

**SUBMISSIONS OF PETITIONS AND BINDER
FROM MUSKOKA LANDOWNERS**

AND

**SUBMISSION FROM ELIZABETH MARSALL
ENTITLED “THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT’S
VISION: PLACING SMALL, RURAL AND REMOTE
COMMUNITIES AT RISK”**

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309 e-mails of this standard form were received prior to and following the February 16 & 17, 2010 Public Information meetings for the Growth Alternative

(list of names enclosed).

First name:

[REDACTED]

Last name:

[REDACTED]

City:

[REDACTED]

Province:

Ontario

Post code:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Greenbelt news:

yes

Greennews:

yes

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to share with you my strong support for the proposal before Council for a Markham Foodbelt.

Protection of the Town of Markham's remaining farmland and green space is one of the most critical issues facing Markham. The community's farms and farmlands are vital to the tradition of Markham and a permanent Markham Foodbelt would be a major step in protecting this important heritage.

Protecting farmland and green space in Markham makes sense for its residents and the environment. It is a key part of our future.

The following people have submitted a standard e-mail form:

Michelle Louli, Thornhill

Jamie Kirkpatrick,

Danielle Woon, Markham

Mary Delaney, Brougham

Adriana Dossena, Toronto

Linda Sepp

Linda Brennan

Dr. Faisal Moola, Toronto

Elizabeth Louli, Toronto

Chris Gurski, Thornhill

Nicole Louli, Toronto

Gregory Svensson, Thorold

Kate Prince, Peterborough

Diana Trussler, Windsor

Martina Kelly, Toronto -

Elizabeth Grant, Toronto

Laura Buckley, Markham

Elizabeth Grant, Toronto

Katie Massie, Whitby

Venessa Alsop, Toronto

Kevin Wong, Markham

Carolyn Ray, Unionville

James Ray, Markham

Allen Matrosov, Richmond Hill

Kostas Zaphiropoulos

Bogdan Hlevca, Markham

William Mintz

Stephen Hamilton, Unionville

Karen Schulman Dupuis, Stratford

Steve Green, Windsor

Ian Darling, Thornhill

Tony Policelli, Oakville

Paul Danyluk, Guelph

Dean Vlasman, Komoka

Peter Klose, Orono

David Piekny

Jennifer Gabriele, Innisfil

Louis Gabriele

Eleanor Grant, Waterloo

Connie Priest-Brown

Sondra VanderVaart

Lee Miscampbell, Markham

Kenneth Yu, Unionville

Kris Morettie – Beamsville

Eleanor Grant, Waterloo

Mary Gabriele, Etobicoke

Peter Kofler, Kitchener

Dave Gabriele, Toronto

Ruth Haines

Karen Smith, Toronto

Marsha Sulewski, Hamilton

Kim Jarvi, Toronto

Laurel Grieve, Irondale

Michael Robertson

Gordon McNulty, Hamilton

Vanessa McMain, Toronto

Birgitta Saamavarchian, Toronto

Martha Ruben, Ottawa

Rosemary Keenan, Brampton

Janet Patterson, Toronto

John Liss

Taffy Czernecki, Markham

Tomasz Czernecki, Stouffville

Pawel Drazek

Shira Harrison McIntyre

Colin O'Neill

Anita Kaiser

Ken Nash, Pickering

Alex McKenna, Toronto

Jim Fisher, Waterloo

Edward Paschin, Windsor

Andrea Gentile-Rocha, Markham

Stuart Fix, Toronto

Aletta Kraan, Stayner

Jan Whitmore

Tom Gehrels, Toronto

Christopher Wirth, Toronto

Fraser McDonald

Jeanette Dagger, Toronto

Carolyn Rimkey

Marianne Flory

Patricia Bigelow

Gary Markle, Brampton

Louisette Lanteigne, Waterloo

Graham Flint, Campbellville

Barbara Connell, Toronto

Katia Grodecki

Nadine Dahdah, Woodbridge

Carole Cuddy, Markham

Claire Brisland, Kitchener

Twyla Douaire, Millbrook

Gregory Crossman, Barrie

Chris Lane, Markham

Francois Chateigner

Jennifer Graham, Scarborough

Paul Rooney, Hamilton

G. Worth, Toronto

Kenneth Chisholm, London

Elaine Berns, Toronto

Jennifer Foulds, Toronto

Ann Truyens, Shanty Bay

Daniel Leavey, Oakville

Angela Klein, Thornbury

Shira Biner, Thornhill

Claude Robert, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec

Kayleigh Wilson

Kevin Seon

Steve Seon

Sharon Seon

Kim Seon

Mike Seon

Caroline Lane, Markham

Don Chen, Markham

Pei Chen, Markham

Barry Isenor, Toronto

Dave Diguer, Brooklin

Pawel Grodecki, Markham

Alexis Edghill, Markham

John Lynn, Pelham

Paul Antze, Toronto

Cindy Bongard, Markham

Inderjit Matharu, Markham

Marina Turlakis, Unionville

Rolande Smith, Toronto

Rob Goddard, Markham

David Wellhauser, Waterloo

Paulo Salonga, Thornhill

Karen King, London

Sam Mahboob, St. Catherines

Ted Dawson, Toronto

Gabrielle Sugar, Toronto

James Allodi, Toronto

Coeli Smith, Hamilton

Despina Turlakis, Unionville

Shaaron Grogan-Sheahan, Markham

Carole Cuddy, Markham

Gregory Crossman, Barrie

Francois Chateigner
Paul Rooney, Hamilton
Clarie Brisland, Kitchener
Chris Lane, Markham
Jennifer Graham, Scarborough
G. Worth, Toronto
Twyla Douaire, Millbrook
Peter Bland, Whitby
Jason Qu, Markham
Joan Johnson, Toronto
James Bodi, King City
Peter Glen
Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon
Dilys Tyrrell, Toronto
Debby Sinera, Toronto
Chavisa Brett, Toronto
Caroline Czernecki, Stouffville
Tushar Mehta, Brampton
Bob Douglas
Evan Knopp, Mississauga
Sama Bassidj, Thornhill
Sabrina Malach, Maple
Jillian Smith, Vancouver

Roberto Ventrillon Monteverde, Ajax

Janette Johnston, Cobourg

Marc Egan

Heather Rigby, Claremont

Fiona Cowles, King City

Eva Bykhovsky, Millbrook

Rett Dunham, Richmond Hill

Abdullah Hamidi, Richmond Hill

Gioia Stover, Newmarket

Craig Murray, Windsor

Jackie Stephen, Belleville

Annie Ryan, Toronto

Anna Belayev

Natasha Hargovan, North York

Rachel Chester, Toronto

Franca De Angelis, Orangeville

Kevin Thomason, Thornhill

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Laurel E. Tate, Toronto

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Jim Bridle

Eric Blyth, Ottawa

B. Hodgins, Whitby

Yasuko Naka, Markham

Kirsten Chan, Markham

Linda Fair

Michael Hamel, Markham

Chelsea Vickers, Ottawa

Eddie Chan, Markham

John Wright, Marham

Sara Bonaguro, Maple

Elisabeth Tan, Unionville

Eileen Atkinson, Markham

Gwen Potter, Richmond Hill

Homa Khamooshi, Thornhill

Robert Schneeweiss (Perlman), Thornhill

Kathy Dingwall, Unionville

B. Boudreau

Lesley Peressotti, Thornhill

Judith Baron, Markham

Werner Fabian MD, Barrie

Barbara Gordon

Steven McCann, Toronto

Vanessa Lie, Markham

Cornelia Kong, Markham

Hilary Chan, Markham

Kevin Lau, Markham

Tiffany Yau, Markham

Marina Khouzam, Markham

Natash Yue, Markham

Priscilla Yiu

Clarissa Chan

Jamie Tong

Flora Yip, Markham

Baris Lui, Markham

Michael Hamel, Markham

Aaron Lobo, Markham

Joshua Lowe, Markham

Sylvia Lam, Markham

Stephanie Fong, Markham

Chanelle Ng, Markham

Robyn Hughes, Markham

Melissa Chan-Yam, Markham

Caroline Tom, Markham

Seline Tam

Vivien & Stan Herzog, Thornhill

Eugene Ting, Markham

Anthony Tam

Kevin Uhlig, Oakville

Joshua Si

Michael Masley, Manville

Yvonne Fernandes, Kitchener

Jacqueline Wolfe, Markham

Kailey Chislett, Toronto

Renee Lehnem, Oakville

John D Richards, Georgetown

Deborah Levy

Deborah Schulte, Woodbridge

Emily Duncan, Toronto

Dunay Wood, Thornhill

Rita Ahola-Kahn, Markham Village

Niclas Ahola, Newmarket

Jonathan Ahola, Newmarket

Ken Ahola, Newmarket

Marlene Gagnier, Newmarket

Fiona Pearson, Aurora

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Bernice Royce, Thornhill
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Craig Gibson, Thornhill
Dave Pridham, Lindsay
Dennis Cuzzolino, Markham
Terry Nuspl, Pickering
Brick Duan, Hamilton
Kate Hunter, Thornhill
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Mike Johnson, Markham
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S. Graham, Thornhill
Lin Stevens, Cambridge
Duncan Shields, Unionville
Stephanie Cheung, Toronto
Arthur Nowak, Markham
Sue Daly, Unionville
Kristy Ng, Markham
Simran Chattha
Laura Hartsliet, Thornhill
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Ben Cachola, Etobicoke
Simon Haobert
Matthew Lee, Markham
Claudius Fehr, Scarborough
Linda Stober, Markham
Fatima Lam, Markham
Barb Macleod, Aurora
Kathy Kruschel, Thornhill
Mark Pniewski, Unionville
Michael Janssen
Szymon Kalinski, Unionville
Sabine Fischer, Thornhill
Cindy Carere
Ellen Sinclair, Markham
Karen Rosien, Markham

Gillian Hall, Markham

Ros Hunter, Thornhill

Jasmine Ko, Markham

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Sara Wilson

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Wendy Stringer

Wendy Terhune

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Venkatraman Vishwanathan, Thornhill

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M. Shum, Markham

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Alla Whiting, Markham

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Helen Hildebrand Ho, Thornhill

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June Caskey

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**NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMITTED WRITTEN
SUBMISSIONS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING:**

Barry L. Wilson, Thornhill

Matthew Mastrangelo

Yuk Wing Chiu, Thornhill

Dennis Patchett, Thornhill

Clive & Joyce Cook, Thornhill

John J. Weber, Thornhill

Marnie & Malcolm Lowe, Unionville

Susan Lee, Thornhill

Reuben & Barbara Tang, Markham

Jo-Anne Jackson, Markham

Michael Bunce

Marketka Kubicek

Monte & Marilyn Smith

Qin Wang, Dong Zhong, Luna, Markham

John & Kathryn Wright, Markham

Dr. Betty Castillo, Markham

Stephanie Fong

Mike Clare

Kathy Dingwall, Unionville

J. Scott, Toronto

Peter Anastasiades, Markham

Beverly Russell, Unionville

Rosa Wan

H. Navarra, Markham

Daniele, Jane, Caterina and Luca Fiorindi

Rick Evans, Thornhill

Annette and Ivan Mews, Thornhill

Donna Dougan, Markham

Norn Miles

Maria Gatzios

Tammy Morrell-Bellai, Unionville

Resident

Meg Stokes

Dianne More, Markham

**NAMES OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE
FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING:**

Dave & Linaire Armstrong, Markham

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George Carere, Markham

Barbi Lazarus

Meg Stokes

Janet Yin Gates, Richmond Hill

Kitty Yiu

Peter Miasek

Toinette Bezant

Stephen Dupuis
Alena Gotz
Joshua Lowe
Chris Gurski
Michelle Louli
Ron Zingel
Norine Graham-Robinson
Kathleen Lehman
M. Flynn
Peter & Mary O'Brien
William Parish
Mandy Karch
James Boccia
Maureen Flynn
Gurjeet Dhillon
Melissa and John Bojkovski
Syed & Annette Ali
Siobhan Covington
Peter Digby
Linda park
Siobhan Covington
Derek Connelly
Reid McAlpine

Brian Buckles

Louise Boccia

CL Bongard

Pat Prevost

Michael Robertson

Mark, Noreen, Natasha, Marc, Jim, & Mary Tasikas and Robert, Kathy, Alexa, Niki
& Amanda Kitchen

Emily Duncan Nadeau

Shelley Bourne

Karen Beale

Karen Cilevitz

Wynn & Mary Margaret Walters

Claire Malcolmson

Linda Park

Kristy Boccia

Ann & Zenek Gajewski

Hetty Jowett

Fae Cassidy

Rory Carduso

Audrey Morgan

John Miseresky

Randal Dickie

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: January 29, 2010 8:13 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Cc: Brouwer, Andrew
Subject: Fw: Markham Foodbelt

For public mtg agenda

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Barry L. Wilson [REDACTED]
To: Scarpitti, Frank
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Thu Jan 28 22:08:23 2010
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

Dear Mayor Scarpitti

My family and I've lived in Markham since 1967. In all that time I've never contacted Council with my concerns for a specific issue. I feel the preservation of the Foodbelt warrants every residents attention.

To protect Markham's quality of life, sustainability and future, we need to protect our remaining foodlands and natural areas. Approximately 60% of Markham is already within the urban envelope.

Please permanently protect Markham's remaining rural land as a Markham Foodbelt and Natural Heritage System within the Greenbelt.

Sincerely

Barry L. Wilson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 4, 2010 10:21 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Cc: Brouwer, Andrew
Subject: FW: Markham needs the foodbelt

Here's another one.....

Kimberley Kitteringham | Town Clerk | Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Phone: 905-475-4729
Fax: 905-479-7771
www.markham.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: matthew mastrangelo [REDACTED]
Sent: February 4, 2010 10:20 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; eshapiro@markham.ca
Subject: Markham needs the foodbelt

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized.

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 2000 ha Markham Foodbelt and 1400 hectares of greenspace around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Sincerely,

Matthew

Hotmail: Powerful Free email with security by Microsoft. [Get it now.](#)

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 4, 2010 9:56 AM
To: Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham future

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 4, 2010 8:18 AM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: Markham future

Another one for the agenda

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Yuk Wing Chiu [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Thu Feb 04 01:29:22 2010
Subject: Markham future

Dear Markham Councillors:

To protect Markham\'s quality of life, sustainability and future, we need to protect our remaining foodlands and natural areas.

Approximately 60% of Markham is already within the urban envelope.

Please permanently protect Markham\'s remaining rural land as a Markham Foodbelt and Natural Heritage System within the Greenbelt.

Please really do some good things for us!

Sincerely,

Yuk Wing CHIU,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 4, 2010 9:56 AM
To: Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: development proposals

Another one...

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 3, 2010 11:04 PM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: development proposals

Here is another one. I think we should prepare an agenda with these emails (with the personal information blacked out).

From: Dennis Patchett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed 03/02/2010 7:22 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: development proposals

Dear Sir:

As a relatively new member of the population of Thornhill, I am worried and alarmed at the proposals to expand the urban areas of Markham and York Region and reduce even further our farmlands and green spaces.

I moved here from a rural setting where I had the luxury of wandering in woods and jumping across streams and just lying down in a field of new mown hay on a seasonal basis. The salutary effects of open space on the human brain and on human emotion cannot be overstated. I was very pleased on my arrival to find many parks and a few ravines near my new home but I know the value to other species of wild space untouched by pathways and garbage and exhaust and the cutting of normal habitat so that owls and such species must leave and never return. Perhaps city based populations have lost touch with nature because of lighting and noise and pavement but it is so important to have marshes and fields and woods and not just little blocks of them but tracts of them left for us and our grand children.

I urge council to temper the wishes of developers--I have some experience in that area--for they will simply wait until they can get 50% of what they asked for originally and then build still at a great profit. Their profit must be offset by the cost to all residents once they build. By the time they have permission---it is much too late.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Patchett
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 4, 2010 9:51 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: Carroll, Judy
Subject: RE: Sustaining Markham's Food-belt.

Hi Kim,

Yes I have asked Judy Carroll to print off any correspondence and then we will check with planning and put together a summary package like we do for our statutory public meetings.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 3, 2010 10:56 PM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Sustaining Markham's Food-belt.

ALida - I think we should be compiling these for the public meeting agenda....

From: Clive [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed 03/02/2010 5:04 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: Sustaining Markham's Food-belt.

Dear Mayor,

In order to protect Markham's quality of life, sustainability and future, we need to protect our remaining food-belt and natural areas.

Approximately 60% of Markham is already within the Urban envelope.

Please protect Markham's remaining rural lands as a Markham foodbelt and natural heiratage system of growth within the greenbelt.

Clive and Joyce Cook

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 4, 2010 9:29 AM
To: Tari, Alida
Cc: Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Foodbelt



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Another one....

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Good Shepherd Parish [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank
Sent: Thu Feb 04 09:23:12 2010
Subject: Foodbelt

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Councillors:

To protect Markham\'s quality of life, sustainability and future, we need to protect our remaining foodlands and natural areas. Approximately 60% of Markham is already within the urban envelope.

Please permanently protect Markham\'s remaining rural land as a Markham Foodbelt and Natural Heritage System within the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

John J. Weber

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 6, 2010 10:45 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham foodbelt

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www.markham.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Marnie [REDACTED]
Sent: February 6, 2010 8:53 AM
To: fscarpitti@markam.ca
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: Markham foodbelt

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized.

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 2000 ha Markham Foodbelt and 1400 hectares of greenspace around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Sincerely,

Marnie & Malcolm Lowe
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 7, 2010 9:30 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

Fyi

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Susan Lee and Howard Pollack [REDACTED]
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Horchik, Dan; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org <cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca <McCalJ@parl.gc.ca>; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca <Kent.P@parl.gc.ca>; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca <Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca>; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org <peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org>; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; dmguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org <jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org <cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Sat Feb 06 21:54:16 2010
Subject: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized.

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and

the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Please let me know where I can find out more information.

Sincerely,

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 7, 2010 9:12 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Creation of Markham Foodbelt & its addition to Greenbelt

Fyi

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Reuben and Barbara Tang
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Hershik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca <McCalJ@parl.gc.ca>; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca <Kent.P@parl.gc.ca>; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca <Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca>; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org <peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org>; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org <jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org <cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org>
Sent: Sun Feb 07 17:52:24 2010
Subject: Creation of Markham Foodbelt & its addition to Greenbelt

Re: Creation of Markham Foodbelt & its addition to Greenbelt

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

1) We very strongly support the "Markham Foodbelt" proposal by Councillors Erin Shapero and Valerie Burke;

2) We very strongly oppose further urban sprawl onto Markham's irreplaceable farmlands. These farmlands are of Class 1 prime agricultural land and we have already lost too much of it to urban development.

3) Please work with the Province to add Markham's remaining farmlands and greenspace to the Greenbelt.

If we are not successful in protecting our farmlands, we will have failed our future generations in a considerable way.

Thank you very much

Reuben and Barbara Tang

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 10, 2010 12:34 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Urban Sprawl : Markham

FYI - this is not one of the form emails

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jo - Anne Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org
Subject: Urban Sprawl : Markham

Mayor Scarpitti & Council, and Premier Dalton McGuinty:

I am writing this message as a concerned resident of York Region, in particular the Town of Markham. My husband and family are proud to say that we have been residents of this community for three decades. In that time we have seen an immense amount of growth. Everywhere you now look, all you see are homes and with that pollution and congested road traffic.

The thought that York Region is considering paving 7.3 square kilometers of our farmland and growth to the area by 50% over the next 21 years is disheartening. When a city looks at this sort of growth, they are looking at the bottom line (i.e. increased tax base). Unfortunately, this narrow-minded vision does not think of the quality of life for its residents - both current and future. We need fresh air ... we need farmland to grow produce that provides nutrition to our community and other Canadians. The tax dollars received from farmland versus developed land is horrendousproviding exponential increases to treasury coffers.

Please stop and think!!! Think about your future ... think about your children and grandchildren's futures. Think about what lies ahead ... don't be short-sighted and only think of the here and now. My family and other concerned community members will thank you for your insight and commitment to the quality of urban life if you hear our voices and concerns before you make any development decisions.

Thank you for listening.

Jo-Anne Jackson
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 10, 2010 4:02 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Feb 16 council meeting

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Bunce [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Wed Feb 10 15:45:55 2010
Subject: Feb 16 council meeting

I wish to reserve an opportunity to speak at the Council meeting on February 16th. Here is a summary of my presentation:

As a Professor of Geography and Planning at the University of Toronto I have specialized in research on land use change and policy in the Toronto urban fringe for the past two decades. I was also a member of the Greenbelt Task Force and recently completed a study of farming in the region for the Neptis Foundation. I therefore have good understanding of the issues involved in this proposal and well-informed reasons for supporting it. These are:

1. The Foodbelt presents a golden opportunity for Markham to provide municipal leadership in supporting the rapidly expanding local food movement in the Toronto region. The municipality has, in successive Official Plans, identified the area in question as Class 1 lands to be protected for agricultural uses. Adding the special designation of Foodbelt for 25 years will not only guarantee a measure of permanence to the agricultural designation but also provide the opportunities for local food systems that many others supporting the proposal have referred to.
2. The Foodbelt would be good environmental planning because it retains open space between the Greenbelt/Rouge Park North corridors and provides an essential buffer between the urban edge and the Greenbelt boundary. I would even go so far as to argue that serious consideration should be given to adding the lands in question to the Greenbelt.
3. Designating the Foodbelt would be good urban planning, because it will hold the line against the creeping northward expansion of development in Markham that has been going on under the sanction of planning policy for years and encourage intensification within the existing urban envelope. This would be consistent both with Provincial (Places to Grow) and York Region policies.

Michael Bunce

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 10, 2010 6:09 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Stop the growth in Markham's Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: marketka.kubicek@bell.ca [REDACTED]
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; jvirgilo@markham.ca
<jvirgilo@markham.ca>; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don;
Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi,
Logan; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; Kitteringham,
Kimberley
Sent: Wed Feb 10 17:19:01 2010
Subject: Stop the growth in Markham's Foodbelt

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized.

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 2000 ha Markham Foodbelt and

1400 hectares of greenspace around the tributaries of the Rouge River. Please grow smaller communities not Markham, we have already had enough growth here. I continuously see animals such as fox, deer on the highway's and roads and that is a very sad state of affairs when our animals are pushed out to the roads and therefore potentially killed.

Sincerely,

Marketka Kubicek

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Marketka Kubicek

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 10, 2010 8:34 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Markham Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Monte and Marilyn Smith [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Wed Feb 10 20:33:03 2010
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

Pursuant to your flyer received on Feb. 10/2010, I would like to lend my support to protect the Markham Foodbelt by adding the rural area between Major Mackenzie Drive and the Oak Ridges Moraine to the Greenbelt.

We observe this proposal has the support of Mayor Scarpitti and Council and Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Monte and Marilyn Smith
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 11, 2010 9:27 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Protect Markham's Foodbelt Grow the Greenbelt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Zhong, Jack [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2010 8:52 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; minister.mah@ontario.ca; minister.omafra@ontario.ca; reginalclerk@york.ca; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org
Cc: markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com
Subject: Protect Markham's Foodbelt Grow the Greenbelt

Dear Sir/Madam

Please protect Markham's Foodbelt and Grow the Greenbelt

Please Reduce the current 50% growth target

Please Transfer excess growth to a willing municipality

Thanks

Qin Wang, Dong Zhong, Luna

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 11, 2010 9:44 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham Foodbelt Support

FYI.....

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From: John Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2010 9:42 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca; minister.omafra@ontario.ca; regionalchair@york.ca; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com
Subject: Markham Foodbelt Support

Please ensure this email is copied to the Mayor and members of Council.

We are writing to share with you our strong support for the proposal before the Markham Council for a Markham Foodbelt.

Protection of the Town of Markham's remaining farmland and green space is one of the most critical issues facing Markham. The community's farms and farmlands are vital to the tradition of Markham and a permanent Markham Foodbelt would be a major step in protecting this important heritage.

Protecting farmland and green space in Markham makes sense for our neighborhoods, our watershed and our local food supply.

Thank you, we look forward to your support.

John & Kathryn Wright

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 11, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Protect Markham Foodbelt

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From: Betty Castillo [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2010 10:50 AM
To: Betty Castillo
Cc: mcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Scarpitti, Frank; Kitteringham, Kimberley;
hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca; minister.omafra@ontario.ca;
mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Regionalclerk@york.ca; regional.chair@york.ca;
peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com
Subject: Protect Markham Foodbelt

I support the movement to protect Markham's foodbelt and avoid over-intensification. As a Markham resident and taxpayer, I want my children to grow up in a community with access to locally grown foods, environmentally protected green spaces and reduced dependence on car use while building up careful intensification to pay for better public transit and services.

Sincerely,

Dr. Betty Castillo

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 11, 2010 6:27 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: To Mr. Scarpitti

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Stephanie Fong [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Thu Feb 11 18:02:17 2010
Subject: To Mr. Scarpitti

Dear Mr. Scarpitti,

Today one of the town's councilors--Valerie Burke--came to my school as an Environmental Team guest speaker. She talked about the Markham Foodbelt, and I really support this movement. I just found out this morning that my grandma had to do a major heart surgery today; as Valerie was talking, I remembered all the times I went strawberry picking with my grandma as a child. Years from now, I would like to have farms where I can bring my grandchildren strawberry picking and carry on the tradition.

Please save the farms!
Stephanie Fong

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Matt 17:20

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 12, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham Foodbelt

From: Mike Clare [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri 12/02/2010 1:42 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

Dear Frank,

Although I cannot make this Tuesday's meeting, I just want you to know that I support the idea of the Markham Foodbelt. This is a gutsy and innovative move. You and council are to be commended.

Mike Clare
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 12, 2010 2:28 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham's Farmland and Greenspace

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri 12/02/2010 2:27 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCaJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Markham's Farmland and Greenspace

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres Canada 's finest farmland) has already been urbanized.

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Kathy Dingwall

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:41 PM
To: Tari, Alida
Cc: Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Protect Markham's Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Jay Scott [REDACTED]
To: Scarpitti, Frank
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com <markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sat Feb 13 16:39:15 2010
Subject: Protect Markham's Foodbelt

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Council,

I am writing to share with you my strong support for the proposal before Council for a Markham Foodbelt.

Protection of the Town of Markham's remaining farmland and green space is one of the most critical issues facing Markham. The community's farms and farmlands are vital to the tradition of Markham and a permanent Markham Foodbelt would be a major step in protecting this important heritage.

Protecting farmland and green space in Markham makes sense for our neighbourhoods, our watershed and our local food supply.

Thank you, and I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

J. Scott
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:46 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Stop Urban Sprawl

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Phyllis Anastasiades [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Sat Feb 13 19:08:48 2010
Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Attention: Mr. Scarpitti and Council

I am unable to attend the public meeting on February 16th. However I strongly support the preservation of our productive farm land. We have none to spare.

Special consideration should be given by means such as tax exemptions to farmers unable to sell their land to developers.

Perhaps this would mean that our taxes would increase somewhat but this is a small price to pay.

Peter Anastasiades
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:49 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: Markham Farmland & Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

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From: Bev Russell [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca <McCalJ@parl.gc.ca>; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca <Kent.P@parl.gc.ca>; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca <Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca>; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org <peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org>; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; dmquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org <jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org <cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com <markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com>; jimrobb@frw.ca <jimrobb@frw.ca>
Sent: Mon Feb 15 19:21:36 2010
Subject: Markham Farmland & Foodbelt

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres Canada 's finest farmland) has already been urbanized. We have lived in this community for 24 years and have seen the constant expansion and unnecessary development. Most people we know from this community have moved away due to the mismanagement of growth and lack of attention to the heritage and significance of this area that has made it so unique. You have completely ignored the attention this area need to preserve itself!

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace. Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

We would like to know where you stand on this crucial issue but more importantly want to preserve the goodness we have.

Sincerely,

Beverly Russell
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:51 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Supporting Markham's Foodbelt.

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Rosa Wan [REDACTED]
To: dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank
Sent: Mon Feb 15 16:34:23 2010
Subject: Supporting Markham's Foodbelt.

Dear Mayor Scarpitti, Premier McGuinty, and the council of Markham,

I am honoured to say that I fully SUPPORT the developement of Markham's Foodbelt. I think it is a brilliant idea that counts toward our future environment. I am a current grade 10 student from St. Augustine Catholic High School in the Markham Area. I am part of our school's environmental team, aka eteam, and I, along with eteams exec's and other members will be attending to the Crucial Public Meeting at Hilton Hotel tmrw at 7. I am really looking forward to this meeting! Thank you for this opportunity that allows us to all come together and stop Urban Sprawl!

Yours Truly,
Rosa Wan.

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Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:55 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: H N. [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Mon Feb 15 12:54:09 2010
Subject: Foodbelt

I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, February 16, but I would like to express my support for the foodbelt between Major Mackenzie Drive and the Oak Ridges Moraine to the Greenbelt. I also feel the population growth targets for this region are unreasonably high and unsustainable. Please pass my email on to the appropriate parties. Thanks.

H. Navarra
Markham, Ontario

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Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:56 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: protect Markham's foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Fiorindi, Daniele [REDACTED]
To: dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Mon Feb 15 12:36:01 2010
Subject: protect Markham's foodbelt

Dear Ontario Premier and Markham Council,

My family and I support Markham's foodbelt and ask for action to save prime farmland and extend the greenbelt to include the area north of Major Mackenzie drive.

regards,

Daniele, Jane, Caterina and Luca Fiorindi

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:57 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Support Re Farmland Protection

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Rick Evans [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Mon Feb 15 12:20:44 2010
Subject: Support Re Farmland Protection

Ms. Kitteringham,
I'm writing to you as suggested by my Councillor.

Please forward this message to the Mayor and the Members of Council to show my support for the proposal put forward by Councillors Shapero and Burke.

I will be unable to attend the meeting tomorrow, Tuesday February 16. Still, I want to show my support for their proposal as best I can.

Thank you.

Rick Evans
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Burke, Valerie" <vburke@markham.ca>
Date: February 12, 2010 5:35:50 PM GMT-05:00
To: "Rick Evans" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Sealy, Sandra" <SSealy@markham.ca>, "Patton, Lauren" <LPatton@markham.ca>
Subject: RE: Support Re Farmland Protection

Hi Rick

Thanks so much for your support!

I hope you will be attending the public meeting on Tuesday, Feb 16th, 7 pm, Hilton Suites Hotel.

If you get a chance it would be a good idea to send your views to the Mayor and Members of Council c/o the Clerk, Kimberley Kitteringham kkitteringham@markham.ca

Valerie Burke
Councillor
Ward One
Town of Markham
905-479-7747

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----- Original Message -----
From: Rick Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: February 15, 2010 12:20 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: Support Re Farmland Protection

Ms. Burke,

I have just read of your effort to protect Markham's remaining farmland.

I think you and Miss Shapero are being outstandingly audacious. I fear there will be tons of backlash. Therefore, I think it is important for you to know that I will vote for you next election. You are on the right side of this matter and I salute you for your far-sightedness and bravery.

I will not attend the February 16 Council meeting. Therefore, a comment now. About the 3rd of 4 parts of the proposal reported in the local newspaper. About protecting existing stable residential neighbourhoods.

I believe the corridor created by Yonge Street should be treated differently than other parts of Markham. I believe everybody would benefit by allowing large residential and commercial buildings on either side of this important transportation route. I would like to see them set back from the street, but I disagree with an arbitrary height limit.

Notwithstanding this minor difference, you have to know you have my vote. There is nothing else currently being discussed in public that is as important as this matter. In my opinion, you and Ms. Shapero are actually providing leadership. Bravo.

Rick Evans

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Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:57 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Food belt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Annette Mews [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Mon Feb 15 12:20:09 2010
Subject: Food belt

Mayor Scarpitti and Members of Council

c/o the The Clerk - Kimberley Kitteringham

Below is a copy of an email that I sent to Valerie Burke. She asked me to send it to your office as well. It is about my families concern regarding the proposed residential growth.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Annette Mews

Hello Valerie,

I received your notice about the Public Meeting this Tuesday. Neither my husband nor I can make it, but I wanted my voice to be heard in some form, so I am sending you an email to say that I fully support the Foodbelt. We are always hearing that one of the best ways to help the environment is to buy produce from local farms. How can we do this if we don't have local farms? By adding 150 000 more homes, we will be more than doubling our population. This will guarantee grid lock and urban sprawl. What few farms will be left will not be sufficient to support the current population, let alone double the current one.

I know you have already thought over the consequences of this and thus I need not go into detail. I just wanted you to know that our family also understands the consequences and are strongly opposed to this growth. We fully support you and the proposed Markham Foodbelt.

Annette and Tim Mews

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 8:59 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Markham Foodbelt

Sent from BlackBerry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Dougan [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca <McCalJ@parl.gc.ca>; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca <Kent.P@parl.gc.ca>; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca <Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca>; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org <peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org>; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; ldombrowsky.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <ldombrowsky.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>
Sent: Sun Feb 14 15:16:10 2010
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Markham Councillors:

Although I am unable to attend the February 16 meeting, I want to be sure that my voice is heard.

It is our duty to protect our remaining farmland and greenspace for our future generations. Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 2000 hectares as Markham Foodbelt and 1400 hectares of greenspace around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Consideration should be given via studies to determine how this can best be accomplished, in order that the existing farmers do not suffer financially to protect this land for us & our future generations.

Existing traffic in Markham is already overwhelming. We should do everything possible to ensure that it does not get any worse.

Sincerely,

Donna Dougan
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 15, 2010 9:04 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: message from Norn Miles regarding meeting Tuesday night

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Scarpitti, Frank
To: [REDACTED] Tari, Alida; Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Mon Feb 15 20:56:10 2010
Subject: Re: message from Norn Miles regarding meeting Tuesday night

Thank you Norn. I have forwarded your name to the Clerk's department.

Alida please confirm receipt of this email.

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

905.475.4872

905.475.4872

----- Original Message -----

From: norman mihelles [REDACTED]
To: Scarpitti, Frank
Sent: Mon Feb 15 19:56:06 2010
Subject: message from Norn Miles regarding meeting Tuesday night

Mayor

I attended the last strategic plan meeting for the farmers at the council chambers last month and was planning to provide some input into Tuesday nights meeting. I was planning to get there early and sign up, however I have since learned that a large number of special interest groups will be arriving in large numbers to clog up the night with their rhetoric that they use for saving one cause after another. Last month the Friends of the Dunlap Observatory had a large rally with the Rouge River activists in attendance. I have an email from them saying that they are going to come and support the Heritage group so they have a lot of voices to be heard.

I understand that the process has changed where people can book a spot ahead of time (rather than on that evening). I have heard that there have been 7,000 emails sent recently in to save this land for its agricultural heritage so the land can be passed on to future generations.

By the way, after there are some 10,000 land owners in the proposed Whitebelt area (I think) and I understand that only about 10% of the owners of a Whitebelt parcel are willing to sell it.

The rest of the individual farms in the whitebelt area are leased out to part time

farmers and the rate
of production is dwindling as each year goes on.

There is no future in farming and we, like other farmers cannot sustain a living from
what our
crops/livestock are sold for. We also cannot sustain one generation and then a second
generation to keep
the agricultural heritage going on the farmland we own.

It is distressing to believe that special interest groups will undoubtedly hijack the
meeting and
trample on the rights of these 12 families who are the last remaining farmer/land holders
in that area.

I read the letter from Rob Cullen in the Economist. If these people want to save the
farmlands then they should seek to have the Town of Markham purchase the land from the
farmers at a fair market value and then they can keep the lands in agriculture for ever
and i am sure the residents wouldnt mind paying an increase in taxes. Of course the ones
coming to the meeting on Tuesday don't pay taxes to the Town of
Markham anyway.
Can you please put me in the lineup to speak if possible.

thanks

Norn

Norn

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Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 16, 2010 11:05 AM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Shops on Steeles - submission to Growth Management P I M - Feb 16, 2010



Shops on Steeles
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----- Original Message -----

From: Maria Gatzios [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 11:02 AM
To: Growns; Shuttleworth, Valerie; Kitteringham, Kimberley
Greene; Shelly Mecklinger; Jeff Davies; Steven Kirshenblatt; Steve Schaefer;
Paul Chini; Alan Mihalj (mihalja@mmm.ca)
Subject: Shops on Steeles - submission to Growth Management P I M - Feb 16, 2010

Please find attached a letter to the Town as input to the Town's Growth Management Strategy Public Information Meeting this evening.

Thank you, Maria

Maria Gatzios, MCIP RPP
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File No: 65MA-0815

February 16, 2010

Mayor and Members of Council

Town of Markham

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**Regarding: PLANNING FOR GROWTH IN MARKHAM
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2010
SHOPS ON STEELES REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
2900 STEELES AVENUE EAST AT HIGHWAY 404
File No's: OP.07-130802 & ZA.08-110745**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

We are the planning consultants for the Shops on Steeles redevelopment proposal, and are writing on behalf of the owners, Bayview Summit Development Limited.

We note that this Public Information Meeting is seeking input into Markham's strategy to manage population and employment growth over the next 20 years, and we offer the following comments for Council's consideration.

THE SHOPS ON STEELES REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The Shops on Steeles site is 7.2 hectares (18 acres) in size, and the redevelopment proposal is for approximately 350,000 sq.ft. of retail, commercial, office and related uses, and approximately 1,500,000 sq.ft. of medium and high density residential space.

Depending upon: market conditions; consideration of residential units for seniors-related housing or long term care housing, we estimate the site to accommodate approximately 1,500 to 1,800 units of various housing types and forms.

As you know, we currently have two applications in process with the Town: an OPA which generally proposed to add residential uses to the site, and a ZBLA to apply appropriate site specific performance standards to permit a mixed-use redevelopment of a variety of commercial, retail, office, community and medium and high density residential uses.

INTENSIFICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY ON THIS SITE

The Shops on Steeles redevelopment proposal is an excellent opportunity for redevelopment into a mixed-use, pedestrian oriented development with residential intensification, with the following positive attributes:

- redevelopment, intensification and revitalization of a 40 year old retail centre that contains significant paved surface parking areas
- create a mixed-use, pedestrian oriented development
- provide a high quality of urban design, architectural treatment and new public realm
- include environmentally sustainable and green principles of development and building design
- close proximity to the Region of York's 'Lake to Lake' Cycling route
- on the Don Mills Road Regional Cycling Facility route
- contains a Region of York 'Cycling Gateway'
- on Don Mills Road and Steeles Avenue, both being 'Regional Rapid Transit Corridors'
- adjacent to Highway 404, indicated for 'Highway Bus Service'
- close proximity to a new proposed GO Station (near John Street and Bayview Avenue northwest of this site).
- opportunity to provide new community space
- opportunity to accommodate residential medium and high density uses
- opportunity to provide live, shop, work and recreation on one site
- opportunity to efficiently use of existing land, infrastructure and community facilities

THE SITE'S POSITION IN THE TOWN'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS

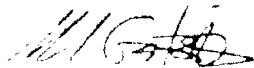
In the Growth Management work completed by staff to date, the Shops on Steeles site has been identified as an intensification site in the 'MAJOR CORRIDOR' category for the Town of Markham. We support the Town's identification of this site for residential intensification and we point out that this site has excellent locational and site characteristics allowing it to accommodate a portion of the Town's residential intensification growth.

We note that Council is considering various Options for Growth, with intensification targets under consideration ranging from the Region's initial target of 52% intensification, to the staff-preferred 60% target, to the no urban boundary expansion target of 100% intensification. We request that the Town continues to recognize the potential for this site to accommodate residential intensification in the order of 1,500 to 1,800 units, and continue to account for this amount in whichever growth scenario it ultimately decides on.

We look forward to continuing our work with the Town to design and approve this site for a high-quality mixed-use redevelopment site with residential intensification as a key component of the new development.

Sincerely,

Gatzios Planning + Development Consultants Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gatzios', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Maria Gatzios, MCIP RPP

Copy to: Ms. Val Shuttleworth, Director of Planning
 Ms. Teema Kanji, Development Services Commission
 Bayview Summit Development Limited
 Kirkor Architects & Planners
 Davies Howe Partners

Carroll, Judy

From: Kanji, Teema on behalf of Growth
Sent: February 16, 2010 11:37 AM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Furuter Growth - Food Belt / Leisure Plan

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Tammy Morrell-Bellai [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2010 9:59 PM
To: Growth; Shapero, Erin; Scarpitti, Frank; Hamilton, Don
Subject: Furuter Growth - Food Belt / Leisure Plan

Hello Mayor Scarpitti and Counsellors Shapero and Hamilton,

I am a resident of Unionville and have been following with interest the discussions regarding future development in our area, including the proposed Food Belt and Leisure Plan. I am unable to attend the meeting on Feb. 16th but wanted to provide my input via this email. I have included Counsellor Shapero because I know that she is a strong advocate for the environment, which is my main concern.

With regards to the Food Belt, like the majority of residents I am supportive of this but I can also empathise with the objection that our local farmers are putting forth. Specifically, that they would be able to sell their land at a premium if they were permitted to sell to a developer. I wanted to put forth the suggestion that the Region offer farmers in the proposed Food Belt funding that would allow them to transition their operations to organic farming. My family primarily buys organic and I would love to be able to buy local organics but the supply in our area is very limited. Given that I am always paying a premium to purchase organic milk and produce and free range chemical free meat, I assume that organic farming must be more profitable. This would not only allow us to eat locally grown food but would also reduce the local populations reliance on health care (due to the health benefits of eating organically grown food and the reduced pollution in our ground water) while simultaneously addressing the local farmers concerns.

With regards to the Leisure Plan, I would like to urge council to include in this plan a bicycle pathway that would not be adjacent to a roadway. Many forward thinking communities have included this in their development plans but Markham, in particular, is lacking in this regard. As a person who loves to cycle with her family I find myself driving up to Newmarket or down to Edwards Gardens to find a path system that is not adjacent to a road and is long enough so that my family and I can go for a 2 hour ride without having to go off and onto roadways. Please consider including this in the leisure plan. This again would improve the health of local residents while also improving quality of life and the attractiveness of our community.

Thank you for considering my input,

Tammy Morrell-Bellai
[REDACTED]

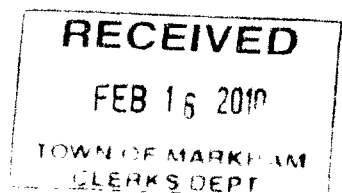
February 12, 2010

Valerie - re Public Meeting Tues. Feb 16/10
Markham Foodbelt

It is vital that we permanently protect the Markham Foodbelt NOW before it is too late. Pavement does not absorb rain water. What will happen to our precious water - the life blood of the earth? The soil is alive, and birds and other animals (humans too) depend on it. What will happen to our water table? When the water balance is upset many plants & animals die. Humans, by their carelessness are in danger of losing our most important resource on which all life depends - water! Please give this proposal serious thought. It is essential that we act NOW to save these lands.

I regret I am unable to attend this meeting but want the Town to know my feelings. It is imperative that we act NOW to save this farmland and expand the Greenbelt to include these lands for permanent protection.

I thank you



Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 16, 2010 2:40 PM
To: Carroll, Judy
Cc: Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Angus Glen Ratepayers Association supports the Town's balanced Growth Management Strategic Plan

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From: Meg [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 2:07 PM
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Horchik, Dan; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Shuttleworth, Valerie; Webster, John; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Growth; Livey, John; Baird, Jim; Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: Cherrie-Marie; Art Divers; Blake Reeves; Bruce Hilliard; Don Macintosh; Paspalofski, Garry; 'Paul Bourbonniere'; Robert Morand; 'Ron Meiers'; Sara Sterling
Subject: Angus Glen Ratepayers Association supports the Town's balanced Growth Management Strategic Plan

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Sincerely,

Meg Stokes

President and on behalf of the entire Angus Glen Ratepayers Association

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Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 16, 2010 3:07 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Foodbelt Meeting - Feb 16, 2010

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From: Dianne MORE [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 3:05 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathl, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Re: Foodbelt Meeting - Feb 16, 2010

Please see the end of this e-mail below --- it got sent by accident before it was complete!

--- On Tue, 2/16/10, Dianne MORE [REDACTED]

From: Dianne MORE [REDACTED]
Subject: Foodbelt Meeting - Feb 16, 2010
To: kkitteringham@markham.ca, fscarpitti@markham.ca, jjones@markham.ca, glandon@markham.ca, jvirgilio@markham.ca, jheath@markham.ca, eshapero@markham.ca, vburke@markham.ca, dhamilton@markham.ca, jwebster@markham.ca, dhorchik@markham.ca, lkanapathi@markham.ca, achiu@markham.ca, emoretti@markham.ca, McCalJ@parl.gc.ca, Kent.P@parl.gc.ca, Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca, mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org, peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org, hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org, dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org, jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org, jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org, cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org, markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com, jimrobb@frw.ca
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 3:01 PM

Dear Elected Representative,

I am writing to express my interest in the upcoming meeting tonight at the Hilton Suites.

I am acutely aware of the complexity of the issues that face you, as our elected representatives, this evening and in the ensuing days as you struggle to find a plan for Markham's future that will address the needs of all of our residents.

Please be reminded that you have one chance to do it right!

Once the lands in question are handed over to developers --- who do not necessarily have the best interests of the future generations of Markham community members in mind --- there will be no chance to re-do it.

The farmers who own the land certainly deserve to be able to sell it for fair market value, but I do not believe that anyone needs \$100 000 000 to retire comfortably!

The possibility for coming up with a creative compromise rests in the minds and hearts of the people who live here and have loved living here for years --- whether it is 2 years or 62 years.

We need time to explore the possibilities of an equitable compromise for all --- so that future generations do not look at the lands in question and say to us ...

" What were you thinking?"

I do not envy your responsibility, but I hope that your decision will acknowledge all the stakeholders equitably and not just the most monied and powerful!

We all love this community and want the best for it.

Respectfully,

Alan & Dianne More

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 16, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Carroll, Judy
Cc: Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Re Markham Growth meeting Feb 16th

Hi Teema,

I am sending this to Judy to add to her file but we have already printed the summary package so this one will NOT be included in that package.

Alida

-----Original Message-----

From: Kanji, Teema **On Behalf Of** Growth
Sent: February 16, 2010 4:15 PM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Re Markham Growth meeting Feb 16th

-----Original Message-----

From: Linaire Armstrong [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:15 PM
To: Scarpitti, Frank; webster@markham.ca; amoretti@markham.ca; Heath, Jack; Growth
Subject: Re Markham Growth meeting Feb 16th

From Dave and Linaire Armstrong at 33 John Lyons Road /45 Captain Armstrong Lane
 long time members of the Markham Community, we are endorsing a FAIR decision to be made to the lands north of Markham.

Dave's family settled here in 1823, so over the years the family have seen many changes to the homestead property, which we still own.

Many of the people living in Markham today are here at the expense of farms and farmers who sold their land at the fair market value of the time and either moved further north to farm, or have stayed and rented back the land they had to sold. Then they gradually watched the bulldozers, then the houses and businesses take over.

The farms to the north and east, that are left are now are watching the sign of the times and an ever evolving society and a rapidly growing population.

We feel before any more development can take place in Markham the infra structure has to be improved. and York region must complete and improve such roads as the Markham Bypass so that the population north of Markham accessing the highways to the south can be taken care of, as well as the population growth that the provincial government has mandated the town absorb.

Our thoughts are this, that the farmers to the north and east be treated fairly as in the past, that they have the same right as everyone else has in Markham that is they can sell their property, at fair market value to whom ever wishes to buy it. These lands should not be set aside as a green belt in perpetuity.

We know the Markham town council will use good and prudent judgment in the decision to make sure that the owners and stewards of the land will be treated fairly and in accordance with the practices of the past. free enterprise

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 16, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Protect Markham's Foodbelt Grow Greenbelt
Importance: High

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From: Irving, Elizabeth [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 4:22 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank
Subject: Protect Markham's Foodbelt Grow Greenbelt
Importance: High

Sorry we cannot attend the meeting today.
Please add the rural area between Major Makenzie Dr. And Oak Ridges Moraine to the Greenbelt.
Thank you.

Elizabeth & Ron Irving

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 16, 2010 8:05 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: Protecting Markham's Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: George Carere [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com <markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue Feb 16 17:08:57 2010
Subject: Protecting Markham's Foodbelt

I support adding the rural area between Major Mackenzie Drive and the Oak Ridges Moraine to the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,
George Carere
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 16, 2010 8:07 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: Comment re: Proposal for Food Belt

Sent from Blackberry.

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From: Barbi Lynn Lazarus [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin
Sent: Tue Feb 16 17:54:05 2010
Subject: Comment re: Proposal for Food Belt

Hello Kimberly,

I am unfortunately unable to attend the public meeting tonight regarding the food belt proposal. I would like to submit my comments to the mayor and council in my absence at the meeting.

I would like to express my strong support for the food belt proposal in Markham. Markham has been a leader in so many ways when it comes to environmental sustainability - through the introduction of the green bin program, the work that has been done with FLAP, and the passing of the pesticide bylaw, among other things. Now is not the time to bow to the demands of the development industry - Markham must stay a strong leader in environmental sustainability and preserve the town's important agricultural land.

Furthermore, intensification along specific nodes and corridors, i.e.: Highway 7, while preserving the character of existing residential neighbourhoods, would put us in line with the work being done in our neighbour to the south, Toronto. While developers claim the food belt proposal would turn Markham into a jungle of high rises, Toronto's official plan has clearly demonstrated that appropriate planning can ensure that intensified development occurs in some areas, while low and mid rise development remains in others. An example is Bloor West Village, where a proposal for a high rise at Bloor and Jane Street is being considered, while a proposal for intensification in a quieter residential area, just north of Bloor Street off of Keele, was not approved by the city, because it was not seen to fit with the character of that neighbourhood.

Once again, I express my strong support for the proposal and hope that the Mayor and Council will support it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbi Lazarus

Carroll, Judy

From: Kanji, Teema
Sent: February 17, 2010 9:39 AM
To: Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Angus Glen Ratepayers Association supports the Town's balanced Growth Management Strategic Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Baird, Jim
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 4:09 PM
To: Shuttleworth, Valerie
Cc: Lambe, Tim; Kanji, Teema; Blake, Ronald; Karumanchery, Biju
Subject: FW: Angus Glen Ratepayers Association supports the Town's balanced Growth Management Strategic Plan

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Meg Stokes

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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 17, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Praise for Forward-Thinking Markham Councillors and Decision-Makers

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From: Kanji, Teema
Sent: February 17, 2010 9:36 AM
To: Tari, Alida; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Praise for Forward-Thinking Markham Councillors and Decision-Makers

-----Original Message-----

From: Shuttleworth, Valerie
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 8:48 AM
To: Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Praise for Forward-Thinking Markham Councillors and Decision-Makers

Another one for the files.

Valerie Shuttleworth

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From: Jan Gates [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 11:07 PM
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie
Cc: Shuttleworth, Valerie; mnelson@thestar.ca
Subject: Praise for Forward-Thinking Markham Councillors and Decision-Makers

Dear Honourable Mayor Scarpitti,

Re: Toronto Star (Feb 16) "Farmers Demand Right to Sell Foodbelt Properties to Developers"

I applaud the Councillors Shapero and Burke, and other decision-makers who are forward-thinking about protecting invaluable farmlands from suburban sprawl.

18/02/2010

While I understand the desire of farmers and developers who want to make as big a profit as they can, it is in their self-interest only, and not in the interest of society at large and future generations.

It is the moral duty of Council to think of Markham as a whole and its future generations.

Each of us would love to profit and make millions of dollars, but we cannot do whatever we want if it could harm others.

It is unfortunate that these "whitebelt" farmers have stars in their eyes - imagine \$100 million dollars for the Beckett farm - that could be mine too!! It's like gambling with stocks and equities and saying that others owe you what you think you could sell at! Buy low, sell high! At what price to society and taxpayers? Those farmlands once paved will never be recoverable. Those farmlands once paved will cost taxpayers to service for roads, transit, water, wastewater, energy, garbage, community services at a much higher cost than if Markham develops more compactly (more efficient to service and maintain), sustainably (district energy) and responsibly (less long-term fiscal impact).

York Region has only known sprawl. The Town of Markham is a beacon of hope where everywhere is miserable grey paved over sprawl as far as you can travel...

I implore decision-makers at the Town of Markham, York Region, the Province and the Government of Canada to think creatively. We can't solve past problems like sprawl by doing the same things over and over again, and developing on the "Whitebelt" is simply continuing to sprawl in the worst way.

What's needed is a better pension plan/retirement strategy for farmers. We want to encourage farming, so there should be a collective system to provide "exit" strategies that are at least decent and better yet attractive for farmers and future generations of farmers. Potentially look at land swaps or ways to provide farmers with an exchange of land, so they could develop on municipal land in exchange for giving foodbelt lands to the Town.


Development charges should also better reflect the marginal costs of greenfield development versus infill development. It should be far more expensive to build single-detached houses and semi-detached in Markham, than it is to develop multi-unit townhouses, mid-rises and other apartments/condos. Developers should not have it cheap and easy to build single-detached / other low density developments, because it is the Town of Markham, and its residents and businesses who have to subsidize the cost of sprawl long afterwards in maintaining and operating sprawling communities and their infrastructure. It is a downward costly spiral, that can be avoided with the kind of foresight being shown by the foodbelt Councillors.

There needs to be an honest look at all of the wasted and underutilized land in the Town of Markham, like elsewhere in the 905 - including surface parking, greyfields, infill opportunities, and retrofitting one-storey buildings/strip plazas and other low-rise buildings that could have much higher and better uses on existing, serviced lands. I don't believe that if the "Whitebelt" is not developed that 73 out of 100 homes must only be apartments or condos - this is fear-mongering!!! There are creative urban design options other than only apartments or condos, and the Town of Markham owes it to its existing and future residents to take a harder look at ways to retrofit existing suburbs, to build more mixed-use, vibrant urban design, and not expect to have to use the "Whitebelt". For example, Mississauga will not longer have any greenfields, and Toronto has no greenfields, and both are creative in their infill developments. The Town of Markham must do the same, in order to maintain its desirability for high tech and innovation companies who are looking for "quality of place", with amenities and walkability. There's plenty of poorly used lands within Markham's built up area to achieve quality of place.

I applaud the leadership and vision of Markham's foodbelt Councillors and am behind you in your hard work and courage.

Sincerely,

Janet Yin Gates



Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 17, 2010 10:19 AM
To: 'Kitty Yiu'
Cc: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Resident's Comments to Markham GMS

Thank you for your submission. We will include it in our file.

Alida

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitty Yiu [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 9:43 PM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: Resident's Comments to Markham GMS

Hi, A. Tari:

I can't participate the community meeting on Feb 16th in person, and I was directed to submit my inputs for Markham GMS to your email address.

Please submit my comments (the attached document) as an **anonymous**. Thank-you.

Regards

Kitty Yiu
Ryerson University
[REDACTED]

From: Growth <growth@markham.ca>
Subject: FW: Additional Info for Markham Growth Mgt
To: [REDACTED]
Received: Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 11:25 AM

Hi Kitty

Your comments are always welcome - Please forward your comments to Alida Tari (atar@markham.ca) of the Clerks Department.

The meeting will be audiocast for those people who cannot attend the meeting.
http://www.markham.ca/Markham/Departments/NewsCentre/PubMtg/100216_PIM_growthstrategy.htm

Work on the Growth Management Strategy for Markham began in 2007 - there have been several public meetings with the community, stakeholders groups, ratepayers associations etc.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to email me back.

Regards
Teema Kanji

18/02/2010

Date of comment submission: February 18th, 2010

Note: The texts in between (as display in **Time New Roman** font) are the inputs from an anonymous Markham resident. **Highlighted** indicates this resident considered as the best out of the three options

Brief info about this resident who provided his/her comments:

- Numbers of years reside in Markham: 16 years (Ward 1)
- Age Cohort: 20 – 25
- Relevance Background/Knowledge: University student (major: GIS, Urban Geography)
- Reason to participate?
Because it will definitely be a matter/concern for young people in the upcoming decades.

Public Information Meeting Markham Growth Management Strategy

We want your input into Markham's strategy to manage population and employment growth over the next 20 years.

Your comments are always welcome - Please forward your comments to Alida Tari (atari@markham.ca) of the Clerks Department.

Markham's 3 Growth Options

1. Staff Preferred Growth Option

- Moderate increase in medium and high density housing (e.g., townhouses, multi-storey buildings)
- More compact, mixed use developments (e.g., housing with retail, office or cultural space)

After reviewed the Fig.1 map in the "GMS" document ([pm_100216_handout.pdf](#)). By the way, I like how use you use GIS to communicate and visualize the Town's preferred development.

What I oppose the most is the boundary extension (as if congesting into the Whitchurch-Stouffville). The proposed residential land north of Major Mackenzie Ave is already an indication of inefficient land use planning that it will likely impose more stress on the current road systems (Logic: more people move in, more cars).

Indeed, many municipalities (e.g. Barrie) had to expand their boundaries into Innisfil because they promote housing/commercial developments that eventually will force the closures of existing farming activities. Obviously, many residents of Innisfil are not pleased with Barrie's boundary expansion (Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing).

GO Station location of proposed GO Station (Ward 1):

Since I live in Ward 1; therefore, I can provide reasonable inputs for that area only. I really like the idea of the proposed GO Station on Bayview Ave & John St., but when examining the map why the proposed GO Station is not located along the railway?

After the townhouses were built on the vacant space that was adjacent to the Thornhill Square Shopping Centre, I questioned about how come a GO Transit train station was not being designated there (Since that area there should be big enough to situate a train station there)?

Now seeing the Town's proposed GO Station along Bayview Ave on the map, I am satisfied about it is at least being address. Because I felt that that if residents in Ward 1 can commute GO train to Toronto (to work or school during rush hour, let say), it would ease off the traffic congestion along Bayview Ave, Steeles Ave and Finch subway station during the rush hours.

I like the idea of mixed land-use development, but it does not necessary have to be "compact" because more compact development often result in intensifying population growth.

- We want to make the population growth is "stable" (as not it is not too rapid)

Also, I think compact development would result in more ecological footprint inputs that are likely be far beyond the land's carrying capacity.

- For example, the Town can still develop high-rise dwellings, but make sure they are not as tall like the condo-apartments you see in Downtown Toronto (Waterfront). Maybe consider to develop high-rise dwellings with 5 to 15 floors.

Some advantages of mixed land-uses would definitely encourage

- pedestrian-friendly urban street-scapes.**
- reduce fully dependence/reliance on automobile commutes**
 - perhap develop a local Light-Rail network within the commercial centres (along Hwy 7).**
- vibrant, diversity of urban space (Residents / businesses will find different opportunities within the same geographical space).**

Also, I strongly oppose the "Big-Box" developments (as currently presence in the eastern parts of Markham).

- Indirectly, it will encourage more road developments that would cause more traffic congestion over time.**
- Why would you want to commute/drive few blocks elsewhere and find exactly the same kinds of shops (franchises) that are also located in your block?**
- I think the Town's appearance would be "less boring" by encouraging small businesses, e.g.) small family-run business (restaurants, grocery shops, etc)**
- However, we still keep the existing "Big Boxes"**

Close proximities of commercial spaces could also yield competitive advantages for certain industries (e.g. finances, High-Tech, utilities) through friendly-competitions among these firms.

- **Integrate growth with the proposed Greenway System, protecting natural heritage and reserving agricultural lands, with only a modest expansion of the urban boundary**

Markham should definitely reserve more lands for agricultural lands, heritage because there will be "No Reverse" once the existing lands are forgo to any sort of modern development. Heritage districts (Main Streets Markham, Unionville, Thornhill) in Markham should be reserve and enhance with additional park areas (green-spaces, local farmer markets), and by working with local heritage advocates (e.g. SPOHT), BIA organizations.

For example, there was used to be farmlands close to Markham Roads & Hwy 7 (just about 10 years ago), and now they are gone. By examine the physical land-use map from York Region, I think the Township of King had done a better job than Markham in persevering the Green-Belt.

Another potential opportunities could be “community garden farming” which neighbourhood of a particular block can grow their own vegetable, fruits. .

- Continues to provide a variety of housing and employment choices

2. York Region's Proposal

- Similar to Markham Staff 's preferred option, accommodating growth through intensification in existing areas and a modest expansion of the urban boundary
- Includes a slightly different housing mix

3. No Urban Boundary Expansion Option ← The resident thinks this as the Best option ☺

- Residential and employment growth accommodated completely within existing urban boundary through high density development – no outward growth
- Accommodates proposed Greenway System and reserves additional lands for agriculture, possibly on a permanent basis (agricultural preserve)

There is often a misconception that “growth is better”, but that is not necessary true. Often “small” allows more efficiency in delivering quality services to the clients (residents, businesses). The City of Toronto is a prime example that its agglomeration had imposed significant challenges to its city management.

E.F. Schumacher. (1973). “Small is Beautiful: A study of Economics as if People Mattered” is an excellent literature to consult for sustainable urban development.

Rather than formulating “uncertainties” in urban development strategy, Markham should reserves additional lands for agriculture (permanently). There are really only two options, either the Town transfer the land ownership to the developers OR the Town to save the green-spaces.

I favoured the more environmental approach, because I think a city is “dead” if it is not “healthy” (i.e. pollutions) regardless how prosperous (wealth in terms of monetary basis) it is

Finally, keep in mind you can only *predicted* population growth based on the present geo-demographic data. GIS can only *model* a “snapshot” in time that is not guarantee to be accurate. Moreover, the future demands for certain opportunities are full of uncertainties. Even the future flow of the transit network is uncertain too because the movement of people and goods are highly depend on the land-uses. Who knows maybe technologies in future would allow urban activities to efficiency operate with fewer amount of lands, or the reverse – imposing more constraints/challenges to our current situations?

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 17, 2010 10:25 AM
To: 'Donna and Peter Miasek'
Cc: Kanji, Teema; Shuttleworth, Valerie; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Unionville Ratepayers Deputation re Growth Strategy

Hello Mr. Miasek,

Thank you for your submission.

Alida

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna and Peter Miasek [REDACTED]
Sent: February 17, 2010 7:41 AM
To: Tari, Alida
Cc: Growth; Hamilton, Don; Virgilio, Joseph; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Harry Eaglesham
Subject: Unionville Ratepayers Deputation re Growth Strategy

We will be unable to present our deputation at today's (Feb 17) continuation of the Growth Strategy Public Meeting. Attached is our deputation, which indicates we have no current position, describes our enhanced public consultation plan, and asks for time (April) and access to staff to finalize.

Thanks
Peter Miasek
URA Vice President

Markham Growth Strategy
URA's Deputation at Public Meeting, Feb 16, 2009

Peter Miasek, URA

The Unionville Ratepayers Association (URA) has been participating in the public discussion on Markham's Growth Options since Fall, 2009. We have formed a members' subcommittee, interviewed diverse stakeholders, conducted two public meetings and produced an Information Sheet. As of today, we have no official position on which Growth Option we prefer. But we are committed to continuing **enhanced public consultation** to allow us to reach a position and to allow Ward 3 residents to express their opinion.

Our plans include:

- Preparing updated Information Sheets and supplemental information for our members and the public as required.
- Conducting a follow-up meeting in March to get answers and clarifications on questions that remain outstanding. This would involve inviting informative speakers or stakeholders such as Developer Expert, Town or Regional Staff, Demographics Expert, Foodbelt Expert, Sustainability Expert. The format would be presentations followed by Q&A's.
- Conducting an electronic survey of the residents in our area to get their opinions. We will be consulting with the different stakeholders to ensure the survey questions are fair.
- And finally, reviewing these results and developing URA's official position in a draft motion for members to approve and forward to Council.

I want to remind those members of the public that reside in Ward 3 that they were given a blue flyer as they entered this room. If you want to be involved in the follow-up meeting, or the residents' survey, please return the flyer to one of our representatives wearing the yellow badges.

We have two requests of Council tonight.

- Please give us enough time to accomplish our plan and feed our results to Council. Ideally we would like at least until April before Council will make a final decision.
- Please continue to allow us access to Town staff to participate in our meeting and answer our questions

Thank you for your attention.

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 17, 2010 11:05 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Deputation: Growth Strategy - Amended

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www.markham.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Beznat [REDACTED]
Sent: February 17, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: Deputation: Growth Strategy - Amended

Office of Town Clerk:

Hello Kimberley,

I submitted a written deputation yesterday regarding the Town's Growth Strategy Report.

I have been asked if it would be possible to include the link to the Waterloo Resolution as mentioned in my submission (page 2 of attached file).

Town Council approved the Resolution in January 22, 2008 and I have added the link to that reference in the body of my submission, emailed to you yesterday, Feb. 16th.

I do not know if it is possible for you to include the amended deputation as part of the Town Minutes but would appreciate if you could consider my request.

Thank you for your help.

Toinette Beznat, [REDACTED]

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February 16, 2010.

Markham Town Council
Markham Town Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard,
Markham, Ontario

Re: February 16, 2010 Planning for Growth in Markham, Public Meeting.

Mayor Scarpitti and Members of Markham Town Council,

I am writing in support of the No Urban Boundary Expansion option put forward as a possible planning model for future growth within the Town of Markham.

The goal of good planning should encompass sustainable development but also recognize the growing need to protect our natural environment and recognize the importance of a non-renewable essential prime resource – Class 1 agricultural land.

Development within the Town in the last several decades has resulted in economic growth and boom-times but has also resulted in a silent and growing deficit – the loss of viable prime agricultural lands in an area (such as Markham) blessed with the climate and viability of yielding substantial and marketable produce and product.

How realistic are future growth figures as projected by the Hemson studies that has fueled the outward expansion of our urban footprint and is the road map for the mandated Places to Grow legislation. We must also realize the growing demographic shift by 2015 that will see a larger portion of the Canadian population over the age of 65 years in comparison to those 15 years and younger - without guaranteed immigration we as a nation are facing a looming crisis of a 'non-renewable' population.

We must ask ourselves if Canada is able to continue to attract much needed immigration during this time of economic downturn and the shift of more viable and growing markets in those areas of the world that are a major and traditional source of Canadian immigration. The much quoted popular axiom, "if you build it, they will come" comes to mind; we must be assured that if we are to sacrifice further loss of a prime non renewable resource we will not do so at risk to ourselves and risk to future generations.

As an example, our neighbors in Genesee County, Michigan, an area with a one time prosperous booming economy, is proposing due to economic downturn, aging population and growing unemployment, a shrinking and razing of current developed areas and returning the land to nature.

Dan Kidee, Treasurer for Genesee County is quoted in the U.K. Telegraph (June 2009), "Obsession with growth is sadly a very American thing. Across the U.S. there's an assumption that all development is good, that if communities are growing they are successful. If they are shrinking, they're failing."

As a member of Markham Town Council, you will have to make a difficult decision – a decision on the future of our community and the legacy we leave to our children and grandchildren.

Municipalities are on the front lines of the development debate and if positive change is to occur it will have to begin with us.

Sincerely,

Toinette Bezant,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Toinette Bezant.

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 17, 2010 3:27 PM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Farmers' Claim: It Is Expensive to Farm in Markham

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Heath, Jack
To: Alena Gotz [REDACTED]
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: Wed Feb 17 15:22:02 2010
Subject: RE: Farmers' Claim: It Is Expensive to Farm in Markham

Thanks for this. I will send it to the Clerk so that is part of the record.

Jack Heath
Deputy Mayor of Markham
905-415-7506 Cell 416-464-5517
jheath@markham.ca <mailto:jheath@markham.ca>

From: Alena Gotz [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 10:37 PM
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Heath, Jack
Subject: Farmers' Claim: It Is Expensive to Farm in Markham

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilors;

I listened to the arguments by the Farmers and would like to respond to their argument of expensive farming land as follows.

Any market is forward-looking mechanism that keeps adjusting prices in anticipation of the future. The market has driven up these farmland values in anticipation of capitalization of sale to developers. By the same logic, as soon as the foodbelt is in place the land will again become affordable for farming.

I see the Farmers' mindset to be the real problem here. They appear to be entitled to farms becoming future generations' goldmines. Our Region and our Town need to send the message to farmers that if the true intention in their farming is to dig for gold, this is not the way to do it. Gold is to be found in Canadian gold mines, not on Canadian Class 1 farmlands.

As for the farms becoming estates? Estates are not urban sprawl, they are a string of pearls around our cities that preserve rural beauty like no government can afford to do. And yes, they can act a buffer for food safety in cases of food crises. Curbing urban sprawl is what the Europeans have been doing for hundreds of years - very successfully! Should they have adopted our Farmers' gold-mining mindset, they would have developed themselves out of existence by now.

You are welcome to forward this e-mail to all concerned, especially to the people on tonight's panel and to the Farmers.

Thank you for an interesting meeting.

Jack Heath

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 17, 2010 4:09 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Where was the signup to speak before tonights meeting?

-----Original Message-----

From: chris gurski [REDACTED]
Sent: February 17, 2010 12:05 PM
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Tari, Alida
Subject: Fwd: Where was the signup to speak before tonights meeting?

This is what I was going to say at last nights meeting but was unable to do to my form being lost, as well as it being a "MOOT POINT" to have my name added to the list as the gentleman compiling the list told me. This is what I would like added to the official record.

Hello my name is Chris Gurski. I am a 3rd year University of Toronto studying Environment and Resource Management. When I saw the plans for the foodbelt I immediately said "Wow this is planning for the 21st century!" The old car centric model is finally dead and we can move to what everything I am exposed to at school says we should be.

I would also like to say something about the mis-information being spread out there to "Stop the Apartment belt" and to "save markham's future". These two campaigns have started up fake facebook accounts to try and dominate the facebook page of those that support the foodbelt as well as set up a "stop the apartment belt" facebook page. This is dirty pool, facebook is for networks of PEOPLE so when you sign up a new account with no pictures and a fake name you stand out like a sore thumb. This is troubling that faceless people can spread untruths or gross misrepresentations.

Some examples

They have said the foodbelt plan calls for 300+ high rises. 300 apartments does not equal high raises.

In the flyers handed out at the very meeting last night had no names just "facts" that were in direct opposition of the facts presented at the meeting. How can **hired** people, not concerned citizens be allowed to hand out flyers that fly in the face of the facts on the table. This is fear mongering and scare tactics and I want everyone to be aware of what is happening, both here at the meeting and in the virtual world of facebook.

Lastly I would like to share with you what former Mayor of Toronto John Sewell said when I asked him about the foodbelt last month. John Sewell just finished writing a book on the suburbs and how they formed around Toronto. He said it's a good idea but it will never pass because the main campaign contributor to most municipal officials are developers.

If this fact is true I would like to know if this does not constitute a conflict of interest what does? 83% of residents support the foodbelt. If council does not reflect the citizens opinion I feel our local democracy may have been lost.

Thank you all very much for your time, please make the right decision for Markham's future, we went for the 100 year on the storm water remediation let's go for the best here too!

Chris Gurski

Begin forwarded message:

From: chris gurski [REDACTED]
Date: February 17, 2010 11:42:40 AM EST
To: "Growth" <growth@markham.ca>
Subject: Re: Where was the signup to speak before tonights meeting?

Hey Teema,

Yes as soon as the chairman said to fill out a form at the meeting last night I immediately did so. My name was not added to the list! Where on the OFFICIAL meeting site that I SENT YOU does it say ANYWHERE those interested in speaking should contact the clerk's office? Where ANYWHERE on any of the documents relating to this meeting does it say that? I never saw a link to that form on any of the sites.

I appreciate this form being available last night but with no prior notice someone like me who went to the meeting had no opportunity to speak. When I went to ask why my name was not on the list I was told it was a moot point since 75 people had already signed up to speak before the meeting started! So why even suggest filling out a form?

To me this is a real step backwards in the public participation process. How was I to know before the chairman said to fill out a form that that was the process? The last public meeting I went to for the storm water remediation in Thornhill did not require these sheets. When I do fill out a sheet IMMEDIATELY after being told to do so I am then told it is a moot point. Do you see what I am getting at here? Instead of linking me directly to an form, why not show me where I could have gotten that form from one of the many sites relating to this growth meeting.

Thanks

Chris

On 2010-02-17, at 11:33 AM, Growth wrote:

Hi Chris

As indicated by the Chairman yesterday, people who want to make a deputation at the meeting must fill out a green sheet (provided at the meeting) and submit it to the Clerk. However, due to the interest in this public meeting - people contacted the Clerks Department in advance

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of the meeting and asked to be put on a deputation list. A deputation form is available online

http://www.markham.ca/NR/rdonlyres/B9DC72BB-A2CC-47C8-9AA3-A138981158FF/0/deputationform_091202.pdf

Regards,

Teema Kanji

-----Original Message-----

From: chris gurski [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:47 PM

To: Growth

Subject: Where was the signup to speak before tonights meeting?

Hello

I was just reviewing this page

http://www.markham.ca/Markham/Departments/NewsCentre/PubMtg/100216_PIM_growthstrategy.htm

For tonights meeting and didn't see anywhere to sign up to speak. At the meeting tonight I was told 75 people had already signed up to speak. Where would they have done this?

Chris

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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 17, 2010 6:36 PM
To: 'Michelle Louli'
Cc: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: RE: Follow-up

Hello Michelle,

Thank you for your submission. I am forwarding it to the planning staff and will include a copy in our Clerk's file.

Regards,
Alida

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Louli [REDACTED]
Sent: February 17, 2010 6:28 PM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: Re: Follow-up

Hello, my name is Michelle Louli and I reside in Ward 1 in Markham. I would like to officially show my support for the Markham Foodbelt. Markham contains some of the few Class 1 agricultural lands remaining in Canada, and it is imperative that they are protected for future generations. By protecting the Foodbelt now, we ensure that in the future we maintain options for our food sources. Should we allow development in this area, that Class 1 agricultural land will be gone forever; it is important that we practice the precautionary principle and leave that farmland alone. Many individual farmers are against this foodbelt, because they stand to earn a large profit from selling their land to developers. While this is a valid concern, we must not sacrifice the good for most to protect the interests of the few. A recent poll concluded that 83% of Markham residents support the Foodbelt proposal, so councillors should keep this in mind.

It is also important to mention that those who stand to lose perhaps the most is developers, who see enormous profits from developing these greenfield areas. I know that developers tend to be major campaign contributors during municipal elections; Councillors please do not allow this conflict of interest to interfere with the legislation regarding the Foodbelt. Their profits are not more important than the interests of your constituencies, and with the large proportion of residents supporting this legislation it would be irresponsible to look after their interests over ours. There is a lot of misinformation being spread to the public about what will happen if the Foodbelt proposal is passed and it is crucial that we sort through the fear mongering to get to the reality of the situation.

By proposing this Foodbelt, Markham is demonstrating that it is a leader in planning for the future: the urban sprawl we have seen for decades is planning for the past. Protecting the Foodbelt and increasing densities within our borders proves that Markham is looking to the future. As fuel prices continue to rise it will become more and more expensive to ship our food in from around the world; we are protecting the future and affordability of our food supply by protecting these areas now.

Councillors, please do the right thing and protect Markham's Foodbelt for future generations.

Thank You,
Michelle Louli

On 2010-02-16, at 11:02 PM, Tari, Alida wrote:

Hello,

Deputy Clerk Andrew Brouwer asked that I email you. If you wish to send your feedback on the Growth Management Strategy, please reply to this email. It will be included with our public meeting record and we will use the green form you completed to provide you with further notice of future meetings.

Thank you,
Alida Tari, Committee Clerk

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Last night , I invested 5 hours of my valuable time to attend the Markham Ontario Public Meeting on Growth. I am certain that many others have spent more hours on fully understanding this topic and have better context.....but here are my thoughts.

First of all, I would like to thank the members of Markham Council that made the meeting possible. They certainly have done an excellent job of presenting a difficult and important topic. From their communication session, we can conclude that democracy is alive and well in Markham ...and that Politicians, Appointed Officials and Markham Municipal Employees need to have a thick skin, lots of patience and good listening skills.

Recent legislation that mandates population targets and development intensification are progressive plans to amplify urban transit and minimize urban and suburban sprawl. I think, however, that the people in many communities have entirely different perspectives on the matter. Markham, gifted with Class 1 farmland has still been allocated a hefty population growth target. This has developers salivating at the opportunity to jam in higher density levels at more lucrative profit levels into their business plan. Farmers (that still own their land) see it as a reasonable opportunity for a retirement nest egg. Developers that speculatively acquired 80% of the Markham white belt agricultural land (farmer lease back) with the full confidence that politicians would roll over and change the land use are "reeling" with the thought thatsurprise.....they may now just own farmland.

Interestingly enough...the people have spoken. They seem "Reasonably Satisfied" with Markham Center and Langstaff Center intensification plans. Those are City Centers long in the planning phase, close to existing transit nodes.....perfect for population intensification and urban development. By all means ...put in a few skyscrapers so that we have something interesting to look at other than the CN Tower. Regarding the consumption of white belt agricultural land and intensification in suburban areas, Markham citizens (on average) are not supportive- the meeting had a distinct air of desperation. Town planners are trying, in good faith, to comply with government targets for population growth into an ever smaller patch of available development land. The ratios of intensification proposed are well beyond the government mandate. **Now things just got worse.**

A substantial Markham Green Movement is driving towards a permanent end to the city ..leaving the farmland for farming. People understand that some level of compensation may be owing to individual family run farms that have not sold out to speculative developers. People are not particularly interested in compensating speculative development investors. After....the land use states " AGRICULTURAL " - Buyer Beware! Perhaps they can still break even if they sell back their land to a good farmer ?

80% of the population seem supportive of a progressive idea...**preserve the farm belt and manage the growth in remaining land already approved.** However, citizens are now browbeaten by politicians and developers warning of high-rise apartments in their neighbourhoods. Residential developers are panicking that their golden nest egg for the next 20 years is gone. They may have to develop land elsewhere, or convince town planners to jam inappropriate higher densities into existing approved development land.

Let me throw out an idea. We live in a giant country. Why are we being positioned like rats in an overpopulated cagehell bent on meeting future population targets? These government targets did not consider the will of the people or the emergence of the green movement. The will of the people...to stop the city growth outward, save the farmland and to repel attempts to increase density in their back yard should not be ignored.

Something has to give here. The people should not suffer for their progressive vision to save the farm belt and green space. They should not have to choose between higher density in their backyard and preserving the agricultural belt. Is it not possible that the population targets that Markham has been given can be reconsidered in light of significant shift in the average citizen's perspective ? Markham will do its part to increase population accommodation with Markham

Center and Langstaff Center. The rest of the intensification plan, however, is a political time bomb.

I encourage you to take note of the communication process that was undertaken by Markham Council on February 16 at the Hilton Suites Hotel. Please examine and review the transcripts and you will see that there is a groundswell movement that would prefer that our elected politicians revisit the government assigned targets and request exemption and reduction. As the key political leaders in Markham and Ontario, you must set the tone about accommodation of the people's "green movement". From the meeting I attended, I got the impression that our politicians sometimes feel powerless and skeptical that we can appeal and change the targets and that we, perhaps, cannot accommodate the will of the people. **Is this the case....is there no reasonable process to accommodate this green and progressive movement?**

I, for one, think that this is a very big province. Certainly we can grow our population, preserve the environment and critical farmland and develop adequate housing stock and employment lands in Ontario. They are not mutually exclusive goals. We do need a planning process that incorporates the emerging perspective of the population. Please do not ignore the will of the people. Markham citizens elected you to represent us and make good decisions.

Sincerely

Ron Zingel
Unionville Ontario

Carroll, Judy

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 23, 2010 8:11 AM
To: Tari, Alida; Carroll, Judy
Subject: Fw: Markham Foodbelt

Sent from Blackberry.

----- Original Message -----

From: Norine Graham-Robinson [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Cc: dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>
Sent: Mon Feb 22 21:06:43 2010
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

Be it known that my family and I support the Markham Foodbelt and additional dedicated greenspace in Markham.

Norine Graham-Robinson
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Kanji, Teema on behalf of Growth
Sent: February 23, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Request for copy of letter against greenbelt/agricultural designation

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen Lehman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 5:30 PM
To: Growth
Subject: Request for copy of letter against greenbelt/agricultural designation

My name is Kathy Lehman and I am forwarding a letter to you after my father, Mr. Peter Bisschop spoke to you at the Town meeting held on Wed. Feb 17. I can be reached at 905-887-5400. I have made a few adjustments to the original letter but the revised letter is as follows;

83% favour foodbelt: Poll or the Greenbelt land grab.

I was not surprised to find that the poll recognized only 36% being aware with only 9% saying they were very familiar. I would have been in the 55% majority of people not knowing as of a few weeks ago. I went to the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance website to view the poll results and the questions asked. Because the results wouldn't be published until February 16, the same day as the town meeting I decided to go to Pollara, at www.pollara.ca/pollaraSite.swf the firm that had conducted the poll in the first place to see if the poll results had been posted there. Instead of the poll results, I found this. On Pollara's public affairs page it states and I quote;

"Pollara doesn't just measure public opinion, we manage it. We develop short term and long term data-driven public affairs strategies that impact on public opinion, reshaping or reinforcing it, with a view to influencing public behaviour...The Pollara public affairs team assists decision-makers by managing opinion to achieve their desired outcome."

It seems significant that the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance group whose desire is to preserve greenspace utilizes a polling company whose results help to achieve their desired outcome.

I have been a resident of Markham since the time when McCowan was a 2 lane dirt road and the closest mall was Scarborough Town Centre. And I, like many of the rural residents watched as our town steadily grew. We didn't challenge the decisions of government, assuming that our elected officials knew what they were doing and were assured that the changes and growth would bring new opportunity and enrich our lives. We didn't say anything when homes started to be built closer and closer together, or when our schools and roads began to overflow and the prices of real estate started to escalate. If people wanted to be crammed in like sardines, that was their decision.

Two weeks ago I read the local paper and looked at an unmarked map showing proposed changes designating white belt areas as agricultural or foodbelt areas spouting that the farmers needed the land protected. Protected from whom? Of the farmers left in the area, many are in their 70's not their 50's, and getting ready to retire. If their children have considered farming, they've already moved away to where land and taxes are cheaper and where farming supplies are more easily accessible. Monies from the sales of the remaining properties would help to pay off the mortgages of farms in other areas. We aren't saving hundreds of farms here. It's probably more like a dozen and of those left, most are owned by investors renting the land to offset their costs until they get permission from the town to build. Since when did we start taking away the rights of private tax paying landowners in favour of

tenants? What is really disconcerting is that much of this land is comprised of small 10 acre residential properties privately owned by seniors who have paid their taxes for years and raised their children here and were counting on the sales of their homes to finance their retirement living or to leave to their own families. Since when did saving and investing for your future become a crime? These lands certainly can't support a foodbelt and should remain whitebelt areas.

Now the councilors who are in favour of this designation reason it will divert investors from the area, but will it? An economic benefit of the draft plan was to enhance property values but clearly by designating the proposed whitebelt area as agriculture, property values will decrease making it a target area for investors willing to wait out the 2031 review date of the proposal. Ask any real estate agent and they would agree. Could council be held liable for the difference in current market value and depreciated value this plan would instigate I wonder?

These councilors say they'd promote agritourism for the farmers. Since most of these farms produce soybeans, wheat and cow corn, I don't think they'll sell well at road-side stands.

These councilors want to protect the land for future generations but if less than 50% of farmers have future generations willing to farm, how does council propose to fill the void and what happens after 2031 when development has reached the boundaries?

From what I understand this plan has been under development for at least 2 years. Councilors keep stating they want to be as transparent as possible so why weren't affected property owners properly notified by either letter or email at the beginning of this process? And why would Ms. Shapiro state that as far as she was concerned, the discussion was over before it had really begun with the landowners involved?

Why do builders continually get the blame for building these houses in such close proximity when it is the municipality that approves the plans and the Provincial government that sets the rate of growth?

Should this land be deemed agricultural, does this plan give the municipality the power to expropriate land if property owners attempt to sell to investors? Oh, wait, they're not waiting around for that situation are they? Recently, I've been made aware that farmers lands are being **legally stolen by our** government under the guise of the greenbelt plan. 35 acres from one farmer and 15 from another farmer with no financial restitution offered. In fact it's happening all over the province. The fact the 35 and 25 acre properties are in the area of the proposed extension of the Markham bypass tells me there is more stealing to come. The current process involves the town sending a letter stating you no longer own the land despite the years you've paid taxes on it. You can then accept what has been done to you or hire a lawyer and take the town to the Ontario Municipal Board. It costs the land owner 10's of thousands of dollars and 1 to 2 years being involved with the courts. The town is obligated to send their solicitor but where do you think the funds come to pay that solicitor? Why from the public of course.

If council members feel so strongly that these lands are to be 'protected', why is there a proposed regional transit priority network and road bypass as per map 11 and 12 running from Woodbine and 19th avenue through the 'natural heritage features, the greenbelt and proposed agricultural lands ending just past Hwy 48 and Major MacKenzie road? I thought the idea was to preserve these lands?

Now there is an 'elephant' called the Pickering airport lands that lives on the outskirts of Markham but we're told there's nothing we can do about it despite it being publicly owned. It contains 7530 acres owned by the Federal government. In 1972, when the province walked in deciding to convert 7530 acres of prime agricultural land to airport land by expropriation, a thriving farming community was destroyed. Some started to question the government's decisions but were quickly dismissed with the explanation it was for the greater public good. It would provide jobs and economic benefits to the region. Almost 30 years later, many of the homes in these areas are boarded up or bulldozed. The expropriated land is currently labeled greenspace. 1000's of acres of class 1 farmland that could be labeled agriculture in perpetuity. If the Federal and Municipal Government are serious about declaring natural heritage systems, waterways, agricultural lands and food belts, why are these publicly owned lands not being included in those designations instead of targeting a small group of

privately owned properties?

This proposed agriculture belt/greenbelt/waterways belt plan is nothing more than a revised plan of the airport land grab of 1972. The difference is that at least back then farmers got paid something for their lands before they were told to leave. Funny, I thought I lived in a democratic society.

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 23, 2010 3:05 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Markham Foodbelt

The fun never ends.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 23, 2010 3:01 PM
To: Hau, Lucy; Tari, Alida
Subject: FW: Markham Foodbelt

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www.markham.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Maureen Flynn [REDACTED]
Sent: February 23, 2010 1:04 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCall@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

Dear Mayor Scarpitti, Councillors, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We continue to express significant concern over the loss of natural land which will occur if an additional 10 km. of land in north Markham are approved for development in terms of both housing and employment.

This is the last remaining area of Markham that holds small segments of naturalized habitat for animals and greenbelt activities which support the river system and air cleansing properties only available where pavement does not form the basis of the landscape. It would be a tragic loss to future generations if this were allowed to occur, and, since opening the doors to development north of Major MacKenzie will only result in further invasions in the future when the allotted segment has been eaten up, the lands desperately need to be protected under the Foodbelt proposal. To do otherwise, in our view, is both short-sighted and irresponsible.

83% of Markham residents support the efforts to protect farmland and greenspace, and wish to stop outward urban sprawl and reduce traffic from outlying areas.

23/02/2010

We strongly support the following motion as a good first step, as well as the Foodbelt proposal as an required second step:

3. Notice of Motion Moved By: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Dirgillio:

Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. Markham request the Province and York Region to reduce the population target for Markham in its new Official Plan by 40,000; and
2. Markham's new Official Plan not include any expansion of the urban boundary beyond what is in the current Official Plan.

Since the Region and staff were afforded the opportunity to present the options to the public and to comment on the option of Councillors Burke and Shapero at the public meetings of February 16th and 17th without the provision of permitting the Councillors to respond or address those concerns in terms of their own presentation of their option, we at Wingsong also request that a public meeting be planned so that Councillors Burke and Shapero may present their proposal to the public, and be provided the opportunity to respond to those comments and any other concerns in a public forum. This, we believe, is justified in the name of democratic presentation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

M. Flynn B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed.
Wingsong Wildlife Presentation Alliance

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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: February 24, 2010 10:14 AM
To: Hau, Lucy; Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Motion and FOODBELT support

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Sent: February 24, 2010 8:50 AM
To: Tari, Alida
Subject: Fw: Motion and FOODBELT support

Sent from Blackberry.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca <McCalJ@parl.gc.ca>; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca <Kent.P@parl.gc.ca>; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca <Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca>; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org <peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org>; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; dmcquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <dmcquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org <jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org <jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org <cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org>; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com <markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com>; jimrobb@frw.ca <jimrobb@frw.ca>
Sent: Wed Feb 24 01:22:56 2010
Subject: Motion and FOODBELT support

We have lived in Markham for 27 years and have attended the latest meetings on the foodbelt issue. We support the reasonable no-sprawl motion requesting that the province and York region request a reduction in the population target growth for Markham by 40,000 and that Markham's new official growth plan does not include any further expansion beyond the current boundaries. We strongly support the preservation of the class 1 soil for a 2000ha foodbelt.

Your truly,
Peter and Mary O'Brien

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Markham's "Foodbelt"

-----Original Message-----

From: Parish, William [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2010 11:44 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; 'McCalJ@parl.gc.ca'; 'Kent.P@parl.gc.ca'; 'Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca'; 'mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org'; 'peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org'; 'hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org'; 'dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org'; 'jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org'; 'jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org'; 'cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org'; 'markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com'; 'jimrobb@frw.ca'
Subject: Markham's "Foodbelt"

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland, farming heritage and greenspace either through the inclusion in the Greenbelt or through the creation of a permanent York/Rouge Agricultural preserve

Please let me know where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM PARISH

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Carson

Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the Earth are never alone or weary of life. - Rachel

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Markham Foodbelt

-----Original Message-----

From: Mandy Karch
Sent: February 16, 2010 1:05 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horschik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; mcca1j@parl.gc.ca; kent.p@parl.gc.ca; calandra.p@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Markham Foodbelt

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Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Sincerely,

Mandy Karch

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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Protect Markham's Foodbelt

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 1:13 PM
To: hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmccquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org;
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Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org
Subject: Protect Markham's Foodbelt

Dear Premier McQuinty, Markham Mayor Scarpitti, MPPs, and Councillors,

Sixty percent of Markham (including some of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized. As the Greater Toronto Area continues to sprawl northward, it is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

At this time of Olympic nationalism, the Canadian landscape is something we cherish - something that unites us as Canadians. Let's protect it before it is too late.

Please let me know where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,
James Boccia (University of Toronto Student)

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida

Sent: March 3 2010 11:59 AM

To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema

Subject: FW: Please work together and protect Markham's remaining farmland and remaining greenspace?

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February 8, 2010

Dear Premier McGuinty, Markham Mayor Scarpitti, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

We strongly support the "Markham Foodbelt" proposal, and strongly urge you not to allow urban expansion onto any more of Markham's irreplaceable farmlands. We urge you: Please work together, Province and Town, to add Markham's remaining farmlands and greenspace to the Greenbelt?

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres of the finest farmland in Canada) has already been urbanized. It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace, and to preserve some large pockets of land for our wilderness and wildlife.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

The people of Markham are known for their strong support of environmental initiatives, and they have continued to reflect the best of York Region. Development of this precious habitat would negatively impact already dropping populations of migratory birds and other wildlife, as well as the people of Markham, from any prospect of being able to live in a more naturalized environment. At the same time, it would destroy the best agricultural soil in Canada from this region in order to accommodate encroachment by developers and an increased human population, with its accompanying cement and pavement, into what remains of our greenspace.

This is unacceptable, damaging to our migratory birds and other wildlife, and, from the long-term perspective, counter-productive to being able to meet the food needs of Markham, of Ontario and those beyond Ontario borders which our farmers serve. The potential for lessening our ecological footprint by living locally will also be dramatically impaired if this development occurs.

Economically, the land itself, and Markham's climate, meld themselves extremely productively to successful agriculture, and the farming industry supports many related industries which would all suffer if the lands were developed. On the other hand, if the lands were preserved, linked with the already declared greenbelt into a large block of greenspace, they would help to create a significant greenspace through which our declining populations of migratory birds could fly and nest. This larger block of uninterrupted land would also provide, using a minimum of space, sufficient lands to provide habitat

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corridors for our wildlife (our natural heritage) to continue while continuing to provide local food availability through the productive farms so well placed in terms of both climate and soil properties.

This would be a truly remarkable achievement on the part of both governments, provincial and municipal, for both our present and future generations to celebrate, a gift to current and future residents, to our children and to our children's children, and a gift which, once lost, will be unretrievable. This gift, and the recall of those who made it happen, would be long remembered and appreciated by the residents of Markham and all those who value our flora and fauna.

It is, in our view, very unwise, economically, ecologically and historically in terms of our natural heritage to develop this top-class agricultural land and remaining wilderness. We strongly encourage and urge you to make the wise decision to add these lands to the Greenbelt and to declare them "The Markham Foodbelt".

In the past few years, as noted above a very significant portion of Markham's farmland has already been lost to development. This is a permanent loss of food, habitat, and beauty, as well as economic gain and local food sourcing, for the people of Markham. We believe it is crucial that, at this juncture, you all work together with a vision of what you would like to see protected for future generations, and, as a result, work to protect Markham's remaining farmland and greenspace.

Would you kindly advise us as soon as possible where you stand on this important issue. Thank you in advance for your early reply.

Sincerely,

Maureen Flynn, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., OCT
Director

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: In support of protecting the Markham Foodbelt

-----Original Message-----

From: Gurjeet Dhillon [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 11:33 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: In support of protecting the Markham Foodbelt

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Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Gurjeet Dhillon

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Support for the two motions moved by Jack Heath

-----Original Message-----

From: Siobhan Covington [REDACTED]
Sent: February 23, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Support for the two motions moved by Jack Heath

Mayor & Council:

I ask that you pass the two motions made by Jack Heath at tonight's council meeting supporting:

- 1) no-urban area expansion
- 2) the creation of a 200ha Markham Foodbelt

Sincerely,

Siobhán Covington
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:05 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Markham's Farmland

-----Original Message-----

From: Siobhan Covington [REDACTED]
Sent: February 14, 2010 7:01 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Markham's Farmland

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

I have lived close to or in Markham for most of my life. I moved into Markham 18 years ago onto a quite residential street in the heritage district. When I went to work in the morning, I was able to exit my street. Now with all the congestion, it is almost impossible. Our street is used as a short cut eliminating the busy corner at 16th & 48. Every morning drivers race down our street with no regard for the young children heading out to school.

Our hospital is already stretched to capacity and although expanding, will again be too small to meet the needs of the required expansion.

I remember picking vegetables with my in-laws at Kennedy and Steeles Ave. only 30 years ago. Now this area is all paved over with housing.

Growth in the past has not been managed properly; we now are paying the price with lack of infrastructure in schools, hospitals, roads and transit.

I am asking that you consider the following and make the right decision:

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It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River

Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Siobhan Covington
[REDACTED]

03/03/2010

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:06 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Markham Council's 20 year Growth Plan Meeting Tuesday Feb. 16 at 7 pm Hilton Hotel (Hwy 7 & Warden).

-----Original Message-----

From: Derek [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 7:44 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Markham Council's 20 year Growth Plan Meeting Tuesday Feb. 16 at 7 pm Hilton Hotel (Hwy 7 & Warden).

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Unfortunately I could not make the meeting, however I am very concerned with the direction Markham maybe considering with respect to the last available farmland. A positive step, a green step, a sustainable step is the only solution.

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Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Derek Connelly
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:08 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Markham Growth

-----Original Message-----

From: McAlpine, Reid [REDACTED]
Sent: February 23, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCall@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley; McCall@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org
Subject: Markham Growth

Mr Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my support for the motion to be voted on this evening, proposed by Deputy Mayor Heath and seconded by Regional Councillor Virgilio, to stop expansion of Markham's urban boundary and to encourage the province and York Region to revisit the allocation of urban growth targets in the GTA. This is a critical first step if the wishes of the residents of Markham are to be respected and the White Belt is to be protected.

With appropriate forms of development and with a more aggressive vision for brown-field development, there is plenty of room in Markham and elsewhere to accommodate Markham's provincially and regionally mandated population and employment growth targets. There is no need to develop Markham's White Belt.

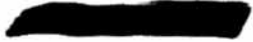

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the public meeting on February 16. I understand that many farmers and other land owners from outside Markham attended. According to *The Economist and Sun* and Regional Councillor Landon, they seemed to have had an impact. While I am sure that the following facts were expressed on the 16th I would like to reiterate them to be certain that they are clear:

- The vast majority of the White Belt is owned by speculators. They are asking the town to guarantee their lottery tickets. Anything they have to say about appropriate locations for development in Markham is by definition biased.
- Farmers who oppose protection of the White Belt are also asking for guaranteed lottery tickets. Yet in the same breath they complain that land is unaffordable and farming in Markham is not viable. They can't have it both ways. Farming in the White Belt would be as viable as it is in, say, Uxbridge, if the price of land were not distorted by land speculation. By permanently protecting the White Belt, the price of land there will fall to the level that would make farming as viable as it is on other Class 1 land in the province. (I stress the word 'permanent' Anything less and land speculation will continue, and farming will continue to decline. Speculators have very long time horizons – many decades – and if there is even a hint that the White Belt may one day be open to development, much of the land is liable to remain in limbo.)

I trust that Council has the fortitude and vision to make the right decision this evening, in line with the wishes of its current residents, and with the interests in mind of many generations to come.

Best regards,

Reid McAlpine

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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:08 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Saving Farmland and maintaining Urban Growth Boundaries

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Buckles [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 12:53 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Hon Dalton McGuinty; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; Jim Robb
Subject: Saving Farmland and maintaining Urban Growth Boundaries

We are appalled by the continuing loss of prime farmland to urbanization in Ontario. We have opposed the Province's creation of extensive 'whitebelt' areas north of the urban area, and south of the greenbelt, and dismayed by how quickly Regions are asking the Province to approve urban boundary increases that will incorporate much of these lands within the urban envelope.

If The Province is at all serious about its Places to Grow policies, and in protecting Ontarios's small, fast dwindling, and irreplaceable supply of prime farmland, it will refuse to approve urban area expansion into such land, and will require municipalities to plan more compact, transit supportive communities within existing urban boundaries.

Some use scare tactics and argue that the alternative to expanding on to prime farmland is to turn Markham into another Hong Kong full of high rises. Nothing could be further from the truth - nothing remotely approaching such densities needs to be considered. And the solutions involving more compact medium density development will result in more livable, not less livable communities.

We have analysed Durham's plans in considerable detail and concluded there was absolutely no reason to expand urban area boundaries in Durham in the southern municipalities into prime farmland. While we have not studied the Markham situation in similar detail, we believe strongly a similar case can be made in Markham.

Accordingly we urge Markham, York Region, and the Province to take the necessary steps to save our foodland, and build more sustainable livable communities by maintaining urban area boundaries in Markham. We further urge government to reduce the current intense pressure for low density greenfield development by extending the Provincial Greenbelt in Markham to include whitebelt lands north of the urban area boundary.

Sincerely

Brian Buckles, for the Green Door Alliance and the Durham Conservation Association
[REDACTED]

03/03/2010

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:09 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: PROTECT OUR FARMLAND! - Support the 'Markham Foodbelt' Proposal

-----Original Message-----

From: Louise Boccia [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John
Subject: PROTECT OUR FARMLAND! - Support the 'Markham Foodbelt' Proposal

Dear Premier McGuinty, Markham Mayor Scarpitti, MPPs, MPs, and Councillors,

As a mother of three children, I am deeply concerned about our planet's ability to provide sufficient food for future generations.

I strongly support the "Markham Foodbelt" proposal and ask that you show foresight and add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Please work to permanently protect our irreplaceable farmland and greenspace.

I would appreciate knowing where you stand on this crucial issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Louise Boccia
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:10 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Foodbelt

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From: Cindy Bongard [REDACTED]
Sent: February 15, 2010 1:57 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Markham Foodbelt; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Foodbelt

Town of Markham Politicos.

I recently attended a talk by Thomas Homer-Dixon (author of Carbon Shift) at the University of Toronto.

Homer-Dixon's listed credentials from the talk:

"His groundbreaking theories have prompted invitations to speak from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, MIT, West Point, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the World Bank, the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He is a man who has briefed the CIA, State Department, National Security Council and former Vice-President Al Gore".

A brief excerpt from his talk went as follows:

China produces and consumes approximately 350 million tons of grain annually, whereas the global production of grain is approximately 200 million tons annually. Because of climate change, the monsoons that ensure the success of the Asian crops will weaken and break down over the approaching decades, resulting in the failure of Asian self-subsistence. As Asians turn to the global market for grain supplies, all hell will break loose (so to speak).

I am sending along this little tidbit as it underscores the importance of maintaining independently operating local food growing regions, such as the proposed Markham Foodbelt (which is, as we all know, 1st class agricultural land).

We need to make the correct choices with our resources while this opportunity is still upon us.

Best,

CL Bongard

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03/03/2010

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:10 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Re saving agricultural lands in York Region

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 15, 2010 5:34 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCall@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Re saving agricultural lands in York Region

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

I live in King Township where the lands around us are developed right up to our borders & the pressure to increase development on Greenbelt, Oak Ridges Moraine, & Conservation lands is mounting. Under the auspices of infrastructure the government can override any protected designation & build what they want, where they want & this is a very sad issue indeed. We are experiencing this in our part of York Region. There is a lack of foresight in investment into medium to high density housing & the public utilities & transit system that would support this.

The growth is happening too fast, haphazardly without planning nor a chance for public feedback. The "village of 100" concept that is highlighted on the York Region website hits home hard with just how much York Region will grow in a very short time & this concept was based upon the last census statistics. We are not ready for the results of the new census & its implications within the entire region. The Yonge Street corridor will be a mess of no particular people or traffic flow, not to mention how this corridor is not effectively linked by public transit to parts east & west of it in York Region.

Some where at sometime, local food production will be recognized for its absolute necessity & thus lands should be planned in all areas under pressure for development & set aside for market gardens & local community gardens. We cannot afford to miss this essential opportunity to think prudently into our futures. I hope you will take this initiative.

"Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres Canada's finest farmland) has already been urbanized. It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace. Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River. Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue."

Sincerely,

Pat Prevost

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03/03/2010

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:11 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: growth, eh

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael [REDACTED]
Sent: February 23, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; Jim Robb
Subject: growth, eh

Gentle interested parties:

I sent this Letter Wednesday of last week to growth@markham.ca as instructed by the chair of the meeting and then went away for a few days. I just realized it bounced. Oops. So here it is again. Thank you.

17 Feb 2010

Stop Sprawl Dead so We can Live

To: Markham Council and Staff:

Thank you all so much for your gargantuan effort last night. Kudos to you all.

I have lived on the land near the York-Durham line for nearly 40 years. I asked a question about Option 3 and public transit. Staff confirmed that Option 3 would make public transit easier and more plentiful. It would only curtail roads' expansion. That's a good thing. We want more transit, bike and hike (and wheelchair!) paths with less roads.

Had I spoken further I would have echoed what many of the supporters of Option 3 said: like Jim Robb (and kept you all up another 5 minutes+.). I would like to add a few salient facts and peripheral but possibly poignant arguments.

A few presenters mentioned the 5% foodland figure. According to the Ontario Farmland Trust it's actually 0.5% of Canada is Class 1 farmland. Half of that is in Ontario and 75% of that is threatened by development. Our children and theirs can't afford to lose any more of it!

My heart went out to some of those farmers who bemoaned the fact that their farms weren't economically viable. They were worried that their retirement plan would be disrupted. This is using backwards logic: it would only be true if we have cheap oil and agribiz keeps raping the land for cash crops to play the roulette wheel of the commodities market. The future is bright for local farming as soon as we are not able to bring our food an average of 1500 miles to the table. I

It's bright now. Local and organic food is the way of the future. It has to be. It is the fastest growing, most profitable sector of the industry. Durham's high schools are going from one farmers market to 10 next year. In Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Vegetable Miracle*, she states that with current production methods America

requires 1.2 acres per person to feed the nation. By 2050 there will be only .6 acres per person left. Hmmm.

Organic farming produces about 5 times the yield of current chemical/pesticide methods. Organic earth (just the dirt alone - the crops are an additional benefit) is a huge carbon sink. One hectare of organic ground sequesters tons of carbon thus reducing greenhouse gases. Local and organic food will save billions in health care too. The alternative pollution is murdering us. Emphysema, it was reported this week, is now epidemic (1 in 3) in Ontario. This is past the tip of the iceberg of rampant ill-being.

One farmer said flippantly: Grow your own food, and actually that's a great plan. We need to encourage garden plots and community gardens and discourage mega-farms and development. We need more local processing and distribution. It can be done. Eleanor Roosevelt's victory gardens were producing 70% of American vegetables by the end of the Second World War.

When (not if) the smelly stuff hits the proverbial fan from any one of, peak oil, transportation problems, and/or environmental disruptions, this land you save will not be worth 500,000 an acre, it will be priceless.

Please protect all the land that's left. Don't let the white turn grey. Those little green bits won't do it. Hopefully it will be enough. Hopefully it's not too late.
This is not pie in the sky, it's bread on the table.

Respectfully
Michael Robertson

[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:12 PM
To: Kanji, Teema, Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham Greenspace

-----Original Message-----

From: mark [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 2:58 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Markham Greenspace

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometers Canada's finest farmland) has already been urbanized. It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometer (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometers, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Could it be possible that the Town of Markham subsidize the farmers in a way that make's their income more in line with other industries so that they (the farmers) would not be so desperate to sell their land?

I know that Markham wouldn't have a problem subsidizing any other type of business in some form or another. The problem here is that the farmers can protect the land and their business if they make the proper income to expenditure ratio and if the town supported their industry like any other. Certain farmers are always going to give in to developers and that's where the town has to step-in and hold the fort for humanity.

Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Mark, Noreen, Natasha, Marc, Jim, & Mary Tasikas
Robert, Kathy, Alexa, Niki, Amanda Kitchen
[REDACTED]

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:12 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teerna
Subject: FW: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Duncan Nadeau [REDACTED]
Sent: February 24, 2010 9:31 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCall@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs, and Councilors,

Please support Councillors Shapero and Burke's forward-thinking proposal to extend the Greenbelt for the protection of Markham's irreplaceable farmland.

Attached, I have outlined why their proposal is critical to positive changes that are currently underway in creating a more sustainable food system in Ontario. I trust that you will give this perspective due consideration, for the benefit of all residents of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Emily Duncan Nadeau

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:17 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Growth Management in Markham

-----Original Message-----

From: Shelley Bourne [REDACTED]
Sent: February 14, 2010 8:48 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Manpathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJP@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Growth Management in Markham

Shelley Bourne
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Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

The decisions before Markham Council directly effect and are pivotal for the future of our quality of life in Markham. I am referring to the necessities for human life: clean air, affordable, wholesome food, adequate safe shelter and clean, abundant water.

In the uncertain times that we are now living, with climate change, growing world populations, pollution of our air, soil, water. Can we count on having enough good farmland to feed ourselves? The growing trend is to depend on third world imports of food.

Almost all our fruit is now imported and 53% of our vegetables. Ontario imports 4 billion dollars worth of food more than it exports. This impacts on our farmers who cannot compete with the prices in 3rd world countries.

This cheap food isn't really cheap. We experience the actually cost of this food in numerous ways. 1. Loss of our export dollars going outside Canada 2. Losses in revenue for Canadian Farmers 3. Loss of nutrition of foods transported great distances 4. Loss of an industry, Farming in Canada 5. Loss of grade 1 farmland being lost to development 6. Loss of our quality of life

Our quality of life in Markham is being threatened as more people are using our roads causing increasingly odious commutes. The air quality being a problem from more car exhaust. Time spent commuting is time away from families.

Jean Monteith of Monreith Brown, London Ontario, working for Markham as a consultant reports that half of the population of Markham will be seniors in the next few years. Seniors don't want family homes. They are interested in downsizing and buying condo's or renting apartments. They want to be close to transportation, stores, hospitals, doctors and their families. We need to plan to accommodate them within the existing urban boundaries

We are losing our farm land at an alarming rate. Over the last 50yrs central Ontario has lost 40% of it's prime farmland to accommodate the spread of the greater Toronto area

This is the best farmland in Canada, grade 1, a non renewable resource that makes up only 1-2 percent of all the land in Canada.

Section 3 of the Provincial Planning Act requires that the Markham Growth plan "shall be consistent with" policy statements issued under the Act. Provincial Policy Statement 2.3.1 states, prime agricultural areas shall be protected for long-term use for agriculture.

In 1997 the TRCA completed a Rouge River Watershed Strategy Scenario Modelling and Analysis Report which concluded:

- "meeting water quality targets will become an increasingly distant goal as the footprint of development expands".

- E. Coli levels in streams already exceed provincial standards.

- development will increase the magnitude and duration of erosive flows in receiving water courses

- middle tributaries would be subject to major hydrological impacts

- over 500 flood vulnerable areas within Markham would be expected to be inundated during the Regional Storm and a number of roads and homes are predicted to flood in flows as low as the 2yr flood event.

Urban expansion will harm the water quality and quantity in Markham. Expansion of the Urban envelope fails to meet the legal requirements of the Planning Act and Policy Statement for water protection.

Private property will not be interfered with as land in the Greenbelt will remain designated rural and agricultural. Owners will not be prevented from selling their land at a fair market value under that current land use designation.

Certainly a 100 acre farm will be worth several million dollars which translates to a nice retirement fund. Speculation is in reality an inflated price for land not actually worth the inflated amount under current legal land use designation. Speculation can cause problems when it is unrealistically fuelled with greed.

The Markham Foodbelt would protect the public's interest in farmland protection, food security, control of sprawl affecting our quality of life, traffic congestion, air and water quality.

Even though, Councillor Virgilio and Deputy Mayor Heath's proposal is a beginning. In actuality it only draws a line in the sand, which can be overturned in the future. Whereas Councillors Burk and Shapiro's Greenbelt option addresses all of our concerns and protects our precious agricultural land forever.

These problems cannot be addressed only at municipal levels. However, solutions need to be spearheaded and initiated at the municipal level. Markham Council can endorse the vision and save this precious commodity, our grade 1 land. Political and public will and input will empower the Blue Ribbon Panels to implement the Greenbelt for the benefit of all.

Markham needs to adopt and implement the Greenbelt Plan as soon as possible. Then let's get on with finding solutions to encourage and help our working Canadian Farmers.

Sincerely,

Sheiley Poutine
for Boyington Heights Ratepayers Assoc. Inc.

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:17 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Planning for Urban Growth

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From: Karen Beale [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 1:39 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; minister.mah@ontario.ca; minister.omafra@ontario.ca; regional.chair@york.ca; mjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; petershurmanco@pc.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org
Cc: Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex
Subject: Planning for Urban Growth

Please stop the urban sprawl before it is too late! In an area of the province where the climate is supportive of growth for farming, the local politicians are more interested in creating increased traffic and pollution by allowing continuous growth. This has to stop.

We already suffer from a loss of quality of life and health by paving all the prime food production areas of the region. 60% of Markham is already designated urban and we can ill-afford to allow for further loss of farmland. Markham already has enough urban-zoned land to absorb 10 + years of growth. If we continue to lose our prime farm land, where will we be able to grow our food? In the northern, Canadian shield? I hardly think so.

Farmers bought their land with the intention of farming. It was with full knowledge that this land was to be used to grow food or to raise animals, not meant to be an investment in order to make money in the future by selling to a developer.

Please consider reducing the current 50% growth target and or transferring the growth to a willing municipality.

Sincerely,
Karen Beale
(a very concerned homeowner in York Region)

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:18 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Save the Markham Foodbelt

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From: Karen Cilevitz [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2010 5:33 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Save the Markham Foodbelt
Importance: High

I am writing this email to all addressed above regarding Markham's brave push to save their Foodbelt.

It was recently brought to my attention that an email I sent out to our David Dunlap Observatory Defenders, was in turn sent to most of the above referenced addressees with a decidedly negative connotation. The individual who forwarded the Defender email in question is not on our general email list.

I find it disturbing that one of my emails sent to our supporters should find its way to the above addressees, however, such is the electronic world in which we live. The DDO Defender email which is referenced was sent IN SUPPORT of the Markham initiative, and we stand *firm* in that support.

The DDO Defenders are not a "special interest group" who intend to "clog up the speaker's time" on Tuesday, February 16th. In fact, I am not even registered to speak. If any of our people do speak on Tuesday evening, they do so of their own free will and I would imagine they do so because they feel it is the RIGHT thing to do. As proud Canadian citizens who have democratic principles such as Freedom of Speech enshrined in our Canadian Charter of Rights, they will without a shadow of a doubt be doing the RIGHT thing.

I would venture to say the ONLY interest that members of the public, be they from Markham, Richmond Hill or points all around, have in speaking out to support Councillors Burke and Shapero's remarkable initiative, is the "special interest" in saving OUR farmlands which should be of "special interest" to everyone.

Saving the Markham Foodbelt is a fundamental necessity, and on behalf of the DDO Defenders, I would encourage all who are in power to support and assist Markham in their initiative to save and protect their Foodbelt – *a Foodbelt which clearly sustains us ALL.*

Sincerely,

Karen Cilevitz – Chair, The David Dunlap Observatory Defenders,

03/03/2010

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Kanji, Teema; Carroll, Judy
Subject: FW: Markham greenlands

-----Original Message-----

From: Wynn Walters [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 5:44 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Cc: Brian Buckles
Subject: Markham greenlands

To Ontario Premier, Mayor of Markham, MPPs, MPs and Councillors

As a resident of Durham, and of the GTA, I am very concerned with the proposals to pave more of Markham's little remaining valuable green and food-producing land. Protection of our green spaces and of our diminishing farmland has been received in an overwhelmingly positive manner by the general population, and it behooves our elected representatives to recognize this..

More than 60 percent of Markham is already developed and urbanized. It was formerly some of Canada's finest and most productive farmland. We need to preserve and protect what remains of the green lands in Markham. This must include adding Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acres) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Enlightened communities in many countries are taking positive action to protect their natural lands. We have made a good start with the Moraine Protection and Greenbelt legislation. We need to build on this, and not start down the slippery slope of once again bowing to the ambitions of developers. Once paved, the land is lost for ever.

Please let me know your position on this matter, which is currently being debated.

Sincerely, Wynn & Mary Margaret Walters
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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: please protect Ontario farmland

-----Original Message-----

From: Claire Malcolmson [REDACTED]
Sent: February 15, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: please protect Ontario farmland

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

Although I applaud the creation of the Greenbelt, Ontario has some serious long term sustainability issues. Generally, government is neither considering ecological carrying capacity in our growth plans, nor the long term sustainability of human livelihoods in the region. The coordination of our environmental and planning regulations in this province must be better aligned. To this end I support extending the Greenbelt both in Markham and in Simcoe County, at the very least to offset the industrial development in agricultural lands near Bradford, at one time protected by Places to Grow.

Sixty percent of Markham (127 square kilometres Canada 's finest farmland) has already been urbanized.

It is time to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre (5000 acre) "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres, 3500 acres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Please let me know where you stand on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Claire Malcolmson

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Claire

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:22 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema; Hau, Lucy
Subject: FW: Motions to Stop Sprawl

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Park [REDACTED]
Sent: February 23, 2010 11:24 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmccguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Motions to Stop Sprawl

To the attention of Mr. Scarpitti and the Markham council,

Please note that I fully support the following motions:

that

1. Markham request the Province and York Region to reduce the population target for Markham in its new Official Plan by 40,000; and
2. Markham's new Official Plan not include any expansion of the urban boundary beyond what is in the current Official Plan."

Thank you

Linda Park
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03/03/2010

Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 2:22 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2010 12:18 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCal3@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcquinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

I strongly support the "Markham Foodbelt" proposal.

Sixty percent of Markham - some of the finest farmland in Canada - has already been urbanized. If we continue to pave over quality farmland, we soon will have none left. These actions will hurt us both immediately and in the future. We need to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

Please add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

Supporting the Markham Foodbelt proposal shows concern for environment and the welfare of future generations. As a young voter, I feel that this type of vision is essential for our political leaders. Please let me know where you stand on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Kristy Boccia
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Carroll, Judy

From: Tari, Alida
Sent: March 3, 2010 3:39 PM
To: Carroll, Judy; Kanji, Teema
Subject: FW: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

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From: John Miseresky [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2010 11:17 AM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horschik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; McCalJ@parl.gc.ca; Kent.P@parl.gc.ca; Calandra.P@parl.gc.ca; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; peter.shurmanco@pc.ola.org; hjaczek.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jwatson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org; cmitchell.mpp@liberal.ola.org; markhamfoodbelt@gmail.com; jimrobb@frw.ca
Subject: Re: Support for Markham Foodbelt addition to Greenbelt

Dear Premier, Markham Mayor, MPPs, MPs and Councillors:

I am a member of the Altona Forest Stewardship committee and a supporter of both environmental and greenspace issues, including the need to permanently protect our remaining farmland and greenspace.

I wish to request your support for all efforts to add Markham's remaining rural land to the Greenbelt to protect the 20 square kilometre "Markham Foodbelt" and the greenspace buffers (14 square kilometres) around the tributaries of the Rouge River.

I am therefore requesting that you please let me know where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,

John Miseresky
[REDACTED]

From: Timothy Fok [mailto:temporalstorm@gmail.com]

Sent: Mon 4/5/2010 5:43 AM

To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Scarpitti, Frank; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina

Subject: Preserve natural lands in Markham

Dear councillors,

I'm heartened to hear that there is talk of establishing a foodbelt where natural lands will be preserved from further development. As a lifelong resident of Markham, I've seen this town grow from a small municipality to something that bears little resemblance to the past. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Change is inevitable and a natural element of life, but I believe that the type of change that Markham has had for too long been a negative force.

The proposed foodbelt idea is a type of change that is much more sustainable and much better idea since a.) it preserves land for local food, b.) it limits sprawl which makes commuting times shorter and c.) it keeps our air and water quality good. I don't know what the scheduling is like for the process of plan adoption, but I encourage each and every councillor to support the foodbelt plan when it is time to vote on it. Ban all development north of Major Mackenzie and focus growth in places like Downtown Markham and other areas. It's important for me, my family and I'm sure yours as well. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Timothy Fok