumentative with you. You asked the question, had we contacted them. Your submission was that they had not been contacted. In the body of the report, there's clear reference to the fact why they were contacted and what information. I cannot adjudicate what you've been told today. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | But I didn't, I just wanted to bring this up at the beginning because it sounded fairly significant. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | No, no. And I appreciate it. Yeah, no I... |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | So I'm not trying to argue, I was actually just trying to answer what you were asking me. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | No, no. I'm merely saying to you I can't answer your |

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| | <p>question because I can't tell you which person that the staff have been working with and I can't reference the information that you've had. I'm merely telling you that six lawyers will have six different opinions and having sat through three Ontario Municipal Board hearings, I've also found that six planners will have different opinions. And increasingly, six environmentalists will have different opinions, too.</p> |
| <p><i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Okay. I would just ask you to consider that and follow up with sending your report to Aurora. Please. Thank you.</p> <p>I did a lot of research actually and so in doing that research I weeded my way through two camps of thought.</p> <p>Okay the first camp that I felt was involving, including the MMA & H and the MNR and the Halton Conservation and the Region of Halton, the latter two being the two that are acting as the Province, as I understand, to approve this whole decision on the OPA. I found a lot of layers of legalities, which obviously I'm not qualified to go into.</p> <p>The second camp of thought are people like Sierra Legal Defence Fund and CELA, the Canadian Environmental Law Association and I think from them you almost get the real deal. At least they in any case guide one on how to weed through the other groups. And what they're trying to do is trying to challenge and create new laws.</p> <p>Why is, why are, why is the first camp so disorganized, I was asking myself. Well, that's partially because of the Harris Government downloading to municipalities. Then I ask myself, why the necessary involvement of the other camp. Basically, Ontario municipalities, I'm quoting this, "do not have all the policy tools they need to protect their environmental features."</p> <p>So, from there, in general I felt that this situation that we're faced with regarding the OPA was somehow mirroring the Harris Government environmental cuts, that it was reflecting that kind of spirit in the decision process. I felt that, I feel that your decisions have Tory leanings from what I've read about the Harris Government cuts regarding downloading, disorganization, lack of power in</p> |

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| | <p>environmental bodies, privatization to developers, short-term thinking, short thinking.</p> <p>I felt that this OPA was not a decision only regarding private lands, nor was it a decision only regarding Oakville but it represented a larger problem and does represent a larger problem – basically who does the environment belong to?</p> <p>And I'm trying to simplify what I've written here. Uh. So basically the people of Oakville are looking to you, the Town, the municipality, as acting, to act as their decision-makers. And if not, then we have to go to grassroots activism and other community groups in order to effect some kind of change.</p> <p>I have a list of the Harris governmental cuts, which are quite interesting. And I feel that if they don't violate the letter of the law, they violate the spirit of the law, as people have said. Basically, citizens are feeling the affects of that, of government downsizing and relying on the municipality to deal with their environmental protection. And the public is resorting to courts and tribunals, which is why I'm here.</p> <p>Since office in June '95, Ontario's government has racked up an impressive list of actions to dismantle the environmental safety net. I'm just going to quote a small portion here. Moving very quickly and with very little consultation, the government has dismantled 30 years' worth of safeguards to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. Repeated opinion polls indicate little or no support for this environmental deregulation, nor for natural resource privatization.</p> <p>So I have a huge list of cuts: For example, the Environmental Commissioner, Eva Legatee, who did probably, who seemed to do a very good job and was not rehired by the Tory government finds the Ontario Government's environmental performance to represent a closed-door decision-making process and overall described it as representing an alarming lack of vision.</p> <p>With – another example – with no public consultation,</p> |
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| | <p>responsibility for the Niagara Escarpment Commission was transferred from the MOEE to the MNR – despite the fact it is recognized by the UN as a World Biosphere Reserve, one of only six in Canada.</p> <p>Here, regarding the DFO, the fisheries law, MNR flouting public consultation requirements, decides to abruptly withdraw from the administration and enforcement of Section 35 of the Federal Fisheries Act. Motivation appears to be political gamesmanship. Result is a jurisdictional vacuum in abeyance of a crucial environmental statute that protects fish habitat, especially regarding the activities of land developers. The Fisheries Act is downgraded in the south of Ontario in many cases to conservation authorities who have limited resources to do the job.</p> <p>So the list goes on and on. So I'm going to skip over the list. The Sierra Legal Defence states that in general when municipal leaders are making decisions, be it the Council or the OMB, they must have regard to the Provincial Policy Statement, as you know. So. Our land that is in question is deemed at the moment agricultural and so secondary uses would then be compatible, or must be compatible to agricultural land. However, you're wanting to rezone that land as urban so the OMB, according to this, must approve the rezoning even though the OMB is quite pro-development in Oakville.</p> <p>According to the Federal Fisheries Act, if there are any creeks on this land and any fish at all, even small fish, then the Federal Fisheries Act makes it an offence to and, quote, I'm quoting, "harmfully disrupt, alter or destroy fish habitats." And they term that the HAD. So it's illegal to do this unless a DFO permit is granted under Section 35-2. You need a permit to do that under Section 35-2 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.</p> <p>When I was just confirming this with the DFO, sorry, when I called Halton Conservation to just inquire about this, their wording was that only if a fish habitat was eliminated, not altered, would the DFO be contacted. So that seems contrary to the HAD under section 35-2 of the Canadian CEAA. At this point there's no record of a</p> |
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| | <p>permit in Oakville at the DFO. The DFO also deems that if any species is at risk due to development, then Environmental Canada, Environment Canada can get involved to make an assessment. I'm thinking of the Red Sided Daice, which has been brought up by Oakville Green and Oakville Peace and Ecology. So I'm presuming that you're going to get the permit and as part of your sub-watershed study.</p> <p>I also wanted to ask what the Town is doing about the lengthy description by the Oakville Peace and Ecology's rare, rare species they mentioned: The Red-Shouldered Hawk, the Red Sided Dace as well as endangered flora and fauna, which were already mentioned twice now: the Hoary Mountain Mint, Red Mulberry, Sweet Chestnut, White Wood Aster, American Colombo. I'm not sure how seriously you consider those species.</p> <p>If the Town makes no move to protect or even acknowledge these species, then it seems that the Office of the Environment, Environmental Commissioner may stand as the last hope for our citizens' concern. And Ottawa itself states that species at risk could easily double. So.</p> <p>Then there's the wetland stuff. Basically, I personally see the need for a larger outside body to do an environmental assessment. So not an environmental study group hired by the Town, somebody outside the Town. I would like to be assured that you're going to do this in a timely fashion and not when people are on vacation. I imagine that if you're going to get a fisheries permit, that takes time, if you need one. I would rest more easily with a truly professional environmental designation of environmentally sensitive areas and a study of the moraine, in view of the Oak Ridges media attention.</p> <p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing states that the people should have the means to ensure that their right to protection, conservation, restoration of natural environment is achieved in an effective, timely, open and a fair manner. And it goes further to say that the Ministry will encourage environmentally responsible decision-making by municipal governments. And then they have,</p> |
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| | <p>their statement of environmental values, one of which is providing tough environmental protection or alternative development standards.</p> <p>I would like to see all this process be made public. Even if the Harris Government deems that it's not necessary to do so. And what I'm saying doesn't even being to address the issue of aesthetics for us and for future generations. I teach music to children and I know that the members of the Oakville Suzuki Association would support what I'm saying. They have attended Oakville Green and Eco Fests and so on for many years.</p> <p>It also doesn't address sustainable development. I haven't heard you really talk about your commitment to studying sustainable development. For example, protection of water in view of Walkerton's waiting to happen.</p> <p>I don't see progressive thinking regarding protection of the idea or the concept of heritage at all. And if you're take in old Oakville, regarding old Oakville homes, is any indication, this is not a good sign for heritage, be it environmental in this case.</p> <p>There is an excellent article in Toronto Life Magazine in May, which I would encourage people to read. Basically, it's by John Loring and Loring is basically talking about where to draw the line between the need to balance the rights of municipalities to dictate land use, the property rights of land owners and the moral rights of the conservationists to preserve natural features. I feel that our present decision-making process is a step away from a healthy balance of these three agendas.</p> <p>Here are some interesting tidbits from that article: Regarding your concern about fire hazard on the June 25th meeting, 1,200 people showed up for one meeting at Scarborough Council and with their efforts of letter-writing, speeches, within two years the Liberal Government had allocated funds for parkland.</p> <p>Speaking of Save the Rouge and the Gentleman who was originally hired on minimum wage for contract with Save the Rouge and did it quite nicely on his own initiative.</p> |
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| | <p>Also a Richmond Hill Council session enlisted so much support that the meeting had to be held at a nearby hotel. So I found that was somewhat applicable.</p> <p>Regarding issues of water, in this article – and this I’m directing towards the Trafalgar Moraine – Toronto Mayor David Crombie, who was Mayor in the late ‘80s, urged politicians and planners at that time to consider the GTA as a collection of north-south watersheds, all of which issued from springs deep inside the glacial rubble of the moraine.</p> <p>Regarding the moraine issue, I have a letter from STORM, which I copied myself and gave to be distributed to you on June 25th, so I hope that you have that letter.</p> <p>Debbie Crandle from STORM – STORM is basically fighting and has fought to save the Oak Ridges Moraine, which is very close to the Trafalgar Moraine, she puts her opinion of Oakville’s plan for the development of the Trafalgar Moraine in this way:</p> <p>She says that, “It is with deep concern that we learn about the aggressive plans that the Town of Oakville has with OPA 198. Urban boundary expansions of this nature are not in keeping with the principles and goals of Smart Growth and certainly at the Smart Growth summit held earlier this year in Burlington and all municipality representatives were proposing very different approaches than that which appear to be the focus of the OPA 198.”</p> <p>She stresses that, “Your Oak - Trafalgar Moraine is a significant feature and an asset to your municipality, forming headwaters to over six major creeks and a source of drinking water, which is very significant.”</p> <p>Instead, I find the Town is using words like recreation. What is the long-term impact of stressing our water supply? For example, again in this Toronto Life article, it says that, John Loring notes that ground water in farm owners’ Caledon wells were drying up because of water use at a Brampton golf course. And that when North Oakville homeowners water their lawns on summer</p> |
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| | <p>weekends, Milton farmers' wells dry up.</p> <p>Then of course, there's the expense of directing water into suburban subdivision from lake water, which is expensive. A conservation authority has remarked that there are Walkertons happening everywhere.</p> <p>Briefly, regarding land use in this article in Toronto Life, considering the 1996 changes by the Harris Tories to the Planning Act, local Council must make decision within 90 days of receiving an application of development, or the developer can appeal directly to the OMB. Then there's the three-word change that transformed the power of the OMB: That development applications must now not be consistent with the PPS, the Provincial Policy Statement, but must only have regard to it.</p> <p>These are two crucial changes and the ambiguity of their interpretation leads to constant amendment of Official Plans, permitting new developments on lands previously zoned as rural or agricultural, such as ours.</p> <p>There's other details here: The majority of GTA's growth heading for the suburban municipalities. But what is insidious are inside processes which he notes, like the cozy relationship between the development industry and suburban Municipal Councils. "Developers," he says, this is the author of the article, "has long played a disproportionate role in financing election campaigns of reliable municipal politicians."</p> <p>Loring also includes unfortunate comments of major developers in that article. Like, 'The white tailed deer can go and live somewhere else.' And here's the developers' take on the Oak Ridges Moraine. According to them, the moraine is, 'not a single geological feature and a break in the middle does not therefore represent an erosion of its environmental integrity.' They also feel that water is not such a big deal and that land use plans must be sensitive enough to accommodate their needs. This is the kind of thing that I see happening with the OPA 198. I see it as representative of this Harris Government thinking.</p> <p>So. Regarding solutions, this brings in finally the question,</p> |
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| | <p>or my question to the assumption that should the land be developed at all? This idea I don't consider naïve or backwards or laughable. I think it is possible, hopeful, imaginative.</p> <p>Halton Region says that we must write to them for details on environmental proceedings – that they are not obligated to inform the public. So, we must write to them for details.</p> <p>Other Ontario communities have successfully lobbied for change: Debeer Macker on Save the Rouge. Subtle shifts in strategy making the environment marketable and therefore more palatable to politicians. Tougher planning controls to acquire lands for preserves and parks.</p> <p>There has been grassroots success, for example – this is in the States – but in Portland, Oregon, regarding growth boundaries, pedestrian friendly developments, reversing government programs and tax policies that helped create sprawl, having developers pay impact fees to cover costs, conducting property tax impact studies, revitalization of already development areas.</p> <p>My final example here. One Portland, Oregon resident, together with 1,000 Friends of Oregon, recognized shortcomings in plans for development of his land and fought successfully to save the land from rezoning as urban development. He realized that if subdivisions were surrounding him and making his farm an island, it would make it impossible for him to keep farming.</p> <p>The odds were steep, there were high-powered attorneys, political operatives representing major developers. But he won, in fact two times based on what was deemed to be an inflated projection of how much land was needed for jobs and housing. And the 1,000 Friends of Oregon stepped in to ensure that urban growth boundaries were based not on unrealistic aspirations of local landowners, developers and elected officials, but on solid data and clear principles governing where development is appropriate.</p> <p>Toronto is third in its rate of growth behind Los Angeles and Dallas Fort Worth and is the third worst polluter, according to this article. Debbie Crandle of STORM</p> |
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| | <p>outlines a draft strategic directions paper, which has been combined from the efforts of York, Durham and Peel. It's entitled the Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape.</p> <p>This, in the chapter called Strategic Direction, the report makes several recommendations. One is that the PPS should refer specifically to the protection and enhancement of glacial moraines like the Trafalgar Moraine. And this is all in the letter that I've photocopied for you. So basically, I'm including the STORM letter.</p> <p>There's a forthcoming letter outlining, anti-sprawl from Sierra Legal Defence. I hopefully will have a letter from the pianist Anton Kwerty, who is a very staunch supporter of beauty.</p> <p>I think that without a consideration of aesthetics and a philosophical sense of the word, we're really squandering our environmental heritage. And with beauty in mind, we're thinking and feeling beings.</p> <p>So I ask that you consider what I brought up: The Fisheries Permit, detail and make public protection of rare and endangered species, detail and make public wetland designation, study the significance and hopefully protect the moraine, read the STORM article, respond to the STORM article, Debbie Crandle, respond to the Sierra Legal Defence letter that's forthcoming, consider public transportation, consider an outside environmental assessor, make the public, the process public, do it in a timely fashion, consider long-term impact more seriously on your plans and apply your integrity and imagination for our respect.</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>Thank you for your delegation. Are there questions? Councillor Wright.</p> |
| <p><i>Councillor Janice Wright</i></p> | <p>Hi. Thank you for your presentation. Can I ask you what your understanding is of Smart Growth?</p> |
| <p><i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Mike Harris' Government I wasn't able to reach. Nobody returned my calls from his...</p> |

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| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | So, but you mentioned Smart Growth in your presentation. I was just wondering what your understanding of Smart Growth is. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | Yeah, that's a good question because Debbie Crandle from STORM I guess attended Burlington, the Burlington summit in which they were talking about Smart Growth in a progressive way. And I think the Friends of Oregon are talking about it in the same sense, as progressive thinking, like alternatives to the Harris Government... |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Alternatives such as... |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | Alternatives such as Portland, Oregon, as a community study, which I have details on. Like, uh, real choices for public transportation. There's a list I can read you. They seem to be a very successful community like an ideal of Smart Growth. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Mmh-mmh. Do you understand that the downtown revitalization of Portland, Oregon was enabled by a tremendous infusion of federal funds. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | I'm sorry, was... |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Was enabled, they had the ability to do that because of the infusion of federal money. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | I still think it's important to bring it up as an alternative because I feel that Oakville has significant funds, as a Town. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | You think we have significant... |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | I think compared to other municipalities, we do. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Okay. And I just wanted – one other question – I just wanted to know if you were aware that the 407 cuts right through the Trafalgar Moraine? |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | Yeah, actually I contacted the fish habitat man on that and it seems that his take on its was like the low end of the DFO federal law, like he was saying things like, 'Well there's nothing we can do,' and, 'The 407 plans are from the '50s,' and you know this is all getting into complicated stuff that I can't answer just like that because I'm not in |

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| | your field. But I did an awful lot of research and an awful lot of calls. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | I appreciate that. Thank you. |
| <i>Catherine Balmer (Delegate)</i> | Thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Any further questions? Thank you very much.</p> <p>Before the next delegation comes forward, I'd like to make it clear that if anyone has any concerns on how election campaigns were funded, every candidate – successful or otherwise – has to file and they have to file with the Clerk's Department and if any of you want copies of any election expenses for 2001, '97, '94, wherever, they're on record and they're public and the local newspapers normally do a front-page article, it's always been my recollection, that lists the contributors. So there's no secret to that. So if any of you have any curiosity, I invite you, in fact urge you, to take a look at how municipal campaigns in Oakville are funded.</p> <p>Sir, I don't think you're the next speaker, so.</p> |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | No. But if I could pray for indulgence, I'd like to make a correction to what I said. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you |
| <i>Steve Baker (Delegate)</i> | Rob Burton has assured me that he did not say the things that I ascribed to him. And I accept that I must have been mistaken. I'd like to apologize to Rob and Kevin. It was not my intention to embarrass anyone. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you Sir. We accept that. Councillor Flynn? |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | Thank you Mr. Baker. Your apology is accepted. There seems to be a lot of apologies going around lately. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | It's always good to cleanse the soul and to apologize. That's not a problem. Honest mistakes occur. The next delegation. |
| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | Yes, the next delegation your Worship is Gerry Yellowlees and the next grouping of five are: Tania Orton, Kenneth Smith, Rajneesh Sharda, Dr. Pedro Pereyra, Carol Westwood. |

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| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Any of those people in the audience at this time? Thank you Sir, if you'd like to come forward. Sure. Thank you very much. We'll assist you in any way that we can. While the Gentleman is setting up his presentation, is there anyone else on that list who's here, who has a presentation? Did we call your name sir? |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | Yes you did. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well, come forward while the Gentleman sets up his laptop and maybe we can do two... If you could tell us your name Sir we'd appreciate it. |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | My name's Ken Smith. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Mr. Ken Smith, okay. |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | Kenneth Smith, 2298 Yolanda Drive. As a matter of fact, we moved here almost 30 years ago. Got here before Ralph did, but not before Kevin. And not before you your Worship. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I'm 29 years, Sir, so you did beat me. |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | It doesn't show at all your Worship. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well, bless you. What a softie, eh? |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | <p>Thank you. The reason I'm here tonight is I want to tell you a little bit about how we got to Oakville. And the reason we got to Oakville is we were living in our first home in Don Mills. And it was a beautiful community but it was our first home and we were kind of crowded in because of all the townhouses that were there.</p> <p>But it was affordable to us, and it's something that we enjoyed at the time. But we had plans to move on. The big thing was that it was temporary housing. We made a few friends that through the years have kind of diminished and gone away.</p> <p>But when we arrived in Oakville, we arrived in a place that was an oasis between Mississauga on one hand and Burlington on the other.</p> <p>Burlington was going through high-density development and Mississauga was already going through high-density development and this is almost 29 years ago.</p> |

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| | <p>We stumbled into Oakville, to be perfectly honest. But what we found was a community. And there was a downtown core at the time. And that didn't exist in Don Mills. It didn't exist in Mississauga and it doesn't exist in Burlington.</p> <p>There was a community in our neighborhood, where people took time to help each other, to get to know each other. And they were there for the long term. As Ralph probably knows and Kevin knows that the area of Bronte, there's very little turnover.</p> <p>But if you look at some of the other developments that have gone on, such as the Winston Churchill area, the Hazel McLeary.</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>Sorry, did you mean Clearview, Sir, residential community?</p> |
| <p><i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>The residential communities, Hazel McLeary for example, where you have all of those townhouses going up. And it's a lot like Don Mills was as far as I was concerned.</p> <p>And the interesting thing is that my daughter and my son-in-law moved into that area. And for them it was temporary housing. And for them, they've moved on. And they've moved into the Coronation Park area, just again re-generate the area and hopefully this will be their permanent home.</p> <p>Where is all this going? What I'm talking about is that the development in Oakville should be looking at building not homes - it should be building communities. We should be interested in our own destiny and from all I could see in the official, in the OPA, was that the destiny is being driven by Toronto.</p> <p>The objectives for this whole OPA are based on the needs of Toronto: Toronto's need for expansion at the rate of 100,000 homes per year. Toronto's need for housing because Mississauga is already filled up. Toronto's need for business space, because Toronto is already filled up.</p> <p>Now, I love Toronto. I worked there all my life, basically</p> |

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| | <p>all my life. But I live in Oakville. This is my community. This is where my friends are. This is where my children had a chance to grow up and be children.</p> <p>So, what I'm asking the Council is when you're considering the development is to forget about the number of houses. To forget about the, the, the – to move towards a lighter density, a less dense area. To forget about the affordable housing issues that seem to have been plaguing this Council for years.</p> <p>Because when you look around and you see Glen Abbey, you go, 'Okay fine.' There's still park space. There's still life in Glen Abbey. You go to the next phase of development and it becomes extremely dense. And when you get dense development, your Worship, you get high turnover. You don't get community. You get crime. You don't get neighbors. You get associates who are going to be there for a short period of time.</p> <p>So what I'm looking at is long-term quality of life for Oakville. As a matter of fact your Worship I believe that is the motto of Oakville: Quality of life. And I've always seen there was a high quality of life. And what I'm looking for is this Council and this community here to perpetuate the way of life that I have known and stand up for the high quality of life that has become paramount of Oakville.</p> <p>I just happened to notice the coat of arms up there and I understand the ship, I understand the Oak tree, but are those two hogs chasing each other?</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>No, they're boars' heads taken from the coat of arms of the Town's founders, the Chisholm family. And when you go and make new heraldry, that's what you often do. You reflect in pictorial the links with the past. So the lake is Ontario, the boats because we used to be a customs and a trade in the boat-building community and the boars' heads are from the Chisholm influence.</p> |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | <p>And the motto is quality of life.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>The motto is 'Avancez,' it means to go forward.</p> |
| <i>Ken Smith (Delegate)</i> | <p>I'm thinking about the web site where it says quality of</p> |

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| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Oh, the web site, yeah. |
| Ken Smith (Delegate) | We go forward with quality of life |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Okay, thank you Sir. Is there any questions of Mr. Smith? Councillor Wright. |
| Councillor Janice Wright | Hi, thank you. I just wanted to clarify. You're suggesting that we not provide a variety of housing types. |
| Ken Smith (Delegate) | One of the things that I noticed is that it said more efficient use of land, okay. Well, we've seen what efficient use of land can be in the development that is just, still going on up around Highway #5 right now. And that is too efficient use of land. When you get the housing stacked together in the densities that you have, you have the traffic problems that have been spoken about, you have the pollution problems that have been spoken about. It took me six minutes to go from one kilometer today, from the ramp coming off Third Line to Speers Road. Six minutes for one kilometer. |
| Councillor Janice Wright | So you'd prefer to see the single family detached double garage, double car, that kind of... |
| Ken Smith (Delegate) | Gez I'd love (<i>Inaudible</i>), wouldn't you? Yes I would like to see less density, whatever that means, yes that's what I would like to see. And there's no reason why in my opinion, affordable housing should be an issue for Oakville if it doesn't fulfill a longer-term and higher-quality goal and that is the quality of life. And it's a quality of life that I have experienced here in Oakville. And it's a quality of life that is fast disappearing. As the wetlands disappear, as the density becomes more dense. |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Thank you. Are there any further questions? We appreciate your presentation, Sir. Now if we might return, I appreciate your patience with that. |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate) | Thank you for this opportunity. I hope not to - to entertain you a little bit and change the pace and also (<i>Inaudible</i>). |

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| <p><i>NOTE: Presentation is extremely difficult to hear due to a poor microphone.</i></p> | <p>There are many things I will say later that I know have been said before. I hope that I can offer tonight an original outlook.</p> <p>My main philosophy is actually (<i>Inaudible</i>) to find common ground. There are ways of solving the problem. (<i>Inaudible</i>). ...Political pressure that we get from Toronto. But I think we can...imagination. And that is what I will ask of this Council is a lot of imagination. And to command that same imagination from developers.</p> <p>There is ways about around this. There's ways of protecting forest areas that...enhance the real estate value. Use them to capture water, rather than using it, etc. etc. So my position is one in which there are solutions and let's find them.</p> <p>Why are we concerned about urban sprawl? Well, it's because disproportionate development occurs on ecologically sensitive lands. And of course in the state of Mexico where I come from, that we keep growing, we keep developing, the easiest way is just to keep just expanding. That is the easiest solution. So let's try to see if we can find better solutions to that.</p> <p>Because sprawl is ecologically unsustainable, we know that. We are walking into a (<i>Inaudible</i>) monster because if not this problem now is going to be the next problem is going to be water quality...it's going to be waste, it's going to be a lot of things. So we know that we're walking into problems, so let's walk carefully.</p> <p>Traffic congestion, gasoline costs and all of that and air pollution, they're not going to go down. Let's not deceive ourselves.</p> <p>What drives the sprawling? Well, affluence in part. We've got money. We want to spend it. We want to make more money.</p> <p>Population growth: We have people coming in, we have Toronto coming into Oakville and we have that pressure: People want to live close to Toronto.</p> |
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| | <p>We have new industries that require new headquarters, that require new ways of doing. We don't have the old factories with the big chimneys. We have some left, but they don't, they are slowly disappearing. We have other ways of employing. And they need places to go.</p> <p>Then we have, for me one of the main areas of the presentation, which is transportation. We are growing the way we're growing because we have a terrible growth network in Ontario. It's – from its beginning it was designed the wrong way. It doesn't allow for expansion, it doesn't allow for fast growth.</p> <p>One of the problems for businesses is that they're all stuck congregated in one place to try to have access to constant growth. We have a terrible network of railroads for industry and transportation and we lack a broad-based provincial infrastructure that attracts businesses and populations to other areas of the province. Everything is getting concentrated in the GTA. Mexico City is your future.</p> <p>There are two other aspects that drive sprawling. And that is the Provincial Government's subsidized, subsidies funding formulas and political ideology or coercion, whichever way you want to see it.</p> <p>And then the municipal and provincial government's short sightedness. We call it short sightedness because we're forced, you're forced to take immediate decisions.</p> <p>It was brought up before, you are forced by regulations, by changing wording, by doing this, by changing the rules of the game. You're being pushed to take decisions without the time that you need, and the time that we would wish you had had.</p> <p>I'd...but also the developers. I don't think that this is going to be to their advantage. The problems that are going to be generated are going to be so large, they are not (<i>Inaudible</i>) a lot of money for this.</p> <p>What process should then decide the style, philosophy and form of urban development? Well, plans submitted by</p> |
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| | <p>developers and special interest groups, changing the Official Plan, changing wordings – just exactly what we are proposing to do here.</p> <p>Well, I think the idea on this, and again it has been expressed, we should move to a way in which the goals of citizens, not just environmentalists, and I am on that side of the development, of the equation. But not just that. Also the developers. Also the owners of the land that is being developed. We have a democratic, political and a right to conclusion, not being pushed to conclusion.</p> <p>This is an article taken from (<i>Inaudible</i>) web site on the problems with loss of agricultural land. I am concerned, extremely concerned, at the loss of agricultural land and I think everybody should.</p> <p>We are living in relatively good times but we could enter relatively bad times and we won't be able to feed ourselves. We have to support the agricultural land. Agriculture is also a business and also a source of revenue.</p> <p>So, imagine (<i>Inaudible</i>) growth in the corn belt. The United States has an advantage over us. They don't have the problems we have. They do have agricultural (<i>Inaudible</i>) and we are losing it. For politically strategic, as a country, we have a problem with it.</p> <p>The next problem has to do with the less-wanted problem but one that is reality for human beings, is our waste. (<i>Inaudible</i>) And, as I would bring the point later on, the problem is waste is a three-dimensional problem. You need to dig to put it in. Otherwise it climbs up. The circles that you see around I've drawn one of the province's not having water purification plants, well, as we move farther and farther away from the lake those plants are not as successful, they're very expensive.</p> <p>So this is the area that land use that would be necessary for processing waste, the equivalent of land. So that is just for the GTA. And we will have to be spreading our waste all the way to (<i>Inaudible</i>).</p> |
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Now, one of the questions that I do have, and it's an economical question and I'm being very simplistic here: When we earn money, when we produce energy, we're doing it in the linear tetra-function. We earn little by little. Sometimes it goes up. Sometimes it goes down. So, we don't always have the money in that we don't make it. It doesn't grow in the trees. So it's a slow function.

Then you tax by square. You tax the area we inhabit as an area. Which is good. That is good because what it means is that I'm having to work a lot to be able to pay for this square function.

But then we group have to take a lot more to pay for the three-dimensional problems that arise from ecological degradation, water problems, waste dispersion, etc. So things don't add up after awhile.

If the capital source of energy...automatically rich, then you wouldn't have these problems. We could pay and put 25 million waste processing plants and afford it. But we can't. The reality is we can't.

So if you could have linear (inaudible), you have two-dimensional taxation and three-dimensional problems.

One of the examples is the impervious surface and it's one of the simplest ones to understand, the data, satellite data and new data has illustrated that about 10 to 15 per cent of impervious surface in a watershed will give you already indications in the water of contamination due to run-off. Impervious surfaces are roads, (inaudible) houses - not the garden area that water is seeping through. So if we can construct in such a way that we capture that water, we don't contaminate it, we capture it - part of the initial design for the draining of waters.

But if we do that, and we keep increasing the area of impervious surface, we come to situations in which when you have reached 20 per cent of the watershed with impervious surface, you find that you have lost your streams. Basically, you just have sewage systems, basically.

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| | <p>Why is that? Well, that is that three-dimensional factor that I was talking about. The yellowish area, the apparent area is the one we put mesh, so many square meters of land. So, assuming a 1,000 square kilometer area, the yellow one is the increased with the percentage, the percentage of that thousand square kilometers.</p> <p>Notice that the green is when we assume, when we introduce the factor of fractal dimensions. That is, it's not just the surface material, but it's that kind of latitude the ground allows in a normal surface just the way our lungs work.</p> <p>We can breathe a lot more, despite the small size of our lungs. Because they're actually enormous surfaces and the soil is like that. And that is what allows the water to pump. Otherwise, it runs off.</p> <p>So, if we consider that, in a conservative estimate, the green gives you an idea of the amount of surface we are actually using. And that is why 30 per cent of the square area uses (<i>Inaudible</i>).</p> <p>Well, has the Natural Heritage Inventory Study included proposals to ensure biopreservation and biodiversification in the lands south of the development areas? Are we going to continue preserving and enhancing the lands that we have now? And that is one of the points that people are trying to bring out. You are going to be developing on the intake of the water systems that's the reservoir.</p> <p>And unless you do it right, we are going to have some consequences, not just up there. We're going to have consequences down here.</p> <p>And I work with the Red Side Dace. I am part of that group. So the 12 Mile Creek, the 14 Mile Creek, the 16 Mile Creek are still creeks that are biologically active, supplying fishes to Lake Ontario. They're indispensable to the biology of Lake Ontario, not just locally, but Lake Ontario. So we need to preserve them. We need to build the planning in such a way that that is not out.</p> <p>Now here I'm being sarcastic. Has the Natural Heritage</p> |
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Inventory Study also included proposals for the preservation and the diversification of waste? Because we do have a problem. I walk the 14 Mile Creek nearly every Sunday, Saturday and Sundays, and the amount of disposal and waste that I find in this stream is not funny. Speers Road and industrial areas are disastrous, the amount of waste accumulated through the years, they are dark, dumpy places.

We have a problem with the way not only with development, but the way we use our streams, what we do with them. The zones, the buffer zones that you have – seven meters from it – they don't work. They don't work. We need larger than that. We need ways in which those areas, ravines become inaccessible to dumpers.

The way we design roads at the intersections of roads and streams. We need to have catch basins for all that waste and all that garbage and all that (*Inaudible*). We need to (*Inaudible*). And that is an infrastructure that we can develop with the front and then bring back to the south of Dundas. We have given (*Inaudible*) the opportunity to development to do it in a completely new way. So, we don't want that. We want (*Inaudible*).

So. All those assessments need to indicate solutions. Not just to indicate a specific species. And here's – I am not an ecologist that is in love with a rare species. I am an ecologist that is in love with the winds. If all ecosystems – and we are part of the ecosystem and we have to construct, we have to build with that ecosystem in mind, not against it.

And here is what I mentioned before: Are you going to be taking responsibility for what's going to happen to South of Dundas?

And here's my – most of that you ought to consider very seriously. The lands are (*Inaudible*) Oakville's watersheds are indeed protected. If anybody wants to develop, they have to really put forward amazing, imaginative engineering advice - and I keep that tone of voice - plans to develop those lands close to those areas.

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| | <p>Enough of the little procreation boxes. We need an architecture that is indeed aesthetic. That we can call home, not just one house, the other house, and lose yourself in it. We cannot continue with a mentality of the 1950s.</p> <p>Now this is a very loud display of your (<i>Inaudible</i>). I think this is an indication of the problem. (<i>Inaudible</i>) is going to be developed you have the (<i>Inaudible</i>) of many of the smaller streams, the 14 Mile Creek, Joshua Creek and so on. All that water is being taken away. We have to ensure that that water continues to keep feeding (<i>Inaudible</i>). How, I don't know. But I am sure that there are brilliant engineers and architects around.</p> <p>We also have the forest areas, some of them and again and here's where I correct, it does not matter that one forest area is Level One, unfortunately, having called them just woodlots is not good. But the reality is that they have to be viable ecosystems. If you have an ecosystem that's shrunken to a certain point, you might as well put dirty cement on top of it because that's all it will do. You can shrink it to such an extent that I don't care if you have the most rare species in the world, it's gone. That's (<i>Inaudible</i>).</p> <p>If you want to preserve, we need that space. And we need to create the space for nature as well as for ourselves. Greed does not engender wisdom. (<i>Inaudible</i>).</p> <p>So, I don't want it to look like that. I don't think anybody, and I don't think any of you want it to look like that. This, which is my (hairnail) research of the 14 Mile Creek will not exist if this area here and this area here is eliminated and is covered over. You would fail. You are killing everything downstream. The water levels are going to drop. And it's all there in the LGL report. They're telling you what to do.</p> <p>So whoever constructs in this area has to construct with a lot of imagination. And why not consider too proposals to rejuvenate and to reactivate the agricultural use of that land? That is an alternative that is not considered.</p> |
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| | <p>And here I'm going to call upon your own words and your own Official Plan: Oakville will endeavor to establish a system of green way links in all communities. So destroy existing forested areas - use them as the green ways?</p> <p>Environmental protection areas are based on, among other things, and in addition are areas identified as being vital to the natural system. And that is my point to you. Much of what we have in North Oakville is vital to the entire health of the system.</p> <p>So, that moraine I don't care if it was most of it (<i>Inaudible</i>) for the 407, I don't care if it's done. We have to take care of it. It's our (<i>Inaudible</i>). We can't increase the water intake, the freshwater intake. The less we have to take from Ontario. The more we can do with it.</p> <p>So why not develop new technologies – they are there, I'm not inventing anything, I'm not proposing something that's not there. We need to research alternative things, we need to (<i>Inaudible</i>) from residents, from politicians.</p> <p>It is policy of the Town of Oakville to preserve the prime agricultural lands for farming and related uses. I know that that's what you are trying not to do. I am begging you that you reconsider an agricultural economy. You can make a lot of money.</p> <p>The first thing that we have to preserve is some of that agriculture land, and I think we should. Just in case a fat chance, melons from Mexico, strawberries from Mexico won't be cheap. And we cannot grow our own.</p> <p>And then the education issues. I'm a teacher, as you know, and I teach ecology. I teach chemistry. I teach many things. So how do I explain this, the pollution, the waste accumulation as the inevitable price for our future well-being? And the inevitable result of democratic choice? And the inevitable benefit of unregulated real estate markets? Or the foresight of municipal governments' planning amendments? You tell me. Because the problem is not going to disappear.</p> <p>This is an opportunity, and this is a political moment and I</p> |
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| | <p>think the previous speaker was talking about, Mr. Kranz. Some of you like him, some of us don't for many reasons, but I think there is - and I have actually had the opportunity to deal with some of the Ministry, the Ministry of the Environment, in person, and also with the Ministry of Education, that there are things that we can agree on.</p> <p>But democratic freedom is (<i>Inaudible</i>). We have to be able to function democratically at this level without any pushing around. And we have to have the courage to determine our own future. And neither do moneymakers decide that nor the money losers, but we all do. Because we all need to make money. We all need to make a living. We all need to prosper and we all need to feel that we're part of it.</p> <p>And that is the message you will be hearing over and over and over... (<i>inaudible</i>). So let's do it right this time.</p> |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Thank you very much. Councillor Robinson has a question. |
| Councillor Ralph Robinson | <p>Thank you. Thank you very much. I enjoyed your presentation. It was well put together and well documented and I know now what you do for a living, so I don't need to ask that question, but I do want your opinion on the following: You pointed out that there's a lot of things wrong in Oakville and that we should fix them.</p> <p>Do you think that as a child of the province, as a creation of the province that we have the ability locally to do all these things that you say need to be done?</p> |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate) | I (<i>Inaudible</i>) at the present time. |
| Councillor Ralph Robinson | Therefore, that was a - I appreciate that answer. What would you do, if you were premier to help us fix these things? |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate) | Eliminate...(<i>Inaudible</i>) That's... |
| Councillor Ralph Robinson | And that will do it? |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, | Well, that will allow for the continuing discussion of what |

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| <i>Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | is at stake. I know it's a simplistic first answer. |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | It sure is because as long as you've got various levels of politicians, you'll never eliminate ambiguity. <i>(Laughter)</i> . Therefore we have to find another way of solving this problem and how are we going to do it? |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well Councillor Robinson, you asked the Gentleman for his opinion and he gave you an answer, so I... |
| <i>Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | I think I would love actually to discuss the issue. I believe <i>(Inaudible)</i> . I'm not a political person and I am not intending to be but I do have to understand. And so I would like to actually <i>(Inaudible)</i> talk to you and discuss the issue. <i>(Inaudible)</i> Your question is very important. |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | I think we'll do that, thanks. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Councillor Sanderson has a question. |
| <i>Councillor Jody Sanderson</i> | Thank you your Worship. I really appreciated – I am always amazed at the amount of work and in-depth research that the public does and we've seen it here tonight and I appreciate that. I was intrigued by one of the things that you said and it was in one of your earlier slides Pedro. You talked about open bid process. Does that ring a bell? |
| <i>Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | Yes it does. |
| <i>Councillor Jody Sanderson</i> | Can you explain to me how that would be effected, how that would work? |
| <i>Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | I don't mind that question – I don't know if I'm using the right word, so I'll explain the idea a little bit more and maybe you'll correct the word <i>(Inaudible)</i> . One of the problems is that we see the same interests over and over. The same people pushing for development and so on. What I am talking about is we need to find a – to solve the problems that we have. So new development would have and do it in a new way. So by opening bid, what I'm suggesting is, that you move for developers to poll the architects and engineers, to ask what they would do, what they could propose for those lands. |

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| | Consistent with those communications, those environmental studies not trying to divide/bypass the (<i>Inaudible</i>), you develop with the right (<i>Inaudible</i>). And that is open bid. |
| <i>Councillor Jody Sanderson</i> | Thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I've heard someone describe wetlands of the kidneys of the ecology on a television – and I was fascinated by that. And I served in my early life as a Councillor on the Environment Ecological Committee of Halton. And it was fascinating what one can learn. Councillor Elgar presently serves on it, so. Councillor Flynn. |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | Thank you. Thanks for the presentation Dr. Pereyra. I knew you were a teacher because you taught my son and he's doing okay in the sciences still. (<i>Laughter</i>) |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | He's relieved that you're not going to ask him a question about that. |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | That's right, that's right, yeah, that's right. (<i>Laughter</i>) No, but, do you know what? I think you were pretty tough on him and I think he thanks you for it now. He's going into med school eventually, so. The question was of the kids at St. Thomas that you teach, do you attract kids to that school from Clearview, from East Oakville, Central Oakville, the old sections and the new sections – are they a part of the 14 Mile Creek project? Are the students themselves actually involved? What do they see? When you tell me that our future's going to be something like Mexico City unless we change our ways, what do the kids think when you start talking about this stuff? |
| <i>Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | Well one of the things that I do actually, I do a Grade 10...called sustainability of existence. After we take them to parks... natural areas we do a complete bio assessment of the...diversity...change in the quality of the stream. And they actually may know that, but I found that, I'm surprised at those kids, at how...little...uses. It always has to be when detected...cycles, something like that. Just wanting to introduce them and enjoying it has done very |

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| | <p>little. When you're giving them the opportunity, they know they may...spider who happens to ...in their hands. They become more part of it. They start appreciating that we live with it. And they would like...to use that space. <i>(Inaudible)</i>. And that is the nature of the experience that they have at the Grade 10 level.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | <p>In the interaction that you have with the kids at the Grade 10 level and even up to the OAC level, have you, could you, have you sort of formulated an opinion as to what you think young people, are they confident that the type of planning we're doing is going to give them the sort of future they want?</p> |
| <i>Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | <p>Well I certainly encourage them tremendously to be part of...I wish that <i>(Inaudible)</i>. I think that the movement...<i>(Inaudible)</i>. I am not just somebody that goes and talks to the...And that is very important. That they realize that...possible. <i>(Inaudible)</i> We're talking also about that. What we're going to do with those lands up there. <i>(Inaudible)</i>.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Councillor Elgar.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | <p>Yes, thank you. You mentioned a lot you know about the sustainability and everything. Now, there's a doctor from B.C., Doctor Reese and he states that, at our current consumption rate, we are not sustainable. Like, do you agree with that?</p> |
| <i>Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate)</i> | <p>On the basis of the energy sources that we have right now...If we do...we will see ourselves going through increasing climb down, coming down, and become extremely efficient. <i>(Inaudible)</i>. At which point...</p> <p>And as I said, is technology coming round? It was. But, it costs...And it costs time too...So, no, I don't think we can sustain the current way of performance. I don't think that we can maintain the standard of living without giving away some of those...We need to reduce the cost...So, we need to reduce cost, and some of that is cost of operation. It isn't just moving goods from one place to another, just costing lots of money in gas. Pollution is cost. So both of that cost, I don't think we have come to the point where the costs are going down. I think it has to come down so</p> |

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| | sustainability is not possible yet. |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Councillor Wright is the final question. |
| Councillor Janice Wright | I thank you very much for your presentation. I was just curious and Councillor Elgar brought the sustainability up, I just wanted to get your definition of sustainability. How would we know? |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate) | <p>Well, sustainability means (<i>Inaudible</i>). So it's very vague. I think the basic idea that we have is that we're able to reuse or to use a...resource, in general over and over and over again. So if we come and look at this simplistically, I'm a forester and I'm able to use the forest and I...cut down trees, sell them, grow new trees, sell them and go on for...However, that doesn't work like that.</p> <p>There is a very simple equation in chemistry that I teach in OAC. And that is the contradiction...in energy. And free energy is not...available to do work...has two components. One is the actual cost of the work and then is the actual amount of energy that is lost in doing that work. That is the entropy model.</p> <p>No matter what we do, it has cost as energy that cannot be introduced. In fact, we put energy in...So that energy loss is what makes a system's sustainability very difficult.</p> |
| Councillor Janice Wright | Okay, so then, how would we know, if we're not sustainable at the rate we're going now, how would we know how to achieve sustainability? |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate) | I think the way we use those energy losses... |
| Councillor Janice Wright | And you would you suggest we do that? |
| Dr. Pedro M. Pereyra, Ph.D (Delegate) | By becoming more efficient in all sorts of ways. For example, and for the proper perspective and I know that...(<i>Inaudible</i>)...So, there is that lost energy. So, just that, the fact that you don't have to invest money in...the fact more efficient... |
| Councillor Janice Wright | Okay, thank you. |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Thank you very much. The next speaker, Madam Clerk. |
| Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk | Just to recap, your Worship. Tanya Orton, Rajneesh Sharda, Carol Westwood. The next grouping of speakers |

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| | <p>are Wendy Burton, Francoise Morissette, Peter Peller, Laura Knowlton and Carol Keene. So, calling forward Wendy Burton.</p> |
| <p><i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Hi. My name is Wendy Burton and I'm appearing here as the Chair of the Town's Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee.</p> <p>The fact that our committee, a Town advisory committee, wanted to comment on this OPA apparently caused some concern for some administrators. So I would like to take a moment to speak about the process before us.</p> <p>I understand that staff is to take away the questions asked, concerns raised and suggestions made in the past 10 days. Staff is to answer the questions and consider the concerns and suggestions. I would like to believe this is the case, but I am concerned because a funny thing happened on the way to this forum. Actually, three funny things.</p> <p>First, the Town Manager tried to discourage our committee from commenting at this forum, saying we were beyond our mandate.</p> <p>Second, the Manager of Long Range Planning, when I telephoned her about protocol for this meeting, also told me we were out of line and should not be commenting here.</p> <p>Third, the same person told me in an e-mail on June 7th that it was already too late to have any suggestions we made included in the OPA and that the OPA was being presented to Council June 25th for adoption, not for further input from groups.</p> <p>I would like to believe that our committee's recommendations will get an objective review. So, in referring these issues to staff, I hope Council will give them appropriate direction.</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>Mrs. Burton, I can assure you that all comments that are raised in this Council during this consultation however long it takes will be responded to. They may be responded to by being grouped into categories so that we can have a</p> |

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| | document that doesn't take down a forest to print. But every consideration and every comment will be dealt with. |
| <i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i> | <p>Thank you. As Martin Luther King said, "We begin to die the day we become silent about things that matter." This matters and we're not ready to go away and die. That's why we're here.</p> <p>Now before I move into the body of our brief, I would like to recognize some of our committee members: Francoise Morissette is my co-presenter and she is Vice-Chair of our committee and she has done a lot of the research on this report.</p> <p>On June 25th Loraine Taylor was here. I don't think she's here tonight, but tonight we do have Gail Penalosa, over... raise your hand, Gail. Thank you. And we have John McNeil, who is the staff to both the Parks and Rec Advisory Committee and to the tree sub-committee, to our tree sub-committee.</p> <p>By the way, the tree sub-committee only two weeks ago recommended that the Town uphold its own Official Plan by requiring adequate measures to support the street trees we plant and are indeed required to plant. So we've had a full agenda lately.</p> <p>The Parks, the Parks Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee is made up of two Councillors and seven volunteers appointed by Council. We are charged with reviewing matters affecting the ability of the Parks and Recreation Department to achieve its goal of providing public recreation services and facilities that are responsive to the needs of Oakville residents.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Mrs. Burton if I might just interrupt. If you step back a little bit. The, in the old days the mikes you really had to get close to. The bumping that's happening is because you're a little bit too close. |
| <i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i> | Okay. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | So if you could throughout your presentation, just, you'll find your comfort level in distance. |

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| <p><i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Okay. I knew you'd correct me if I got it wrong. In the last decade we have advised on everything from day-to-day operational matters to significant policy issues, such as revising the department's master plan. In addition, our tree sub-committee is responsible for advising on the health of Town trees.</p> <p>The current committee was appointed late last year and held its first meeting on February 22nd. Preservation of our parks and recreation options in the Town's remaining developable lands north of Highway #5 quickly emerged as a priority for committee members, who saw this as our last chance to make sure we provide for the future.</p> <p>As our Town grows and expands, we want to make sure that Oakville's new residents enjoy the same quality of parks and recreation as the current residents. We also want to make sure that the quality of recreational life for existing citizens is preserved.</p> <p>Inadequate services in the north will put added pressures on those in the south. We need to make sure we have enough land for known recreational needs, such as playing fields, wooded trails and cycle ways and developing ones, such as off-leash dog exercise areas, an art center and nature preserves for the more passive recreational needs of an ageing population.</p> <p>The headwaters of many of our creeks are in the area to be developed. We need to make sure we have enough land to buffer these environmentally sensitive features from the trauma of development. Otherwise, we'll have swamps where we now have creeks.</p> <p>The quality of the air we breathe as we partake of recreational services is positively related to the forest cover in the community. We need to make sure we have enough woodland to filter our already heavily polluted air shed as it suffers more pollution from industrial and residential development and the opening of Highway 407.</p> <p>Woodlands are also where our ageing population wants to do more of its passive recreation. Last week, I distributed to Councillors some pertinent survey data that suggested</p> |
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| | <p>this international trend is occurring here in Oakville too.</p> <p>We are hardly alone in our concerns. A recent article in Toronto Life Magazine outlined the increasing concern of 905 residents over environmental degradation. Citizen battles to save the Rouge River valley and the Oak Ridges Moraine demonstrate the trend for suburbanites to demand a more balanced approach to development. Nature is not a frill. It is a need.</p> <p>Our committee began to discuss some strategies to deal with our concerns. Some of them probably belong at the secondary planning stage. Some belong at budget time. And some belong to Town-wide forums.</p> <p>But we felt one idea in particular should be brought forward at this stage. Francoise.</p> |
| <p><i>Francoise Morissette (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Our main recommendation is an environmental strategic plan for Oakville. The goal of such a plan would be to conserve and improve the natural environment for this and future generations that will A, sustain life; B, maintain health; and C, provide improved quality of life.</p> <p>The purpose of this strategy would be to provide a consistent framework for all decisions that affect natural features, such as: Decisions on land use; acquisition of public land; conservation; forestation; streetscape would all fall under this strategy.</p> <p>What we are looking for is alignment and synergy and if we did that we would be in very good company. Let me quote some of our neighboring towns who have done this.</p> <p>Kitchener has just adopted an environmental strategic plan. And I'm going to read to you the mission statement of their plan: "To ensure an environment that is ecologically sound and responsive to the health, safety and well-being of its residents by identifying and implementing policies and practices which impact positively on the environment."</p> <p>Another Town is Edmonton. The City Council of Edmonton in 1999 adopted a vision statement that said,</p> |

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| | <p>“Edmontonians sustain and enhance their environment for present and future citizens in harmony with the global community.”</p> <p>And finally, near us, Hamilton has adopted Vision 20:20, a plan for a community including systems of connected and protected natural areas.</p> <p>The benefits of such a plan are as follows: A common strategy would ensure that all of the areas for action are prioritized and support each other as well as supporting the Official Plan. So instead of dealing with piecemeal stuff, it would be all integrated together.</p> <p>The strategy would help to protect and enhance forests, creeks and other natural heritage features by setting targets to guide the secondary planning process; co-ordinating the efforts of partner agencies; increasing the awareness of the public and the private sectors as well as ordinary citizens - that’s education, awareness and possibly sponsorships; identifying clear action steps in addition to those involved in the planning process; and increasing the chances of attracting sponsorships.</p> <p>It would defer from the green lands and environmental policies of the plan in being broader, and in taking into consideration non-planning measures such as community fundraising to purchase woodlots and reforestation initiatives.</p> <p>Our intent is that the land use provision of the ESPB before the secondary planning stage, with other provisions regarding transportation, air quality etc. being developed while secondary planning takes place.</p> <p>Here’s an example of elements that are contained in a strategic plan from, this is from a document called ‘The Greening of the York Region.’ And, again, this is an example. I’m not saying it’s exhaustive, but it’s a pretty good representation of what an environment strategic plan can contain.</p> <p>For example, partnerships, plantings, stewardship and protection, better data and tracking, public awareness,</p> |
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| | <p>acquisition, new development areas, trails, rural and agricultural lands and urban areas.</p> <p>This document here, ‘The Greening of the York Region’ initiative, by the way, is a very interesting document to read and it shows a Region that has actually done a lot to quote, unquote, ‘re-green’ itself.</p> <p>Now, the issue here, and we’ve talked a lot about this on previous nights, is the issue of forest cover. You’ve seen this chart before. It shows that we have a very low forest cover, compared to other municipalities in the Halton Region.</p> <p>And I understand that a previous speaker has stated that Burlington, Halton Hills and Milton have higher forest coverage because of the escarpment. That means that they have the Niagara Escarpment Commission to do some of their work and that we in Oakville have to do more work, and, to reach a reasonable forest coverage. And we don’t end up in a situation, for example, like Markham who only has three per cent of forest coverage and now has to spend millions to re-green itself.</p> <p>What are the benefits of trees? That sounds like a silly question, but there’s a lot of benefits from trees. This is an excerpt from the Toronto University Forestry Department web site that identifies that multiple benefits of trees.</p> <p>First of all, treed communities attract residents and tourists. Apartments are rented longer for longer terms. Real estate values are up by 20 per cent. Developers know this, because in all of their advertisements, they always have expressions like, ‘enclaved by the forest,’ ‘oasis by the ravine,’ etc., etc. So, it does improve rentals and it does improve real estate prices. This is on the money side of things.</p> <p>More importantly, treed communities create healthier living. They absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. They attract dust particles and absorb pollutants, contributing to greater air quality. And they improve the quality of the ground water.</p> |
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| | <p>They also reduce noise pollution, because vegetation absorbs sounds and they reduce wind speed at ground levels, thereby lowering heating costs in the winter. They also increase shade in the summer and reduce glare, thereby reducing air conditioning costs by as much as 50 per cent.</p> <p>Trees, also, on a psychological level, augment mental and physical health by providing a sense of space and privacy and softening the hard lines and flat surfaces of urban design.</p> <p>Wood lots provide opportunities for passive recreation, a growing need for our aging population. And finally, forest cover provides a sense of connectedness to nature, without having to drive to the country.</p> <p>So here's what we are proposing. We are proposing a target of 26 per cent of green space for the new areas north of Highway #5. The Ministry of Natural Resources suggests 25 per cent in their document on 'The Greening of the York Region.'</p> <p>The Town recently negotiated with developers of the Shell land to preserve 26 per cent of the land as accessible green space, in other words, we have already done it in Oakville.</p> <p>We feel that this is an appropriate benchmark for the lands north of Dundas, which will probably be subject to fairly high densities due to the proximity of Highway 407 and provincial intensification policies.</p> <p>But most importantly, unlike other parts of Oakville, access to Lake Ontario waterfront, which provides a kind of open space relief, will be that much more difficult for residents in this area. Greater green space, including protection of headwaters and watersheds would provide some compensation.</p> <p>You have seen this map many times before and I've outlined in green here, the natural, the corridors that are already slotted for preservation. As you can see from this, there is a good north/south green space in three areas.</p> |
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| | <p>Where we feel the problem is, is in an east/west corridor. So something along this line. In this particular area, we feel there is going to be lacking green space and we also feel that for green space to be effective, they need to be connected.</p> <p>But, buying lots is very, very expensive. So I'm going to turn things back to Wendy, with funding recommendations to purchase these wood lots.</p> |
| <p><i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>I always get the hard stuff. How would we pay for this? We could create a community fund to raise money to purchase precious lands. That's what people at the other end of the GTA did, when they created the Rouge Valley Foundation.</p> <p>We could provide tax incentives for private citizens to plant trees in public areas. That's what the City of Calgary did. Its planting incentive program encourages residents to purchase trees to be planted on city boulevards, with 50 per cent of the cost being matched by the city.</p> <p>We could reallocate funds within the existing budget to cover wood lot acquisition. That's what they did in London, Ontario. The City decided to acquire and preserve significant wood lots that lie in the path of development. In 1999, they put it in their capital budget.</p> <p>We could also look at a special levy of some sort. In May 1999, during the review of the Park Department's master plan, the Town asked more than 600 citizens about this issue. If you look at the far right column, you'll see that even before this became a public issue, 43 per cent of respondents were willing to approve a special levy to buy woodlands north of Dundas Street.</p> <p>Oakville residents have demonstrated at least twice that I know of their willingness to buy parkland. Some years ago, Kingswood Park was created when residents, working with the Town, bought the land behind their homes and donated it to the Town.</p> <p>More recently, residents of Clairmont Crescent, Deer Run and Acadia Court once again working with the Town</p> |

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| | <p>bought the land behind their homes and donated it to the Town for parkland. Perhaps the neatest part of this transaction was that the residents received Federal and Provincial Tax Credits, equal to the cost of the land, since donations of land to the Crown are 100 per cent tax deductible. So, for once, the Town reversed the downloading trend and uploaded some costs.</p> <p>If we brainstorm and search out more best practices in other municipalities, I'm sure we can come up with even more creative funding strategies to buy woodlands.</p> <p>If this is a plea for anything, it is a plea to think big. To apply the same vision that created the waterfront festival, the heritage trails and many of the other wonderful features that make Oakville Oakville.</p> <p>We speak as people who believe that our parks, culture and recreation programs and facilities are what define Oakville. We understand that these features are purchased with a healthy local economy that includes employment development and affordable housing.</p> <p>But as we pursue the correct balance for Oakville, not for some statistically average town in an urban planning textbook, let's not lose site of the fact that the latter are a means to an end of a satisfying quality of life.</p> |
| <p><i>Francoise Morissette (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Before we conclude, I'd just like to share some best practices that we have researched and found in other towns.</p> <p>In Calgary, Alberta, they have an initiative called sustainable suburbs and this is the one that I pointed out here. It's a set of programs designed to minimize air, water and soil pollution, reduce water and protect natural habitats that support life in newly designed communities. And you all know the phenomenal growth of Calgary, Alberta, right? This is boom town. If they can do it, we can do it.</p> <p>Strategies include protected natural areas, open spaces that are linked and connections to regional pathways for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> |

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| | <p>Here are some other examples in various locations across Southern Ontario. This one here that I've pointed out is very, very useful to our interests. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Power Generation are in the process of soliciting partners for a plan to link the Niagara Escarpment to the Oak Ridges Moraine, creating a woodland equivalent to the waterfront trail. Again, partnerships between ministries and quote, unquote Crown corporations to make things happen.</p> <p>Another one that we thought was really good is Waterloo, the next one, has an initiative called Protective Planning, where it has defined all its tableland wood lots as significant in its Official Plan, adopting a no-development policy for wood lots. It is also requiring conservation easements between the landowners and the municipality as a condition for development approval.</p> <p>We found many more, and it's happening all over Ontario and all over Canada.</p> <p>So, to conclude, we have three points. The first point is a national point. This is Canada, a very, very large country with a relatively small population. We do not need to pile ourselves up on top of each other.</p> <p>Secondly, on a municipal level, where do we want to be? Do we want to be in the leading edge, visionary towns? Or do we want to be in the ones that are sort of lagging behind?</p> <p>And, finally, and most importantly – and this is a question for all of us, regardless of our role – what legacy do we want to leave behind to our grandchildren and great grandchildren. What will they say when they live in the communities that we have created today? Are they going to be pleased with the environment that we have created? Or are they going to be displeased? And it's a responsibility that belongs to each and every one of us. Thank you.</p> |
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| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Thank you. Councillor Robinson has the first question. |
| Councillor Ralph Robinson | Yes, thank you your Worship. I can't think of a better way |

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| | <p>to spend a July evening. You know, every time we hear one of these speakers we learn something.</p> <p>And the question may be of either of these two ladies, or - your Worship - it may be for staff. It may be for Mrs. Gough. I want to know the procedure that we would commence to create an Environmental Official Plan. I want to know how we would go about beginning that. And I don't know who knows the answer. Maybe it's an answer that needs to come back. I'm not sure.</p> |
| <p><i>Francoise Morissette</i> <i>(Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Yes. I have a partial answer to that. I'm a Professor at Queen's University and in my last course, as luck would have it, I had a student from the Town of Kitchener. She gave me her card and she said that anybody from the Town of Oakville would be more than willing to go and visit with them and see how they've done it. So that's one answer.</p> |
| <p><i>Wendy Burton</i> <i>(Delegate)</i></p> | <p>I would say that forums like this are a great start. Over the last four nights, we've heard people from all walks of life telling us what they want. And I think we've actually got a good start right here.</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>I think we can also do the case study. The Rouge Valley Fund, which is now administered by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, on whose Board of Directors I sit, was very much influenced by a person who went on to be the Federal Minister of the Environment. And there was a huge transfusion of Federal funds. And of course, the success that we've had recently with ORC, it gives us some good leverage as well.</p> <p>The heritage trails have received a great deal of money already – initially from corporations but, and the Dream House Lottery, but we're now launching for individual donations as well.</p> <p>So it would seem that we have a vehicle that's already in place in terms of some of the open space and we can build on our own success and our own experience as well as learning very much from the best practices of others – which, interestingly enough, the much maligned Greater Toronto Service Board, one of its standing committees is</p> |

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| | called ‘Best Practices.’ |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | Well, thanks your Worship for that answer as well, but you know, banking on the word ambiguity, I don’t want to get into that. I’d like to see a document called the Oakville Environmental Official Plan and I think it’s time we set about to try to figure out how to compile one. Thanks. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I was building on the answers to the people you asked the questions. And also, staff will come back, as we’ve committed, and I’ve given Mrs. Burton a clear commitment, every point raised will be grouped and answered and we will have that response out to the public as early as we can. |
| <i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i> | I would like to add that in 1995, the Town actually took a first step in this direction by providing in the Urban Forest Section of the Official Plan on Page 47, that there should be an urban forestry green plan for Oakville. And, we had a good idea. It’s time to act on it. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you. Councillor Elgar. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Thank you. Quick question. You’ve hit us with a lot of best practices. Could somehow you give me what would your top three be, so we’ve got something to work with, like? |
| <i>Francoise Morissette (Delegate)</i> | <p>Yes. I’m going to mention the Rouge Valley Foundation. This – many speakers have spoken about this tonight. It is an astonishing example of what Pedro was talking about: A community pulling together, people with various interests somehow finding common ground.</p> <p>And what’s astounding about the Rouge River Valley Foundation is that it is a reversal story. It was bad, they brought it back to health, they made it better, they encouraged sponsorships, they got private partners and today it’s absolutely thriving. And a lot of it was done with volunteers, people who cared. So this is certainly one that I think is a really good example.</p> <p>Another good example is, again I’m going to talk about Calgary. They have a very, very extensive tree planting program, which of course the Town pays for some</p> |

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| | <p>planting, but the citizens are also encouraged to participate in the tree planting process. And it says here, the program allows residents to purchase trees to be planted on city boulevards, with 50 per cent of the cost being matched by the city. Again, that's another example of partnership.</p> <p>Finally, a third best practice would be again from Portland, Oregon, which seems to be a model community. One of the things that impressed me about it was something called the 'Clean Rivers Education Program.' And it is a program that is a hands-on program to teach students about the causes and effects of water pollution and what individuals can do to protect rivers and streams.</p> <p>So those are the ones that we felt were particularly outstanding.</p> |
| <p>Mayor Ann Mulvale</p> | <p>There's still a couple of questions for you. Councillor Elgar. Councillor Tedd Smith.</p> |
| <p>Councillor Tedd Smith</p> | <p>Thank you. The issue of the street trees and the fundraising for it, I was under the impression that the Town, through its development charges and whatnot, collected money to plant street trees and there was a policy of planting them every so many meters and that to plant them closer than that would not let them survive properly. Is that your understanding?</p> |
| <p>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</p> | <p>Well, over the years we've taken money out of the budget to replace street trees. There's a – the issue, one of the issues that's concerning the street, the trees sub-committee right now is that in a lot of areas where there has been development there's insufficient front-yard setbacks to support shade trees - Oaks and Maples and the trees that are actually in the advertisements that the developers publish. Instead, we're planting attractive but small flowering trees that I think people are going to be disappointed in in another couple of years when they realize it's just not going to grow very much.</p> <p>So, I'm sorry, did that answer your question? We do have a policy, we do collect money from the developers.</p> |
| <p>Councillor Tedd Smith</p> | <p>Developers, yes, to plant street trees. We're just planting</p> |

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| | the wrong kinds then? Is that the comment? |
| <i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i> | We're planting the only thing that can survive right now but we're not planting what people are expecting. |
| <i>Councillor Tedd Smith</i> | Okay. So, I presume your committee will bring forward a recommendation at some point in the future, to this? |
| <i>Wendy Burton (Delegate)</i> | Yes, as I say, work on the stocks. |
| <i>Councillor Tedd Smith</i> | Thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Councillor Wright. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | <p>Thank you for your preserva - sorry your presentation. I wanted to say that I appreciate your passion for the preservation of our green spaces and you mentioned the greening of York Region. Would you consider York Region a leading edge visionary Town?</p> <p>And that's really nice to know, I appreciate that you do that because it was interesting that the author of this paper actually said that he got a lot of his inspiration from Oakville. And when he was asked about how we're doing as find as connectivity is concerned and our trail system, he thinks we're doing awesome and I'd really like to hope that Oakville continues to do the good work that it's currently doing.</p> <p>And I have one more question. I was wondering, you mentioned...</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | That didn't really sound like a question. I think you were... |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Well, no, my question was, did they consider, and they answered it yes, did they consider York Region... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Sorry, so they gave a non-verbal answer. Okay. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Well, they nodded, yeah. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Okay. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Did they consider it, and they said yes, they considered York Region to be leading edge visionary. |
| <i>Francoise Morissette (Delegate)</i> | Yes, and if I may comment. We just hope that it stays that way, you know...(inaudible) |

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| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Great. We all do, absolutely. Also, the statistics that you have on the forest cover. And you mentioned the Niagara Escarpment. Do you have the statistics if we were to eliminate the Niagara Escarpment from the scenario so that we could have a more apples-to-apples comparison? Do you have that information? |
| <i>Francoise Morissette (Delegate)</i> | We don't, but it certainly exists. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Could you get it for me? |
| <i>Francoise Morissette (Delegate)</i> | Yeah. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Wright</i> | Thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I'd just like to say it's quite clear from the presentation of our two speakers that the Town of Oakville has great wisdom in having a Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee, and have great wisdom in having these people apply and appointing them. So thank you for your presentation. The next delegation? You have another question. Supplementary question. Councillor Elgar. See I knew you wanted – of these people? Sorry, yes. Before you leave. Excuse me. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Just one. I'm glad Janice actually brought up about the Burlington and you know about the Niagara Escarpment. Could you also find me the figures for in Oakville where we're at 13 per cent? I'd like to know what portion of the 13 per cent is the valley lands that we can't build on anyway. Thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you very much. And again, we'll capulize the concerns, we'll capulize the information. We have a copy of this presentation if anyone would like it. And the next speaker, Madam Clerk. |
| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | The next delegation is Peter Pelier. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I don't see Peter present. |
| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | Laura Knowlton. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Keep going. |
| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | Carol Keene. |

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| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Laura was here earlier. Here she is. After this, these delegations I want to do a little bit of housekeeping, just so the Chair knows where we're going in terms of the timeframe for tonight. |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | We're going to speak together, if that's okay. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I beg your pardon? |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | We're going to speak together, if that's okay. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | It will be fine, if you'll just introduce yourselves. |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | <p>Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mayor Mulvale, Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen. My name's Laura Knowlton and Carol and I live at 30 and 38 Burnhamthorpe Road, on the south side just west of Sixth Line - Carol for 21 years and myself and my husband for 15.</p> <p>Our property backs on to what was a Category 3 woodlot and fronts onto a field with horses. Most of us on Burnhamthorpe Road have similar scenarios, with either a view of wood lots, wildflower fields, farms with animals. I walk these lands often and I know them very well.</p> <p>Over the years I've seen many wild species: Wolves, coyotes, deer, fox, possum, many birds, including pellated woodpeckers. It's such a shame to see all that disappear. It has definitely diminished over the last 10, 15 years. A lot – oh, sorry, go ahead Carol.</p> |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | <p>On June the 20th, several Burnhamthorpe residents met at my home for a meeting with Janice Caster. At that time, at that meeting, we were asked several times what we wanted. Someone had an original plan for lands north of Dundas and we drew the following from that.</p> <p>On June the 22nd, Laura and I took a petition, the map and a letter to 68 homes owned by residents on Burnhamthorpe. Every person we spoke to and received our materials signed our petition to the Town – 44 homes in total. The rest, we couldn't get in.</p> <p>We took this to the Town at 4 p.m. on June the 22nd and it was couriered to the Mayor and Councillors in preparation for the June 25th meeting.</p> |

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| | <p>Laura will read this letter, so if there's anyone who's here and hasn't received it.</p> |
| <p><i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Okay, this is the letter that we sent on to the Town. Please be advised that the residents of Burnhamthorpe Road between Ninth Line and 16 Mile Creek of Oakville are strongly opposed to a portion of the Official Plan Amendment 198, Bylaw 2001-085, specifically to propose placement of what was referred to in the past as industrial lands and is now called employment lands.</p> <p>This affects us directly. We want you to know, or we want to know, sorry, who will be responsible for this and how this will impact our lives.</p> <p>We all have homes fronting Burnhamthorpe Road with the average of a half acre lot to as much as a few acres. Property owners have been advised professionally with this rezoning our value will drop into as much as half the existing value, that it will be difficult to sell, leaving us in limbo with the risk of industrial being built all around us, combined with the proposed widening of Burnhamthorpe Road, is this the way Oakville's future development is to look?</p> <p>We have to accept that development will come. We propose an alternative: Essentially, keeping all employment lands to the existing natural main corridors bordering Highways 403, up the Ninth Line, along Highway #5, up Trafalgar Road and along, I'm sorry, and along the edge of the 407.</p> <p>Moving the residential line half a kilometer north of Burnhamthorpe Road, where the highest population of residents live in the lands north of Dundas. This solution would also protect a portion of the wood lots and the natural heritage system running east and west.</p> <p>In reference to the flyer received by mail June 20th, 2001, titled 'Oakville Planning,' which only was received a few days before the meeting, under the Plan Section Concept, quote, "What is the plan? It is intended to enhance the quality of life and provide for and to promote identity and vitality to the Oakville environment."</p> |

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| | <p>It is our opinion that this statement is contrary to how this will affect the existing residents of Burnhamthorpe Road and the surrounding area.</p> <p>This paper also refers to the lands north of Dundas being the last frontier. If this is true, why zone this area with such a high percentage of employment land in what is the most beautiful property left in the Region?</p> <p>Once this mistake is made it cannot be reversed. We believe that a well-planned, environmentally sustainable community with forests and green space that future generations can enjoy is attainable, if the Council has the will.</p> <p>It is our belief that the Mayor and Councillors have not been working in the best interests of the residents in the affected area. It appears many more residents and developers than, sorry, many more residents and developers are opposed to portions of this plan than in favor of it.</p> <p>Those that knew of this proposal and that have been attending the meetings over the past few years and feel our views have not been taken into consideration. We are under the understanding that you were voted in by the citizens of Oakville and in office to listen to your constituents. We feel our concerns have been ignored.</p> <p>Now I'd like to continue with my speech for tonight that, it's fairly short at this point.</p> |
| <p><i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i></p> | <p>You could stay in front of the microphone so everybody – Conscious that all the public is interested in hearing you.</p> |
| <p><i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i></p> | <p>Along with our neighbors, we knew development would come, as I mentioned, but never dreamed it could be re-zoned industrial/employment lands.</p> <p>Obviously, we're all devastated. Carol and I have spoke to many of the residents affected in the last few weeks, especially to the 68 homes on Burnhamthorpe Road that stretch between Ninth Line and 16 Mile Creek. We feel</p> |

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| | <p>it's preposterous that Burnhamthorpe Road has been slated for employment lands, when it seems clear, as Carol will point out, that keeping employment to the main corridors would serve more effectively without directly affecting the homes on Burnhamthorpe.</p> <p>How will Burnhamthorpe look with industry built all around our homes? And, as I said before, is this Oakville's future?</p> <p>It is stated the objective of a strategic land use study was to ensure compatibility and integration of surrounding communities. Essentially, with respect to the quality of life in both new and established neighborhoods. This certainly does not apply to the established residents in our area.</p> <p>So far, as much as the Town representatives have expressed their welcome, they welcome public input, we feel that to date it has not made much, if any, difference. We hold you at this and hope that, to see many changes in September and hope that these meetings will make a difference.</p> <p>I do have some questions, but I think I'm just going to send them to you.</p> |
| <p>Mayor Ann Mulvale</p> | <p>We'll direct them to the staff and we'll make sure that you get your...</p> |
| <p>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</p> | <p>And Carol's going to show this map that we've drawn up, and her speech.</p> |
| <p>Carol Keene (Delegate)</p> | <p>This first map is a map that I work with all the time. And it shows all the different communities around Oakville. If you have a good look at it you will notice that how small we are compared to Burlington, Mississauga, the two Miltons, places, Halton Hills, even up to Brampton. They have a lot more territory than we do. And I feel that they have a little more room for growth than Oakville does. And that's all I'm going to say about that. I wanted you all to have a look at it. Just notice how small we are. Most of them are about double our size.</p> |

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| | <p>The circles that you see on the map are the on/off ramps at the 407, filtering traffic onto Trafalgar, Neyagawa and Highway 25/Bronte Road. Industry has started building between Tremaine and Highway 25. This section in our plan would remain employment lands.</p> <p>To keep most employment lands together, we are proposing industrial/commercial for the next section: Highway 25 to 16 Mile Creek. Much of this land is owned by ORC, the Ontario Government. This will keep employment lands in one area. Few homes are located here. With the advent of intermodal Highway 25/Bronte Road will become the main truck link to 407, 401 and the Queen Elizabeth Way.</p> <p>From the creek to Neyagawa on the north and south side are existing homes. Directly south is the old dump site, which cannot be built on and will be park land. A soccer stadium for the 2008, well, 2008 we hope, Olympic Games is also planned for this area.</p> <p>East from Neyagawa to Trafalgar Road, the entire area would remain residential. Existing homes are on the north and south sides of Burnhamthorpe. Also, on the Sixth Line area.</p> <p>If the Town desperately needs more employment land, we have placed it north of the existing reservoir, with a service road placed between residential and employment, which continues to Trafalgar Road and the land, Trafalgar Road.</p> <p>The land crests at the reservoir, then slopes towards the 407, approximately 0.5 kilometers. This will effectively hide employment from residential. Otherwise, the employment if it was all over and you just had residential at the bottom, the employment would be above the residential and you'd be looking at it all the time.</p> <p>We have also placed residential from Trafalgar, part way to the Ninth Line. There are existing homes on the north and south sides of Burnhamthorpe. The remainder of this area would be employment lands, including the desolate strip at 407 and the Ninth Line, currently marked as</p> |
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| | <p>conservation.</p> <p>Rezoning applications are already posted on Burnhamthorpe Road, up to 1 kilometer west of the Ninth Line. We also noticed that the mysterious piece of land that Town Council and planners knew nothing about at the June 28th meeting had a sign up on June 29th: Future home of the 52-acre ministry campus of Joshua Creek Church.</p> <p>We have also placed employment lands on the north side of Dundas, and both sides of Trafalgar. These are main arteries and should be commercial employment.</p> <p>From meetings with Ann Mulvale, Councillor Caster and a call to our MPP's office, we have learned the following: #5 Dundas is slated to be a six-lane highway in the future. The province wants rapid transit on #5 Dundas. The bridge on #5 Dundas over 16 Mile Creek is disintegrating and needs to be replaced as soon as possible.</p> <p>A future bridge over the 16 Mile Creek on Burnhamthorpe: Motorists are now using the 407. We who live on Burnhamthorpe no longer have a steady stream of cars for two hours, morning and night. Let's keep our roads for local traffic and use the 407 for trucks, transport and commuters. No bridge on Burnhamthorpe.</p> <p>Our Councillors are receiving complaints about the noise and pollution from residents abutting Dundas. Is Oakville going to continue with grass and tree berms all along #5 for people who don't have enough sense not to buy on a major highway?</p> <p>What about schools and rec centers? With our plan, they would be centrally located for more families to attend, not sprawled all over the top of Oakville for just about, I think it's under a kilometer, north of Dundas.</p> <p>What fool would want to live and raise a family surrounded by industrial/commercial? This plan has completely separated areas bordered by major roads and 16 Mile Creek.</p> <p>Smart housing: Another buzz word. Who says it's smart to</p> |
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| | <p>cram people together on small lots, townhouses and apartments? Can we not learn from cities that have all the problems that come from overcrowding?</p> <p>People buy homes in Oakville because of the trees, the parks, the downtown core, the amenities, the lake, the countryside. Some of our most desirable areas have different types of homes: Bungalows, splits, story-and-a-halfs, two-story, older, brand new, large, small, different size lots and exteriors, small townhouse areas.</p> <p>Up until the late '70s, areas were built this way. Burnhamthorpe Road has homes of all types, with beautiful trees and gardens. Ageing population, younger singles, work-at-homes, different hobbies, health problems. Many people want a home that suits their special attentions and situations.</p> <p>The last frontier: The Town's own words. Let's have a heritage trail with all the beautiful trees, ponds and streams that residents can enjoy. That are cool and shady in the summer. That could be skied or snow shoed through in the winter. Hear the birds and see the masses of trilliums in the spring. And the colors in the fall. Let's get it right. Let's have an area we can be proud to call our home. Our Town, Oakville.</p> <p>In conclusion, I would like to suggest to the Mayor and the Councillors that in the future, the Town will immediately notify homeowners by mail in detail in plain English of exactly what is being planned in their area.</p> <p>Hopefully no other resident of this Town of Oakville will go through the anguish, the concern and the bitterness it has caused the homeowners north of Dundas. Thank you.</p> |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Thank you. A question first from Councillor Robinson. |
| Councillor Ralph Robinson | Thank you your Worship. I think it was the lady with the black sweater on that made the comment that, I think it was... |
| Mayor Ann Mulvale | Laura? Laura? |
| Councillor Ralph Robinson | That your concerns have been ignored. And the other lady just alluded to that. And I'm just interested in knowing |

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| | <p>how you feel your concerns have been ignored when Council, we haven't even voted on this yet. We haven't decided what we're going to do.</p> |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | <p>Well probably from the last year's meetings when we came to the meetings and we, you know, people spoke out and it was passed to go on to the next stage before things sort of were resolved at all.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | <p>Yeah, you're right there.</p> |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | <p>And we've been told through the open houses, at that point we were probably only speaking to people from the Planning Department, and we weren't being given any answers.</p> <p>And most of the residents have been told, 'Oh, building within four to six years.' 'Oh, no, I've been told eight years.' 'Well I've been told 16 years.' We've all been told a different amount of time before building will become a reality.</p> <p>And until that as well I think that there have been so many other issues that have been brushed off that we've asked about.</p> <p>And we're in a position where we have the wood lot behind us and for one reason or another our wood lot was harvested quite heavily and it was right before the first meeting of the wood lands that were, of, they had a meeting at the Town about the wood lands and I spoke up at that meeting and I was told, 'Oh yes, that we've now put a stop to it.</p> <p>But we, Carol and I, had both been in touch with John Neil, we'd been in touch with the Ministry and everybody and nobody could help us stop them from cutting the woods down. And they left a mess behind them and they ran over all the trilliums. They used skidders to cut down the big trees. To get to the big trees, they knocked the small trees down. So maybe our wood lot would have been a higher category, if it hadn't been for, it had been so badly disturbed at that point.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | <p>So it sounds like the A word again, doesn't it?</p> |

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| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | Which would be...? |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | Ambiguity. |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | Yeah, right. Yeah. |
| <i>Councillor Ralph Robinson</i> | Thank you your Worship. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Councillor Elgar. |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | Thank you. Thanks for the presentation. Now, the alternate plan you put up. I guess I'm just wondering, did you do any calculation, just rough, to see if the footprint for industrial remains approximately the same with your plan versus the Hemson plan? |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Yes. Yes, we did. It's rather hard to tell because I don't of course have all the dimensions for it, but, when you see it, you'll see that there may not be a 60/40 split, but I think it's adequate. |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | <i>(Inaudible)</i> ...such a small amount of land that's left that... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>We can't, we can't. No, no. Other people can't hear you. And so we need a mike. The issue that, many people have spoken about the need for urban separators. People have decided they did not want Mississauga and Brampton where they merged together.</p> <p>So in the Region's Plan, which we're dealing with in part to come to conformity, the urban separator with the 407 has been determined.</p> <p>And the point of leaving that land is to ensure that we have some open space between the two communities.</p> |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Well, with the proposal, sorry, with the proposal of the intermodal station that's going to be done by Milton, we have no power over, it's going to be on Highway 25 near the 407 exit. So wouldn't it be a better place to put your industrial/commercial properties all around the intermodal station with the exit to the 401, and the south to the QEW? |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | I would say this to you: That the intermodal station, which I spoke to at Banff when the CN people were there, and we continue to dialogue with Transport Canada and we've met with Federal Members of Parliament on this, has clearly come in without any consultation and without any regard for the Official Plans of both Oakville and Milton. |

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| | <p>So I think that the reference to that will obviously be part of what we have to address. At this point, no one is going to concede that that battle is lost. But with the laws of Transport Canada and the flexibility the railways have, as we're all aware, and I think I may have said that to you, it is very, very difficult, but it clearly may cause a re-think, which is part of our submission that I made.</p> <p>CN actually said that urban planning was part of the problem with conflict with the railway and I begged to differ in public with them by saying their lack of consultation and lack of respect for Official Plans was much more problematic.</p> |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | So, it would be a better idea then as you're saying... Are you saying? |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | What I'm saying is it, like, obviously will have to be commented on and reviewed in the light if it is to proceed. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | So what we're saying is, would it not be a mistake to put your employment lands in another area and then let's say, hypothetically that intermodal does get slotted in up there, that you've got this land up there at that point that you, it could be another Clearview, like, 'Oh, we should have put the employment there because we've got intermodal there.' I'm just thinking... |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Yeah, I'm not ducking. We're here to listen to you tonight and as we progress, we will have more information on what's happening with Milton and that intermodal. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | So you're saying that's going to impact the OPA? |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Well, given that that was not a factor when we were doing our study, I think it's obviously going to require some comment. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Okay, thank you. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Councillor Elgar? Did you finish? I have a, is it Councillor Wright or Councillor Caster. Councillor Caster, excuse me. I just had a note passed, Janice. I didn't know which. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Caster</i> | I just wanted to say thank you very much to Laura and Carol for bringing this presentation forward tonight and |

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| | bringing forth some solutions. It's a refreshing thing to see. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | And thank you for attending our meeting. It was really appreciated. As you know, we only planned to have a few people to meet you and not overwhelming you but it didn't turn out that way. But thanks again, Councillor. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Could you just stay a moment? Councillor Bird, is your question of the delegation? |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | Yes, to the delegation. You indicated it was, was it 68 homeowners? |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Sixty-eight. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | Sixty-eight. And you indicated there was certain size farms. I guess you're, you're mostly agri - residents living into an agriculture community. Very few of those would be actually bona fide farmers? |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Exactly. I moved there 21 years ago and I did a thorough search of the area at that time because I was afraid – there was a rumor going around Oakville that 403 would be going right down Burnhamthorpe Road and across. There's always been that existing bridge (inaudible) there. And when I did, I also searched through records to see who owns properties around me. And as far back as then, they were owned by speculators. Most of the lots were parceled. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | So the... |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | The farmers that are up there, most of the farmers do what is called fringe farming. They farm these lands that are owned by speculators. Some of them have their own properties, but a lot of it is fringe farming. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | So of the 68, there's very few that actually farming is their main source of income. Would that be fair to say? |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | They're just like anyone else. They work at jobs and they live there. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | Yeah. But farming wouldn't be their main source of |

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| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | No. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | They have other...okay. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | No, perhaps the Biggars, who, you know... |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | <p>No. What you're suggesting intrigues me because it, sort of, a little bit of history in Council, basically south east Oakville, which is the area I represent, was developed along the, what was at that time called 'gentlemen's farms.' And the gentlemen's farms was five acres.</p> <p>If you re-introduce at the north part of Oakville, same as at the south, would a five-acre minimum lot size, residential, we'll call it gentlemen's farms if you will, or estate lots I guess they would call it, would that satisfy your concern? Large residential zones as a buffer?</p> |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | I think it would keep the area as beautiful as it is, but I really disagree with industrial being anywhere around it. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | I'm not talking industrial. I'm talking residential. Now we're talking minimum lot size. Of the 68, approximately how many would qualify as a five-acre lot? |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | I wouldn't be able to say because we only have a half-acre. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Yeah. We all have half-acres around, just on our particular stretch. |
| <i>Laura Knowlton (Delegate)</i> | A number of people have a half-acre. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | Rachel Wagner has 20 acres, I believe and there's several other people that have about 10. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | What I'm trying to drive at is it land use, building form, protect the wildlife or is it economics that is driving the argument. As you see going to residential, what visions of lot size do you see on your land? |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | I think different lot sizes. Because I would like to see it somewhat like the East Oakville area. As you know, it's a highly desirable area. But you can't get that many houses for sale in it, you know, it's just, people like to live there. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | Oh, Southeast Oakville, it was five-acre lots originally, |

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| | got divided up. The average, the minimum now, with as near as you would probably call, is a third acre. A third acre would be what you'd be looking for? |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | That's something I think would have to be decided, definitely. |
| <i>Councillor Keith Bird</i> | Okay, okay. Thank you. |
| <i>Carol Keene (Delegate)</i> | I just don't foresee a lot of people jammed together up there. And I hope it will remain with a lot of open space. And a lot of the tree space, because it's beautiful. And I invite you all up for a walk up there. You'd enjoy it. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Thank you. Thank you very much. I'm glad that the 407's taking traffic up Burnhamthorpe. It's been a long time coming. Thank you.</p> <p>Now, to Members of Council, I need to know if we're going to proceed past 11 o'clock. And I'll tell you why. What I'm hoping we can do tonight before we conclude tonight's meeting and reconfirm that the public hearing will continue on July the 12th, that's Thursday a week tonight, is I'd like to deal with the balance of the agenda.</p> <p>And the way to do that is that we would rise and report and allow to pass the bylaws with a motion that acknowledge that we were considering, we're reconvening this public hearing. Because there are items on the agenda which we've dealt with everything, it's just a question of doing the bylaws and confirming.</p> <p>So what I need to know, so that I can adjust the timeframe appropriately in having the clerk call forward speakers, is whether we're going past 11 o'clock or not. Because if we're not...Councillor Flynn.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | Could you poll the audience to see just how many people are here - that are on the list? |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Okay. If you, I know Joanne Ringrose is here. I'm trying to recognize people. She was here. I think she came in. I'm trying to... If we could read the next four or five speakers to make sure we have them in the room. I know Mr. King is here. |

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| <i>Christine Shewchuk, Assistant Clerk</i> | The next five speakers your Worship: Gisela Benke, Michael Benke, Joanne Ringrose, Brian King, Michael Lansdown. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Yes, so they're all here so we could, you know. But what I just said, I'd like to keep five, ten minutes at the end to do the summation – not the summation but the housekeeping - so that we have people waiting for the confirming bylaw on those other issues.</p> <p>So are you prepared to give me a motion to go past 11 o'clock?</p> |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | Yes, I would move to go past 11 o'clock. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you, seconded? Oh, we don't need a secondary. All in favor? I see two hands. This isn't very helpful group. I see two hands. All opposed? So we're not going to go past 11 o'clock. So what I'm going to do is we'll entertain speakers until five to eleven. I'm taking implicit that Council will co-operate to help me pass those bylaws so that we can get on with the other items. Thank you for your patience, you've been here every night and now is your time. |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | Thank you very much. Mrs. Mayor, Members of the Council, Councillor Bird I prefer to see estate lots half-an-acre to an acre. That's my answer to your question. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | We need you to. If you look at me as you're answering. No, no it's not a problem that I need you to be... it's just that if you look at Councillor Bird, you move from the microphone and the audience can't hear you that's all. |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | <p>Okay. Maybe I should repeat it. Laura Knowlton and Carol Keene they are nervous to be living in the most affected area. The question was how large you would see a residential lot. I would prefer half an acre to an acre estate separation up there.</p> <p>We all listened to absolutely excellent presentations over the last two meetings about facts and figures, many cons and few pros for the OPA 198.</p> |

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| | <p>My name is Gisela Benke. I've lived on Burnhamthorpe Road since 1974. My presentation tonight is a reflection of my own personal perspective in regard to the effect that the OP and the OPA 198 at present time has, and very probably will have on my life and on the life of my new neighbors in future times to come.</p> <p>I like to tell you about life on Burnhamthorpe Road. We the residents of Burnhamthorpe Road and North Oakville had to fight for our properties many times. We were never left totally in peace. Considering that we were actually never on any of Oakville's road maps to find. Look at old maps, and you'll see that Oakville always ended at Highway #5.</p> <p>That of course has changed just about two years ago. In the early '80s we were threatened to be expropriated in order to make room for a land fill site. We fought it. In the late '80s, the Town announced that they are going ahead with the Upper Oakville Town core.</p> <p>Land and investment speculators called every one of us day after day, offering suddenly big bucks for our properties, for our homes. I don't think too many of us sold.</p> <p>Of course, all this fuss stopped in the early '90s. Would we have known then what our trusted Town had in store for us, I am sure that most of the Burnhamthorpe residents wouldn't have thought twice about accepting the inflated offers and run.</p> <p>A few years later, some trigger-happy people had the bright idea to open up hunting and shooting season in North Oakville. Namely, shooting the Canada Geese right in our front and back yards. Councillor Oliver will surely remember this. We fought it.</p> <p>In the middle of the '90s, the assessment people tried to tax us out of our properties by increasing the values, as if it would be downtown Toronto. We fought that too.</p> <p>Also in the middle of the '90s, again Councillor Oliver being the Councillor for our Ward 5 will have memories</p> |
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| | <p>of sitting all day at Burnhamthorpe Road and Sixth Line watching the sudden traffic explosion and deadly dangers of crossing this intersection. Highway 403 had just opened up its on and off ramps at Trafalgar Road. Commuters took, and still take to this day, a short cut by using Burnhamthorpe Road.</p> <p>Since then, we experienced not just total lack of privacy by the horrendous increase in traffic we also experienced tremendous pollution caused by the morning and evening rush hour right in front of our properties. It is very visible that the pollution already from the increased traffic kills the trees, shrubs and bird life in our front yards. Not even to mention, the roadkill and the life of many pets. It is sad, but very few neighbors have house pets now, especially after their beloved dog or a cat got hit and left to die on the road.</p> <p>However, this one we cannot fight. We cannot tell the commuters to take different routes. The heavy smell of gasoline and diesel hangs in the air and that's only a small fraction of what's to come once they develop us, the Region, the Region, and the Town of Oakville gets their way. It's the cheapest excuse. Trying to assure us that their plan will be best for all of us, best for Oakville.</p> <p>I am sure that almost every Councillor, except for the planners of course, knows from the depth of their hearts that a vote against nature, in favor of employment lands is morally wrong and devastating.</p> <p>But they are paid to do their jobs. Who is actually paying for their jobs? Who is actually the real enemy of the North Oakville residents? Therefore, in the new decade of the 20th Century, Century, we face a different fight. We have to fight our own Town of Oakville.</p> <p>The Town of Oakville is under tremendous pressure to find more space for new development within its boundaries – pressured by the demand of steadily increasing population growth coming our way. Determined to show the GTA that Oakville is ready and able to accommodate thousands of new residents and places of employments within the next 20 years.</p> |
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| | <p>It is my own belief and opinion that the Town is under pressure by the ‘big guys’ – the multi-million dollar corporations of developers and builders who swallowed up hundreds of acres of agriculture lands within the last 10 or 20 years. These big guys united and are now a bigger threat than ever to small landowners and agriculture lands. They want to see action.</p> <p>Look at Milton. Derry Road and Fourth Line. Ever since the water main, the services, the water tower at James Snow Parkway in Milton was installed - and as I was informed installations were financed by the developers and builders – there is no way of stopping them now.</p> <p>Many agricultural lands, woodlands and everything that belongs to the natural habitat in that area, have already disappeared. Many more will follow. They are building homes at a speed as if there’s no tomorrow. As if they are afraid that somebody might stop them. Nobody can stop the bulldozers and earthmovers of the developers and builders once they get the green light from the municipal and from the Region.</p> <p>Now just picture development for employment lands. The Town of Oakville is pressuring us, the residents, to accept the Official Plan and the Official Plan Amendment 198. No matter how devastating it could be to the North Oakville environment, the wildlife habitat and the long-term existing landowners.</p> <p>When I read the Official Plan Amendment, or the news reports in the Oakville newspapers, I cannot help thinking that all these meetings, and your subsequent vote, will be a repeat of last year. In the name of democracy, you let us speak up to voice our concerns. And if you’re not, as we were told, we will lose our right for a future appeal.</p> <p>You, the Council, didn’t take any of us serious last year. Did you consider any of the many concerns from the numerous delegations last year? No...just plowed over us and wrote it in favor of the Hemson Study – a vote that was supported by eight out of 11 Council Members.</p> |
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| | <p>May I repeat a quote by former Council Liz Behrens regarding this vote: “Although this was the first time in my 20 years of serving on Council that a motion and a major item has been approved in this fashion, Council had very few options left at its disposal.”</p> <p>What did she really try to tell us? Rob’s son was saying to me at the information meeting on May 31st of this year, B, we need to concern residents, had to appreciate that after three or four lengthy meetings last year, Council had to come to a vote, which means we, the long time landowners and taxpayers, we are supposed to appreciate that you have, what you have done, or better yet, to us?</p> <p>We are expected to appreciate that you all had wasted a lot of valuable time at those evenings. It was your job, wasn’t it? Hundreds of concerned citizens spent their evenings also, after working all day. We all trusted that our appearances and spoke concern would have some importance and affect on your vote.</p> <p>Last year in May, we were told by Lynn Gough and hastily assured by Ray Simpson of Hemson, ‘Oh yeah, all this will take about 20 years.’ Nobody can force you out of your property and home. Well I am sure we will find out soon.</p> <p>In May of this year, I believe it was Jody Sanderson who made a statement in an Oakville Today interview, saying that shovels could go in the ground in two to four years.</p> <p>Well, who’s telling the truth? When will development start? How many years do we have left to live in our homes before we will be displaced or silently forced out by the ever-increasing property taxes and soon to follow suit utility charges? Five years? Ten years? Fifteen years?</p> <p>Please tell us why we are urged to be here today. What will make these meetings different from last year? Can you honestly assure us that the input and concerns of the many delegations and citizens of Oakville you have to face at this meeting will truly be taken into consideration this time?</p> |
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| | <p>And even if you consider the input of the concerned residents, could you actually envision a feasible way of amending and redesigning the OPA 198 in order to find alternative boundaries for the employment lands and to be committed that the preservation of the existing natural habitat in North Oakville will be your utmost priority. Can you? Please, say yes.</p> <p>A write-up in the Oakville Today paper, regarding another piece of property that was zoned commercial since 1985. Councillor Franklin is quoted as saying, “It was stupid planning. It was a stupid planning decision made in 1985 and we are stuck with the consequences right now.” Too bad he is not here. Does he call our long-term planners stupid? Was it an oversight or just a very bad decision at that time without any foresight for the future or consideration for a soon-to-be-established neighborhood?</p> <p>Are you about to make the same mistake? We are talking thousands of acres of sensitive environmental green space here. A mistake such as the one in 1985 would be absolutely disastrous.</p> <p>Perhaps our team of long-range planners could go back to their drafting tables to create a better balance, greater space and favor an environmentally-friendly Official Plan. Saving more wood lands instead of sacrificing them. Also, recognizing that Burnhamthorpe Road is an established neighborhood and not just a scattering of a few houses. We are a community.</p> <p>Councillor Knoll, you and I had a little chat just before you were elected. I was in the understanding that you were very sympathetic towards the Oakville Green delegation and the fate of the Burnhamthorpe Road residents. Again, we had to start before you were elected. May I remind you of your election promise? “I decided to enter this race because I believe that Ward 5 needs a Councillor that can provide a strong and reasoned voice for the people of this community.”</p> <p>Did you ever say or do anything to support our case? Tell us now that you are in the seat you wanted to be in, have your objectives changed? Can you assure us that your vote</p> |
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| | <p>will support the residents of Burnhamthorpe Road?</p> <p>Trust me, you all have made our lives very miserable and depressing. Ever since your rushed vote in August last year. There is not a minute of any day that we're not thinking and worrying about what is going to happen to our future.</p> <p>There's not one day going by without me feeling terribly sad and upset when I walk our property, looking at our heart-shaped pond surrounded by plant life, the feeding and watering station for Blue Herons, Kingfishers and even Wood Ducks. The breeding grounds of many types of frogs and many dozens of turtles. The extensive bird life around our feeders. Migrating birds, trusting and depending for many years to stop over in spring and fall. When I look at our mature evergreens and trees, shrubs and flower gardens, everything we have planted, worked and cherished for many, many years - only now soon to be raped defenselessly by bulldozers and earthmovers.</p> <p>There is a fair sized wood lot past the fields in front of our property that has already shrunk in size in order to make room for the 407. It will be even more diminished in size, thanks to the Hemson people.</p> <p>We feel privileged that we were able to observe, over all these years, that this wood lot is home to many wild animals, such as deer, foxes, raccoons, skunks, opossums, coyotes and even wolves - meaning nuisance to most people. As well serving as nesting grounds for large birds. A large Snow Owl has been sighted sitting in the trees by many people.</p> <p>A little wood lot. Maybe I should say wood land - wood lot sounds like a chainsaw. Correct? On our property featuring mature evergreens, Maples and other huge leaf trees, ferns, to protect the Ontario trillium plant and many more species will be totally wiped out thanks to the Hemson people and our Town Planners.</p> <p>For them, this little lot has no significance. This little wood lot, adjoined by ponds stretches to our neighbors on the left and on the right at our backyard. The Hemson</p> |
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| | <p>people never came around to our property to assess possible environmental sensitive plants, birds and wildlife.</p> <p>There are two very old, approximately 250-year-old gigantic Oak trees, one of our and one on our neighbor's property. Do they show anywhere in the fateful Hemson report to be saved? Perhaps we should talk to Joy Savalin.</p> <p>It makes me upset already thinking that Lynn Gough, or Rob Thun, might sacrifice old wood lots and trees such as these, natural streams and run-offs to make room for pavement.</p> <p>Slowly, a feeling of paranoia takes over by realizing that our attempts to save Oakville green space, to save the wildlife, the nesting grounds, the wetlands, the habitat for (hogs), owls, turkey vultures, and many more creatures, which are all supposed to be protected under the Conservation Wildlife Protection Act are in vain.</p> <p>Our united and continued attempts trying to save the existing environment from being turned into concrete blocks and parking lots still appears failing to get your undivided attention. And seems to fall short of importance when waging nature against future tax dollars.</p> <p>The Official Plan will affect the quality of life of every resident on Burnhamthorpe Road in many different ways. At present, we literally all feel threatened. Our future life is at your mercy. How distressing. How would you feel, being in this situation? Would you interpret this as fair treatment?</p> <p>The uncertainty about the value of our biggest investment in our lifetime, the biggest investment still for most Canadians, our home residence, was supposed to provide us with a reasonable, decent life after our working years.</p> <p>In our case, we live on Burnhamthorpe Road between Trafalgar Road and Sixth Line. For almost 30 years, we call it home. We also call it our nest egg. Just like many other fellow neighbors regard their properties. Your Official Plan will put the quality of our retirement years at risk, because not one of us – not you or us – at this point</p> |
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| | <p>in time will know exactly how all this urbanizing of North Oakville will affect each of us personally.</p> <p>The multi-million dollar corporations of developers and builders are in a win-win situation. It is my opinion that these corporations have the financial backing to shape desired zonings to their liking.</p> <p>The small landowners are in a lose-lose situation. Is this fair? We feel it very discriminating that the properties of many of the small landowners, the half-an-acre and a little more properties, are considered for future employment lands while the large landowners will have the benefit of designated residential use.</p> <p>The residential developer and builder will fit several houses on one of the many acres they have available to them. In return, they are able to re-up their initial costs and expenses. They make money.</p> <p>But what will happen to the small landowner once it becomes designated employment lands? Which commercial developer or builder would be interested in a half-acre, one acre or two acre parcel to purchase for a price which we residents think would be fair for our existing homes, buildings, mature lots and trees, improvements in features that every individual property at this excellent location has to offer.</p> <p>It was our choice to live in the country, to accept many inconveniences in order to enjoy nature at its best, observing and respecting wildlife. We, the long-term residents of Burnhamthorpe Road on the south and north side, we all created our own little sanctuaries. Now all this is good for nothing?</p> <p>You're not just destroying thousands of years of natural green space and wildlife habitat in North Oakville, you also will destroy the quality of our future life. In my own (pace), I do not know how much longer I can handle this pressure of uncertainty. I cannot shake the feeling of injustice and anguish. The sudden force and threat from you, the Town of Oakville, together with the Region, this tremendous negative impact on my quiet enjoyment and</p> |
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| | <p>living in peace, will eventually affect my health as well as the health of other neighbors.</p> <p>What gives you elected people the right to interrupt our lives to this extent and to displace us - the lawful and the loyal year-round resident and taxpayer? We elected you because we trusted you and most of the times, you do govern municipal affairs very well. However, your performance regarding the creation of North Oakville lands will fail miserably and in our opinion you are not working in the best interest of the people.</p> <p>The green lands we have left in North Oakville are very precious. Think about it. The stroke of Lynn Gough or Rob Thun's pen might mean the, devastating destruction that will never be reversible again. What you call designing might in fact be destroying.</p> <p>Please tells us, what can we do to help, to save and to protect our natural environment? Tell us citizens of Oakville, what do you expect from us? In which other ways can we participate to preserve the unreplaceable natural habitat in North Oakville?</p> <p>You are human beings, you're not computers. There must be some compassion for our concerns and worries in your conscience.</p> <p>We have already several commercial properties along Dundas Highway, a four-lane highway. Why can we not continue commercial designation along this highway?</p> <p>In my opinion and to the best of my belief, the majority of Burnhamthorpe Road residents are against your proposed future employment lands zoning. We, the residents of Burnhamthorpe Road would like to ask you to reconsider the employment land boundaries and to keep Burnhamthorpe Road zoned residential. Hoping that this will allow more existing green space and wood lots to save.</p> <p>A letter together with our signatures and attached map showing our careful thought-out alternative plan, which is as you have just seen, of employment land boundaries was</p> |
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| | <p>presented to you earlier.</p> <p>Maybe we, the residents, the taxpayers, the people of Oakville should have a vote on this. Mayor Mulvale, you are always very strong on democracy. Wouldn't it be just very democratic to call for a referendum on an important measure such as this? Why only you, Council and Staff Members have the absolute right to make a decision that might haunt us forever?</p> <p>However, I urge you all, before you lift your hand to motion your vote, before you will change North Oakville's history and landscape forever, think and think again to make a wise and fair decision to the people, to nature and to wildlife.</p> <p>Don't be just driven by the future potential of millions of dollars of tax money. What we have right now is very precious. Nature created it all. Let the future generations, let our children enjoy ecological features and nature's oneness instead of looking at concrete blocks and parking lots.</p> <p>Our son grew up on Burnhamthorpe Road. His appreciation and respect, his love for nature and animal life is indented forever in his soul. He created his own little paradise around his house in a subdivision, but he's waiting for the day when he's able to move back to the countryside. He never forgot the pleasures of serenity in nature.</p> <p>North Oakville is in your hands. You have the power. Please use it fairly and wisely. We the residents can only pray, plead, hope and trust that your decision and vote will show good judgment for many, many years to come.</p> <p>Let's hope that some day in the future, any one of you will drive with your grandchildren through North Oakville – not Oakville's beautiful residential sights – surrounded by the natural green environment, watching and enjoying bird life and you're proudly pointing with your then aged, gnarled fingers full of arthritis, pointing to the trees and green space and speaking with the hoarse and talking short-of-breath voice, "It's a long time ago I played god</p> |
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| | <p>by saving all this for you.”</p> <p>Thank you for listening to our feelings and emotions, to our fears and determinations. Thank you for listening about life on Burnhamthorpe Road and green North Oakville.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, if there are questions, can they be brief because I'd like to give the lady's I presume husband an opportunity to speak and then still pass the bylaws. Councillor Flynn.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | <p>Very briefly, if the plan is approved as it reads today, it's my understanding and could you confirm this, that you feel that you and your neighbors would eventually be forced out of your home and your would be forced out of your home and forced to sell it for less than market value?</p> |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | <p>Yes that's my feeling.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Kevin Flynn</i> | <p>That was my question.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Councillor Elgar.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | <p>Did I hear you say you do agree with the alternate plan that was presented earlier? Basically, with the variation on the...</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Your neighbor's plan?</p> |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | <p>...your neighbor's plan?</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>That you saw earlier?</p> |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | <p>Yeah?</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Do you agree with that?</p> |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | <p>I'm in favor of it.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | <p>Of where they move the industrial and the residential around? You're in favor?</p> |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | <p>I'm in favor of moving the employment lands along Highway #5. I'm in favor to keep the whole block from...</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Neyagawa, the creek, back to Ninth Line.</p> |
| <i>Gisela Benke (Delegate)</i> | <p>...Neyagawa or 16 Mile Creek to Trafalgar Road residential and Burnhamthorpe.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Allan Elgar</i> | <p>Thank you.</p> |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>Thank you. Thank you very much Ma'am. Mr. Benke, did you have something brief to say so we can hear you</p> |

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| | <p>tonight? I'm not trying to be disrespectful if you have a lengthy presentation, we'll put you first on the list next Thursday, but I've looked at... You've probably got about three minutes because I've got to wrap up the meeting. So could we have you back next week and you'll be the first speaker, Sir. Thank you very much for your indulgence.</p> <p>Members of Council, I need a resolution please that the Public Hearing Item 16 – Lands North of Dundas Street be recessed to Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 7:30, Town Hall.</p> |
| <i>Councillor Jody Sanderson</i> | So moved, your Worship. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Councillor Sanderson's moving. All in favor, please signify. Now, if I could have a motion to rise and report? |
| <i>Councillor Jeff Knoll</i> | So moved. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Moved by Councillor Knoll. And the Mayor, and I rise to report that the Committee of Whole has met on Thursday, July 5, 2001 for the purpose of reconvening the meeting, which was held on Monday June 25, 2001, reconvened on Tuesday June 26, 2001 and Thursday June 28, 2001. The Committee of Whole has made recommendations on consent items, Public Hearing Item 14, as noted by the Clerk. Can I have a motion to move that, please? |
| <i>Councillor Jeff Knoll</i> | So moved. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | <p>That was Councillor Knoll. All in favor? Don't go yet. I have a motion, please, that moved and seconded that the report and recommendation to the Committee of the Whole, with the exception of Public Hearing 16, as it is to recess to Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 7:30, be approved. Moved by Councillor Wright and Councillor Sanderson. All in favor? Carries.</p> <p>Can I have a motion now regarding bylaws?</p> |
| <i>Councillor Jeff Knoll</i> | By numbers only. |
| <i>Councillor Janice Caster</i> | I'll give you the motion by numbers only. |
| <i>Mayor Ann Mulvale</i> | Thank you, Councillor Caster and Councillor Knoll. Let this be the authority of a first, second and third reading of bylaws by number only. 2001-113, 2001-140, first reading, pausing at second if there are any question, seeing no such indication of question, calling first, second |

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| | <p>and third reading. All in favor please signify.</p> <p>A motion by Councillor Flynn and Councillor Elgar to adjourn. All in favor? We're adjourned. Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen of Council, your bundles are there for you to pick up. Save the taxpayers some money. Behind Councillor Smith. Councillor Bird, if you'd take your bundle? If you haven't already picked it up. Councillor Robinson.</p> <p>Incidentally, Cogeco will be broadcasting tomorrow, Friday, at 1:30 and they will be broadcasting again on Tuesday July 10 at 7:30. And again, thanks to Cogeco. Tomorrow Friday 1:30 and Tuesday July 10th, 7:30.</p> |
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