

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Sherry Hayes
Sent: January 9, 2020 3:27 PM
To: DL - Council Only
Cc: Paparella, Stephanie; Kolar, Loren
Subject: GIC Meeting Agenda Item 10.9 - School Board Properties Sub-Committee Report

Please include my email in the agenda of the above noted meeting

Regarding: Frances Avenue, Stoney Creek School Board Property

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council,

As a follow up to the School Board Public Meeting and the Sub-Committee Meeting of December 2019 - of which I attended both – it seemed obvious to many that the value of this land as environmentally sensitive and extremely important to the waterfront neighbourhood is not fully appreciated by school board or council.

We in the area realize the importance of this forest land and the need to preserve it fully as protected and without development in perpetuity. It is clear that the Natural Heritage Planning Department understands the importance of this parcel of land and the potential for devastation should any development take place there or on the adjacent park land.

This area is growing exponentially and with what appears to be a complete disregard to the overall health of the environment, lake, carbon footprint, wildlife and current resident population. There have been over 150 species that reside in or utilize this forest wetland. Some recorded are noted on the Endangered Species List.

Surely no environmentally-conscious citizen of this city, including our elected city officials feel that this small slice of sensitive land, that is a haven for birds, amphibians, mammals, plants and more, should be left open to any possibilities. This is a critical moment in time where everyone should consider how this exceptionally important forest and wetland area should never be developed or put into the hands of anyone that might consider such. It can also be a valuable lesson in understanding preservation to show our future generations that we care NOW.

To halt the speed of this proposed surplus land sale, could the city and council at least provide the Board with an Expression of Interest? And with the intent to maintain in perpetuity, the eco-sensitive status of this parcel of land?

Respectfully requesting consideration of the preservation of this land,
Sherry Hayes & Dennis Facia
Green Road Residents