

Submission to Richmond Hill Council

April 13, 2021

Re: Oak Ridges Moraine Countryside lands to Oak Ridges Moraine Settlement Area

I have a few questions for Councillor Meunch who has put forth a motion to redefine the Oak Ridges Moraine Countryside lands to the Oak Region Moraine Settlement Area.

- 1) I presume Councillor Meunch was elected to represent Richmond Hill's Ward 2 residents. What then is he doing putting forth a motion for Ward 3 and sending letters to the residents of that ward? Should he not be addressing the needs and concerns of his constituency? Personally, if I was a resident in Ward 2, I wouldn't be pleased that my councillor is spending a majority of his time working for another ward.
- 2) In his plea for support from the residents of Ward 3, Councillor Meunch states "Outsiders or lobbyists from outside the area are expected to voice their opposition" and that "opposition are doing this to enable their unfair approach to sterilize the Leslie lands without any qualification or will promote crops like marijuana." Who are these "outsiders"? Residents of other wards within Richmond Hill? Councillor Meunch needs to provide data and documentation to support his claims such as written evidence of the various opposing groups and concrete plans for growing marijuana in this area. Otherwise, Councillor Meunch is engaging in fear mongering based on innuendo and false allegations and not fact.
- 3) The motion that Councillor Meunch is bringing forward on April 12 reads much like the proposals of the Leslie Stouffville Landowners Association. I have to question why Councillor Meunch is so invested in this motion since it does not directly affect his ward or the residents of his ward.
- 4) I am not opposed to city development that is thoughtful and well planned. However, it appears to me that Richmond Hill Council is obsessed with rapid development and ignores the needs and wishes of the long-standing residents of the city.

Respectfully submitted by

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