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Morning Rachel,

I checked the Council Agenda for addendums Tuesday morning. There were none. For some reason I woke early this morning to check again. Imagine my shock to see this very detailed report with an accompanied financial ask of the town of \$2,600,000 of taxpayer money by the GTTI.

I have only had an opportunity to quickly review the report. The first time this idea was presented to Council and the public was made aware of the plans was the last Council Meeting on June 6th, 2020. There was a lengthy list of to-dos before this project was to move forward. At the top of the list was to have the property re-zoned. How was all of this accomplished in two weeks when under normal circumstances it takes far longer to rezone anything?

Apparently there have been a number of meetings between staff and GTTI to rush this project through the process. Although a grand idea I object to the location for the project being the Reed Farm. What happened to a farm is a farm is a farm. Manufacturing is a very distant cousin to farming.

What bothers me more is where is the transparency of this project. It might as well have been conducted in Closed Session because the public certainly has not been involved or made aware of the plans. What jumped out from the brief skimming of the report was it was not necessary to consult the public also known as the Georgina Taxpayer. I'm sure there is far more that I would uncover in a deep dive of the report.

Imagine the irony I felt when I read the last two pages of the addendum. This is the letter from Mayor Quirk to Premier Doug Ford regarding the "Independent Commission into Ontario's long-term care System". This is what Margaret Sedore was promised would happen with the farm. It is also what I presented at the Open House for public consultation for the future of the farm.

I am unsure who else I should be including in this request. The best I can hope for is the report be received and public consultation be undertaken. Considering we are a very large town of 288 square kilometres there must be other options available to host this project.

I will be following the virtual council meeting later this morning.

Joanne Henderson