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RE: Opposition to the Millcroft Greens Development Application

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Rebecca:

I am writing to you and those c:c'd to outline our opposition for the Millcroft Greens Development Application.

We have been residents of Millcroft for 20 years, first moving here in 2001. We were living in Cambridge, just had our second child and were looking to buy a larger home to raise our family in. Debbie and I were both avid golfers and I had always dreamed of living in a golf course community that are so prevalent in the southern US.

As we travelled around southern Ontario, trying to find a new subdivision/city to call home, we stumbled upon Millcroft. Immediately, we decided this is where we wanted to live and it was **100%** the golf course community aspect that drew us to settle in the City of Burlington. There really is very little, if anything that is similar to it in Ontario.

We have now raised our children in Burlington and are Empty Nesters. Recently, we discussed downsizing, potentially moving downtown or to another community altogether as we no longer need the space we have. We have gone so far as to attending many showings and Open Houses. However, coming back to our backyard, with the beautiful view of the course, the privacy and the open space, the sense of community that is here, we have decided to stay forever as nothing else compares.

While this proposed development maintains a golf course, I don't believe it will be the same attraction to Burlington that it was for us, as plans are for it to be an Executive course. It also does not impact our house significantly as we back onto hole #3. However, I feel terribly for the people on Hadfield and Parklane, that what they purchased and have enjoyed for so long will change significantly and will not be the same. Longer term, I fear that once the Developers get a taste of the financial windfalls of building more homes, it will just be a matter of time that future proposals will be made and the end of the Millcroft Golf Community, which is so special and unique to Burlington, will be gone.

As elected officials, you can stop this development proposal and preserve a special place and a draw of new residents to this city. The 100 or so homesites that are proposed are not required to meet provincial growth rates for Burlington, it eliminates green space and will only anger thousands of your residents and voters. In addition, I can only assume Market value of those properties that will no longer back onto the golf course will come down, resulting in less property tax paid to the City by those people.

Having said this, I do understand business owners also want returns on their investment. I do think there are many ways Millcroft GC can improve their financial position. Debbie and I recently walked to the club for dinner this summer...good food/service, not a soul there.

Millcroft Golf Club really could be the hub of the community with more of an outreach program. Perhaps an investment/expansion in the clubhouse could mean a place for weddings and special events. Expansion/improvement in the facilities would allow a community outreach for Sunday brunches, trivia nights, viewing of key sporting events, neighbourhood dinner events etc.

A focus on an improved Junior program would bring future, lifelong members to the club. Building an ice rink in the winter could continue to attract diners all season. Take a walk any day in Millcroft during this pandemic, where the golf course has been kind enough to allow residents to walk through it, and you will see the community spirit that can be brought back to life. It is clear there is a passion for this community, as can be seen by the opposition of the development proposal. Perhaps that passion could be used to assist the ownership group in improving their business by promoting Millcroft GC amongst their contacts and social media following?

We urge you to reject this development proposal and allow Millcroft to continue to flourish as a community that has become an unmatched gem in all of Ontario.

Regards

Brett & Debbie Maves  
(with the support of our son Kyle and daughter Abby)