

May 7, 2018

Subject: In Consideration of a Renewed Commitment to the Greenbelt

At its meeting on April 30, 2018, Oakville Town Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning that complements the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt has protected 1.8 million acres of farmland, local food supplies, the headwaters of our rivers and important forests and wildlife habitat for over 12 years; and

WHEREAS, a permanent Greenbelt is an important part of the planning for sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous amount of land already planned and available in excess of the development needs of the GTA without weakening the protections provided by the Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, efforts to open the Greenbelt create the opportunity for land speculators to build expansive homes, at immense profits, in remote areas; and

WHEREAS, opening the Greenbelt will move the urban boundary thus creating more sprawl and increased traffic; and

WHEREAS, the costs of sprawl result in increased taxes, because 25% of the costs of sprawl are downloaded to existing property tax payers; and

WHEREAS programs like the proposed inclusionary zoning regulations will assist municipalities in advancing the supply of affordable housing stock without the need to expand the built boundary;

WHEREAS the Town of Oakville was the originator of the Urban River Valley designation;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

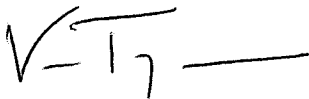
THAT the Town of Oakville stand with its municipal neighbours to undertake continued action to maintain and grow the current Greenbelt; and

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

THAT this resolution be distributed to the leaders of all parties represented in the Legislature, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, all Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation and members of Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require any 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 'V-Ty', followed by a horizontal line.

Vicki Tytaneck
Town Clerk

c: Andrea Horwath, Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario
Doug Ford, Leader, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
Kathleen Wynne, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Greater Golden Horseshoe Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Environmental Defence
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt