

Dr. Tom Nugent

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To Mayor Eisenberger and City Councillors Re: Hamilton Greenbelt Boundary Review.


I am concerned that I did not receive notice of the original input consultations before the submission to the province or notice of the review of this submission. Due to my involvement in the City's Proposed Official Plans, the City is well aware that my property is incorrectly in the Greenbelt. In fact I requested the City's Legal Counsel to halt the official plan process until correct information was available. I am not opposed to the concept of the Greenbelt. However, I am very disturbed that without notice, a change was made putting my property into the Greenbelt using vague satellite images, which confused my property with my neighbour's property. I have attached a copy of a detailed survey of my property for you to review the obvious mistake. On my property of 68.22 acres, there is only 1.19 acres of registered conservation land. Also on this survey are the reasons why this property is best suited for development. It is not sustainable for farming due to the type of soil, the fragmented lands and the conflicting land use in the area.

When I took my case of improper property identification to my local MPP, Jennifer Mossop, she expected a quick resolution to such an obvious mistake. Instead the Province used the Greenbelt Moratorium and refused to deal with my case or correct this blatant mistake in the Greenbelt for a Ten year period. Jennifer was so distressed by the injustice of my situation that she demanded and got a Specific Site Review done on my property by the MMAH to confirm this mistake. Accordingly my property should have been released from the Greenbelt when this Moratorium expired on Feb 28, 2015. However the Province is continuing to obstruct justice by refusing to deal with my case and to correct this mistake on a Specific Site Review basis until 2016.

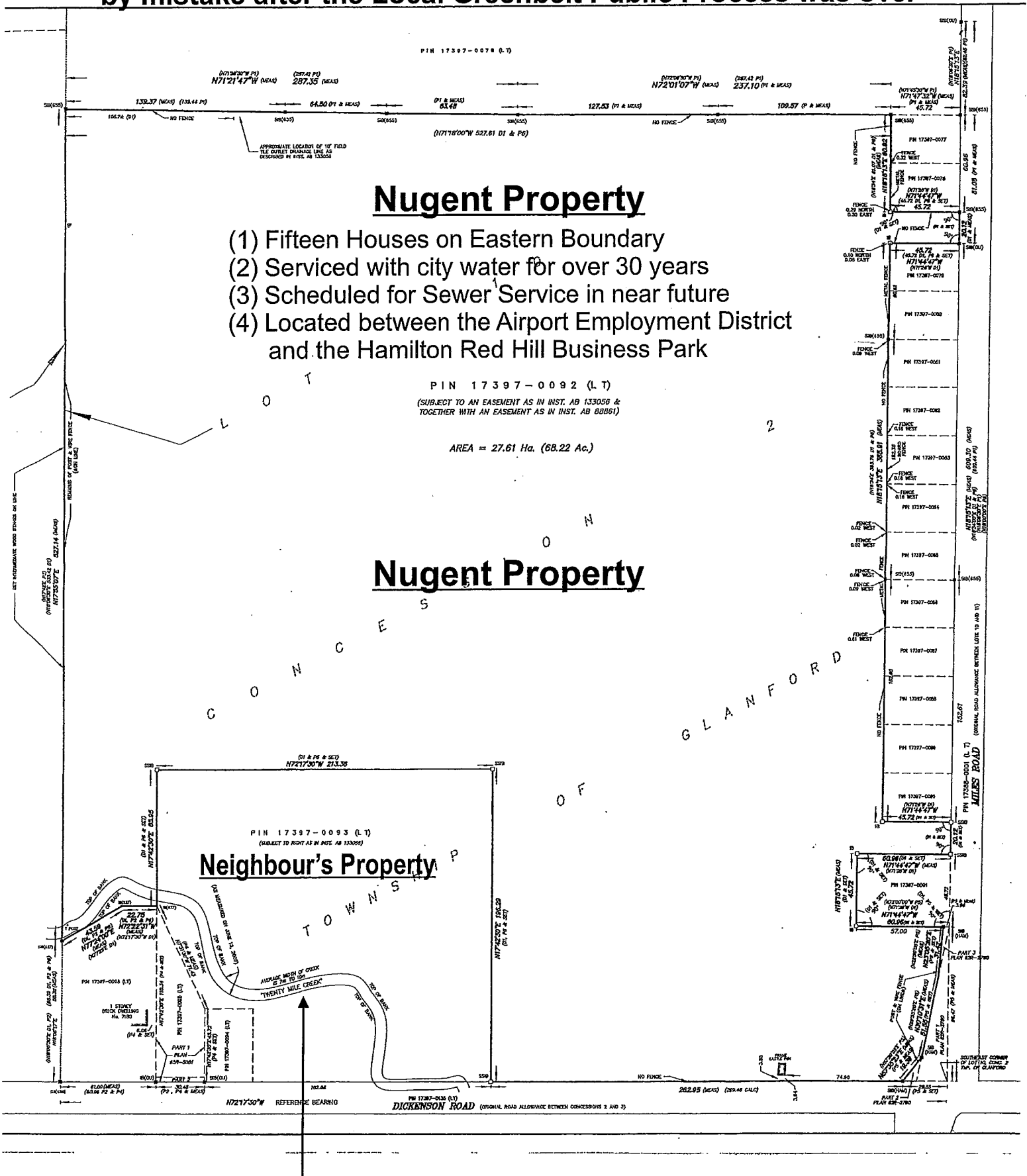
Due to the provincial government disregard for the principals of democracy and for accuracy in the planning process, I attended many of their 17 "Have Your Say Meetings" across Ontario. At these Greenbelt Meetings I was able to discuss my case with the six members of the Greenbelt Review Panel and also speak out publicly about the injustice of my case. The Province and many others have stated that this will have a big impact on how the Greenbelt will proceed. Min. Ted McMeekins has provided me a contact person at his office and at the MMAH.

I am now asking the City of Hamilton to support my case for removal of my property from the Greenbelt. I feel that the City should request that this mistake is corrected so the official plans are accurate. Also Hamilton Taxpayers will be best served if the city protects its tax base by supporting the removal of this property best suited for development from the Greenbelt. Otherwise I will passionately continue to speak out about my case at Greenbelt Meetings. This in turn reflects badly on the planning process and will discourage investment and jobs.

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cc. Rose Caterini, Jason Thorne, Joanne Hickey- Evans, Sarah Celini, Min. Ted McMeekin, Dina Stigas, Marcia Wallace, David Crombie, Rae Horst, Deb Zimmerman, Keith Currie, John MacKenzie, Leith Moore

by mistake after the Local Greenbelt Public Process was over



Property with creek which Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and Housing mistakenly thought was part of the Nugent Property