

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

COUNCIL ADDENDUM

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(D) Appeals Against Official Plan Amendment No. 129

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Additional Correspondence

- Comment received from Roman Demchyshyn

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Subject: Official Plan Amendment No. 129 - OMB hearing

Madam Mayor,

I've written to you concerning the Maple Lake Estates (MLE) development and the North Gwillimbury Forest (NGF) on several occasions so there is no point in 'rehashing' my thoughts – suffice it say that the any development of the NGF and surrounding property must be stopped once and for all, and that Greenbelt land swaps are not an option or acceptable solution.

In my opinion The Town's appearance at the OMB hearing on May 10th in opposition to NGF appeal is disgraceful behaviour and a waste of tax payers money. In a time when residents are struggling to keep up with property tax increases, unprecedented sewer and water hikes, crumbling infrastructure and a general deterioration of town services, Council and Town Staff continue defending a 30 year old out dated plan of development that threatens the very well being of our most precious natural resource, Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

It appears that Town Council, (*except for the one voice of 'reason' in this matter, Councillor Neeson*), The Region of York and Town of Georgina Staff do not seem to understand what the word **NO** means. **NO** from the tax payers of Georgina –(over 80% of Georgina residents do not support development of the NGF – survey recently commissioned by NGFA), **NO** from over 3000 Georgina Residents who have signed petitions and are on record in opposition to the MLE development, **NO** from the Honourable Bill Mauro – that the Deer Park Lands will remain part of the Greenbelt going forward so **NO** to the Deer Park land swap, **NO** from the North Gwillimbury Forest Association, **NO** from the David Suzuki Foundation, **NO** from the Clean Air Alliance, **NO** from The York-Simcoe Liberal Riding Association (Johnathan Scott – President) and the list goes on and on.

I would respectfully ask you Madam Mayor, the rest of our elected representative and Town Staff to STOP defending the MLE development and support the NGF Official Plan Amendment No 129 (OPA 129) and further to direct your efforts and town staff to have the Provincial Government remove the 'Town & Villages Designation' on the NGF lands and rescind the development rights on this property once and for all. It is well past the time when the Town of Georgina can continue to waste tax payer dollars and staff resources in support of a private development.

In closing I would add that I'm not a politician and know very little about the Municipal Act but I sincerely believe that this has moved well beyond the Town's jurisdiction and is now a purely 'POLITICAL MATTER'. These out dated building rights were granted over 30 year's ago through an unprecedented act of an 'Order in Council' and it will take a similar extraordinary action by the Provincial Government to resolve this matter. SO PLEASE – stop wasting my hard earned dollars on legal fees defending what is no longer defensible and get on with the BUSINESS of continuing to make Georgina a great place to live ! And that Madam Mayor would be GOOD PLANNING !!!

Sincerely,

Roman Demchyshyn

(A full time resident of North Gwillimbury and the Town of Georgina for 47 years)

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