

March 8, 2018

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Subject: In Consideration of Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring

At its meeting on February 26, 2018, Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

WHEREAS the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, complementing the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS the Province's Advisory Panel chaired by David Crombie recommended that the Greenbelt grow to address the protection of areas of critical hydrological significance, such as key headwaters; and

WHEREAS the Province's current study area for Greenbelt expansion has prematurely omitted areas under the most direct threat of development, known as the 'whitebelt' which is neither in the Greenbelt nor in the urban settlement area that contain such critical areas; and

WHEREAS a fulsome study of all potential Greenbelt expansion areas should be undertaken as part of this review in order to make the best, most consistent land use planning decisions across the Greater Golden Horseshoe;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Town of Oakville commend the province for continued action toward growing the Greenbelt through the current consultation process; and

THAT the province be strongly urged to extend the study area for Greenbelt expansion to include the whitebelt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and

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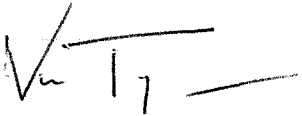
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THAT the province expeditiously grow the Greenbelt by incorporating appropriate whitebelt lands within the inner ring to protect our limited freshwater and natural heritage features including headwaters not currently protected; and THAT this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, all Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, the Ontario Greenbelt Association, Ontario Nature, Earth Roots, Eco Spark, and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM).

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact me at 905-845-6601, extension 2003, or email vicki.tytaneck@oakville.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicki Tytaneck', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Vicki Tytaneck
Town Clerk

- c. Minister of Municipal Affairs
Greater Golden Horseshoe Municipalities
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