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Subject: Re:York Region Councillors Request to the Province to "Develop a Process" allowing Encroachment on Protected Oak Ridges Moraine Lands

Dear Mr. Steve Clark, and York Region Councillors involved ,

I am writing to advocate for our families, and in particular for our children, grandchildren and future generations who are not able to express concern re: the perpetual demands that the protected Moraine be compromised. A multitude of concerned citizens of York Region, and other jurisdictions maintain their position against development in the Moraine. In fact, the vast majority of resident Ontarians to this day and will always support the preservation of this very special, sacred land that has so much to offer- its beauty for inspiration, its messages for healing, its gifts of purification of water, air, soil, needed food from agriculture, and as a natural Teacher of Nature and its Ecosystems. That the excuse be given by "planners" that a PROCESS be put in place only shows tactics that serve to EVENTUALLY open up those lands in time. How sneaky..! approval to allow a "process" infers the intended result will occur, as a result of this process, in this case the infringement on the Moraine, in the name of the Economy, for Employment Lands, the supposed "loophole" wrongfully left by policy-makers, after the Province declared protection of these Lands. In my opinion, when planners knew that these Lands would be protected, it was their job as it is today, to use their planning skills to develop a plan for Employment Lands outside of the Moraine. They have had 2 decades to do this. Perhaps it is time for the Planners to get back to the drawing board, and come up with a more environmentally-friendly plan, perhaps entailing more insight of environmental concerns, and the will of the people. Furthermore, statistics show there is much usable land in existence, that this proposal should not even be entertained. Cutting up the Moraine is a lame, thoughtless solution. We are calling on our planners to show engenuity at this time, and to keep pace with environmental predicts that will affect our families for many years to come. Perhaps if the Councillors spent more time in their communities 'understanding' the concerns of the people they represent by fostering more communication, and not protecting themselves from scrutiny in a festering "bubble", they would not have to engage in tactics intended to keep their constituents, we, the taxpayers (paying their salaries) "out of the loop", at a time of a pandemic, when no major decisions should be made without the public's full engagement and participation, as happened years ago before a Moratorium was declared on any encroachment on the Moraine. The vast majority of participants at public meetings fought as they would today if they knew of this proposal. This proposal should be struck down, simply because of the fact that the public is unaware of what is going on. The proceedings of Council is flawed. Also, the fact that Builders/Developers who see the "GOLDEN" opportunity to promote development, in this case "through the back door" should be cause for scrutiny by Provincial Authorities for engagement of conflict of interest, possibly involving our Councillors, Planners, Policy makers and writers who are being influenced by outside influence to affect decisions for their interests, mostly financial, unlawfully, unethically. Receiving contributions from these opportunistic individuals is unethical, a conflict of interest and should be banned, and anyone entering a local or regional capacity in government should be made to attest before accepting that position, ie: as a Regional, Town councillor, Planner, that they will not accept financial 'rewards', or other rewards or participate in 'questionable' discussions intended to negate policies already instated, in this case, to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine Lands. We, the people have made our wishes known re: protection of the Moraine, and should not have to revisit this. I'm sure the Provincial Government will again act to protect.

Mr. Clark, may I propose that steps be initiated by the Provincial, with possible collaboration from the Federal Government, through the Ministries of the Environment, I would assume, to declare the Oak Ridges Moraine as a Provincial or Federal Park, with limited use for Agriculture, trending towards eco, educational agriculture (much needed), Environmental Education, and Recreation that will create jobs, especially for younger generations trained in Environmental Studies, that if given a chance, can lead us in Environmental efforts via the Moraine. Mr. Clark, May I ask you for guidance in putting forth this proposal as a Resident of Oak Ridges. I am sure of getting much support from York Region and other regional advocacy for "The Oak Ridges Moraine Provincial Park." If anyone who reads this letter is interested in helping to advocate for permanent protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine, let's do it. Please contact me at: maryann468@icloud.com. To our Provincial Government, please continue to protect the Moraine. The proposal to develop a process to open up 400 corridors for employment land is a trap, is unacceptable, and should not be permitted. We trust that you will act to protect it now and in all perpetuity, for the benefit of future generations, with God's help. Thank you for your careful consideration of this letter.

Mary ann Colin, Richmond Hill, Ontario. Oct. 21, 2020