

Madam Mayor, Councilors, City staff and citizens of Burlington. My name is Dennis Parass and I am an owner on Hadfield Court in Millcroft

I am going to speak to you about two topics:

- (1) Why voting by April 17th is especially important**
- (2) How your Planning directive could allow Council to vote by April 17th**

Regarding the Importance of this decision:

As we all know, this community was designed for approximately 4,000 homes and 10,000 residents.

To provide sufficient “open space”, the City of Burlington, approved a “figure 8” shaped area inside the Community. It is presently a golf course with over 700 homes on backing on this open space.

Every one of the 4,000 homes in Millcroft is within 250 meters of this open space. It is a vibrant and essential environmental area with wildlife, flora, fauna and large trees. It also serves to handle the regular and storm surge water flow through Millcroft. This embedded area is the “heart and lungs” of our community.

With the exception of two lots zoned for housing, Millcroft is a complete and established community and zoned as originally intended, to provide a healthy place to live.

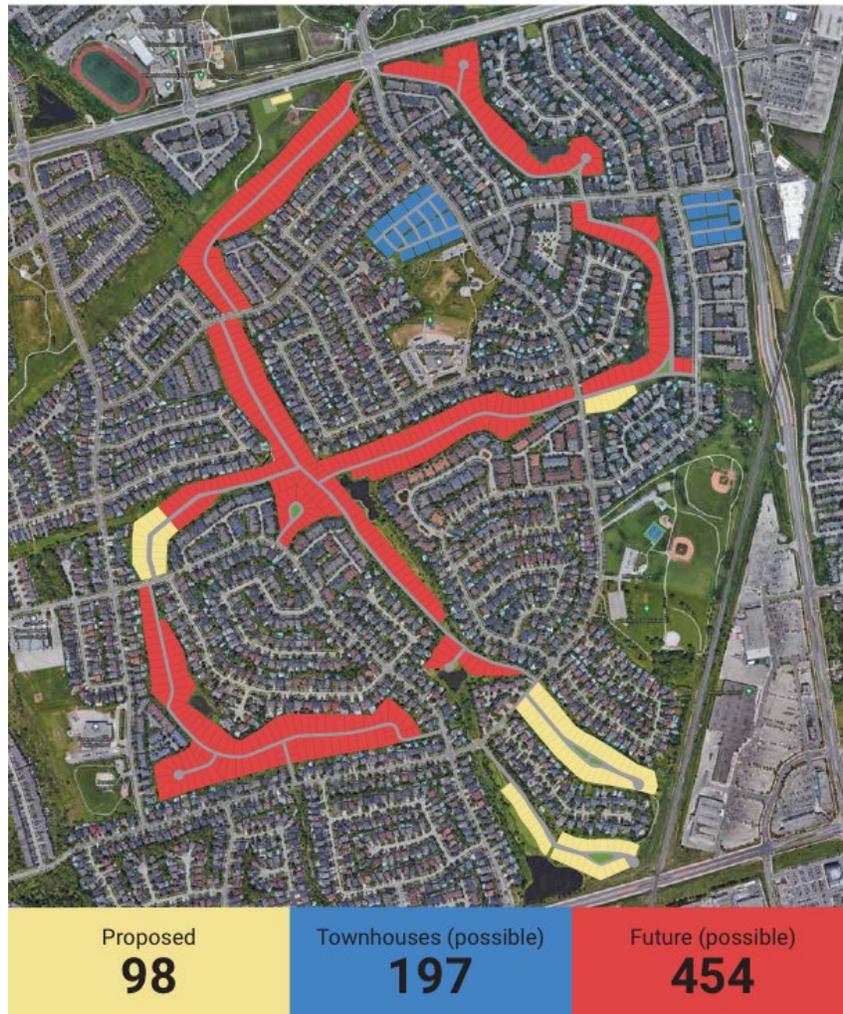
The application by Millcroft Greens to rezone a small part of this open space with 98 homes and a 130 unit apartment building is asking you to change your vision for our entire community.

In reality, this application is just the beginning of a grand plan by Millcroft Greens/Argo to completely infill the open space that they own with as many homes as possible. This application is meant to establish their right to eliminate all of our green space.

Their appeal of the new 2020 Official Plan and their refusal to ensure they will not develop the rest of the golf course is proof of their real objective.

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Today 98 homes.... Tomorrow **749 homes???**



This Google earth view of the Millcroft community illustrates the potential number of single homes that could be built if Council approves infilling of the open space.

Millcroft Green's plans for Millcroft will destroy the heart of this community.

The City of Burlington has maintained the original vision of Millcroft through Official Plan Amendment 117 when Millcroft was started, the 2008 Burlington Official Plan, the Burlington Strategic plan and the 2020 Burlington Official Plan. We ask you to be true to your vision.

This is your opportunity reaffirm this City's 25 year commitment to protect the health of our community and vote this project down.

Regarding how a directive to Planning will allow Council to vote by April 17th

Today, Planning is seeking direction from Council to continue processing the application beyond the 120 day deadline because of its dependence on external resources. While we understand that a full investigation of every aspect of the application may be required, it is not the only option and may not be necessary.

We believe that the planning department should be able to update Council on their interim findings in the next 30 days as it is clear this application goes against the vision of the Community no matter what the technical reviews reveal.

The technical review of Millcroft Green's application has already highlighted a number of variances, many minor ones and some major ones. Those variances have already been called out in Allan Ramsey Planning Associates Report submitted to the City.

We suggest that Council direct the Planning Department to focus, first, on the study of what they think may be insurmountable problems to approval, such as Zoning and Storm Water, in the next 30 days and report them to Council.

This direction to Planning may give Council the option to vote on this application within the 120 day window.

In Summary:

Your decision on this application will determine if Millcroft Greens can or cannot eventually replace all of our open space with hundreds of homes.

Your Planning department should be able to give you a report in the next 30 days.

Our community hopes that you will be able take a public position before April 17th if you don't have assurances from Millcroft Greens that they will not appeal to LPATT prior to a City decision,

Finally, we ask you to resist the tendency to get wrapped up in "process" rather than "priority" Your vision for our City should be front and center.

Thank you

Dennis Parass