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Subject: Pre-read in preparation for tonight's Council Meeting - Agenda 3.1 - Proposed Lot Severance of 57 Beaufort Hills Road

Mr. Greg Beros:

In preparation for the Council Public Meeting tonight please read and circulate the powerpoint that I have prepared for my five minute speech.

I oppose the lot severance of 57 Beaufort Hills Road and the destruction of over 90+ trees as located on that lot.

This lot severance is bad development, and the key reasons include but are not exclusive of the following:

It provides us with:

- 1) Unique and natural neighbourhood beauty
- 2) Cleaner Air Quality
- 3) Protection and Energy Savings
- 4) Natural habitats for local wildlife and bird species
- 5) Soil and Wind erosion prevention
- 6) Control of early spring runoff and/or heavy flooding

The condition of our Oak Ridges Moraine trees and collectively our urban forests, is the first impression that our community projects to visitors.

Our unique community's urban forest is an extension of our Beaufort Hills pride and community spirit.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Plan - 2019 supports this in writing.

This lot severance is bad development and sets a precedent for future lot severance proposals.

Please do not let this lot severance proposal and tree destruction proceed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather Bennett

59 Beaufort Hills Road

Richmond Hill

Resident of current home for 35 years.

57 BEAUFORT HILLS

A Community Protesting
The Lot Severance Proposal of
57 Beaufort Hills Road
June 3, 2020

Both Coniferous and Deciduous Trees on 57 Beaufort Hills



- ▣ Approximately 150+ trees are on 57 Beaufort Hills. Most are mature and add natural beauty and colour to the neighbourhood.
- ▣ There is a good mix of both coniferous and deciduous trees exist on this lot, which adds property value.
- ▣ Previous owners have invested into the maintenance, care and replacement of these trees.

Losing Over 90+ Mature Trees



- ▣ These majestic trees tower over the rooftop of the existing home.
- ▣ The trees completely surround this home in the front, sides and backyard.
- ▣ Severing this lot and losing over 90+ trees would be a significant loss to the unique beauty of our neighbourhood.

Soil Erosion and Flooding



- ▣ The current lot line and fence is only 6 feet away from our actual house footing at 59 Beaufort Hills Rd.
- ▣ Issue is that in spring with the soil and wind erosion, extensive spring flooding will occur when this lot is severed.
- ▣ This is a critical high risk factor to our existing home.

Forest Wildlife and Fauna



- ▣ This forest offers habitats for numerous wildlife such as squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, racoons, skunks, red fox, and even deer.
- ▣ There is a large variety of birds including blue jay's, cardinals, eagles, hawks, mallard ducks, Canada Geese, and chickadees.
- ▣ Without this forest canopy of 90+ trees, much of the wildlife would simply perish and die.

Community Safety Issues



- ▣ Approaching 57 Beaufort Hills there is a 90 degree bend in the road.
- ▣ There are four foot ditches on each side of the narrow soft shoulder road.
- ▣ At best two cars can slowly get by at the same time.
- ▣ There are no sidewalks for pedestrians to use.
- ▣ **This is a very serious pedestrian traffic safety issue that occurs simply by walking out of our homes.**

More Community Safety Issues - continued



- ▣ Beaufort Hills Road is a cul-de-sac with only this one road ingress and egress point.
- ▣ When it is blocked by large vehicles the residents cannot get out from their street.
- ▣ **This is a critical safety issue.**
- ▣ In future, dump trucks, cement trucks and large transport trucks would entirely block the street thoroughfare to seven homes on our street.
- ▣ **This is a critical risk factor for anyone who needs urgent emergency care, living on our street.**

Protection & Energy Saving



- ▣ Here, looking through the trees to 57 Beaufort Hills, there is dense forest that provides:
- ▣ Natural privacy.
- ▣ Natural sound barrier.
- ▣ Protection to our homes from the hot sun, the trees provide natural cooling breezes. We rarely use air conditioning in our home. Trees reduce energy costs.
- ▣ In winter, we are protected against strong and very strong north westerly winds.
- ▣ With these trees, we do our part to address climate change everyday.

EARTH DAY

Best Practices Everyday



“It’s time to reflect, protect and heal our Earth.” as stated by Greg Beros. These best practices should continue every day of the year . This land severance proposal is a bad development proposal that will have a negative impact on our community. It will set a precedence for future land severance proposals in our immediate neighbourhood.

Oak Ridges Moraine Plan – 2019

- ▣ The Plan identifies key natural heritage features (such as wetlands and woodlands) and key hydrologic features (such as kettle lakes and springs).
- ▣ In Natural Core Areas, Natural Linkage Areas and Countryside Areas, **only very restricted new resource management**, recreational and infrastructure uses are permitted within these features.
- ▣ Development near these key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features *is only allowed if it will not adversely affect these features.*
- ▣ *In areas with significant landscape character (called landform conservation areas) in Natural Core Areas, Natural Linkage Areas and Countryside Areas, development will have to meet particularly stringent review and approval standards to ensure that the Moraine is protected.*
- ▣ No stringent approval standards have been provided for this land severance.

Old Infrastructure At Capacity



- ❑ **Sewers** were installed in **1978**, now 42 years old, with restricted capacity.
- ❑ With COVID-19 there is no budget available to replace or upgrade our old infrastructures to allow for a lot severance.
- ❑ **Hydro, sewage, water, natural gas and internet** are all at or running near to capacity already.
- ❑ Today we experience hydro outages regularly, especially during the winter.
- ❑ **Note:** Numerous road stress cracks seams, that are occasionally re-patched.

This lot severance is Bad Development.

- **These trees continue to provide:**
 - **Unique and Natural Neighbourhood Beauty**
 - **Cleaner Air Quality**
 - **Protection & Energy Savings – cooling in hot summer and protection from extreme north winds in winter**
 - **Natural habitats for local wildlife and local bird species**
 - **Prevent Soil and Wind Erosion**
 - **Control Early Spring Runoff and/or Heavy Flooding**
- ▣ **The condition of our Oak Ridges Moraine trees and collectively, our urban forests, is the first impression that our community projects to visitors.**
- ▣ **Our unique community's urban forest is an extension of our Beaufort Hills pride and community spirit. The Oak Ridges Moraine Plan supports this. Do not let this be destroyed.**

Our Community's **WOW Factor** Beaufort Hill's Road

57 Beaufort Hills Road
As viewed by our Lupine Neighbours.





