

Millcroft delegation notes March 2, 2021

Good afternoon,

My name is Adrienne Marsh.

Thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity to speak to you regarding this incredibly important topic.

There will be delegates today who have very technical facts and figures to share (thank goodness for them).

I am delegating today on behalf of my husband and my family; we are members of MAD and we are proud residents of the Millcroft community.

Unlike many residents who are opposed the proposed development of Millcroft Golf Course, we are new to the Millcroft community. We moved to Country Club Drive in July of 2019, from Mississauga where we had a beautiful heavily treed lot and private backyard. Therefore, when we started our more than 2-year search for the perfect “forever home” for our retirement we wanted to have a similar private lot without backyard neighbours.

The home we found checks all the boxes...it is a bungalow that "currently " backs onto the Ladies tee box of the 6th hole.

The 6th hole is one of the holes that Millcroft Greens plans to eliminate in order to build 33 detached homes.

When the original owners purchased our house, they paid a premium to back onto the golf course...therefore we also paid a premium to have a bungalow backing on to a golf course and now we feel betrayed. We did our homework; When we purchased our home, the official plan stated that the land behind our home was zoned as "open green space". We cannot believe the city will allow the golf course owner to develop this "open green space" land as outlined in the official plan.

Under the Millcroft Greens application, the current golf course will be significantly shortened turning it into an Executive golf course. This will result in the loss of many golfers. We believe in the future this will make the Millcroft golf course uneconomical to run which will allow Millcroft Greens to come forward with plans to develop the remaining course.

When we attended the meeting last February, we were shocked to learn that the beautiful green space and approximately 400 35-year-old trees were going to be destroyed. There are plans to realign the Appleby Creek that flows behind our house and change the pond. This is likely to adversely impact the wildlife habitat not to mention increasing the likelihood of extensive flooding.

While Millcroft Greens say they plan to plant trees, they will not be as mature as the ones lost and it will take decades for the new trees to grow to the size of the ones being removed.

There is an abundance of wildlife that also calls this green space “home”, we also hate the thought of their home being encroached upon by the new development.

As I mentioned, we have only lived here a short time, but we have witnessed rainstorms that have flooded the golf course behind our house. The flooding will only get worse if the green space is replaced with concrete and houses.

If close to 100 detached homes and a 6 storey apartment building with 200 units are added to our community, it will also put a burden on the current infrastructure, not to mention an increase in traffic on our already extremely busy street. Country Club Drive has dangerous speeding and ‘short-cutting’ to access major thoroughfares which is a concern to residents- both young and old. The city installed speed bumps in front of our house just over a year ago because of the high volume of traffic and high rates of speed of vehicles on our street. The addition of 75 houses within a block of our house would make the volume even worse.

I try to be a glass half full person.... The only good thing about this proposed development is that we have been able to meet our awesome neighbours who are working together to keep our beautiful, healthy green space intact. We are MAD (Millcroft Against Development).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past year, raising funds and raising awareness to help us to hopefully be able to have this application denied.

Burlington was recently voted Canada's best place to live. We hope and pray that we will be able to continue to live many more years in the beautiful community that Millcroft is today.

It is our hope that the City staff will preserve our green space and reject Millcroft Greens' application without reservation.

Thank you for your time.