

Greetings Chair, Committee and fellow delegates. My name is Shannon Smith and I have lived in Millcroft along with my husband and 3 children since 2001. I live on Millcroft Park Drive (not on the golf course side).

Since previous delegates have so articulately conveyed my concerns regarding this proposed development, I'll keep to the points I'd like to highlight..

1. COMMUNITY SAFETY

Millcroft is the home of 3 elementary schools. We have a very, very active community with walkers, joggers, cyclists, skateboarders using our streets. The proximity of these proposed building sites is also near our local parks that have the added traffic during the spring/summer/fall months from the greater community utilizing the soccer, baseball, tennis courts, playground, splash pads and hockey rinks (and the golfers too).

Due to my location within Millcroft, I can see first hand the activity on this busy artery of Millcroft. I have significant concerns about the increased density of housing and the impact of road safety in this neighbourhood should the zoning changes be permitted and the original intent of the land zoned as open space be changed. Add to that, the construction infill traffic of workers, trucks, etc., would only add an increased safety concern.

A couple of years ago, our Burlington Post Carrier was struck by a car and both his legs were broken. Increased traffic loads should be avoided.

2. OPEN SPACE ZONING

Residents who have purchased in Millcroft have a reasonable expectation for the current zoning of open space to be upheld. Residents who decided to purchase in this community have expressly done so due to the location, and due to the assurance that their investment in this community was protected by the golf course and the open space zoning.

An excerpt from Alan Ramsey's report:

The Millcroft community was planned in the 1980's with the approvals occurring through Official Plan Amendment 117 (OPA 117). According to OPA 117 the community plan was based on the integration of residential development within the open space land of the golf course and other natural features. Specifically OPA 117 indicated:

"it is also the intent of the Plan that, should the operation of the golf course discontinue, these lands will remain as permanent open space, since portions of these lands contain creek features which are part of the stormwater management system for the Community. The open space associated with the golf course will be an important element in the concept and therefore the marketing of the Community. It is also the policy of this Plan that the City neither intends or nor will be obligated to purchase the golf course lands in order to ensure their existence as permanent open space."

Although OPA 117 is no longer in force and effect and it is not applicable policy, it clearly demonstrates the intention of the City to maintain the open space lands in the community as a permanent feature.

The Millcroft Greens proposal represents a significant loss of open space in the community and City. The adverse impacts include the loss of tree canopy, increased run off due to additional roads, buildings and hard surfaces and the loss of wildlife habitat and natural features.

I thought I would do some of my own research to let the Chair and Committed know how many original owners are directly affected by the potential of changing the open zoning...although in no way, diminishing the value placed on the open space by newer owners or any of the Millcroft residents at large who chose to make Millcroft their home based on the golf course and keeping the open space zoning.

Area A: Hadfield Court and Country Club: 34 homes affected and 5 original owners.

Area B: Hadfield Court and Parklane: 34 homes affected and 7 original owners.

Area C: Berwick, Kane (*not including the townhomes on Country Club backing onto the golf course). 20 homes affected and 10 original owners.

Area D: Latimer, Chasewood Court, Millcroft Park Dr.: 13 homes affected, 5 original owners.

Area E: Rawlings Common: 8 homes affected, 1 original owner

3. FLOODING:

Wanted to note that myself and several others on my street (including others NOT located on the golf course). Had significant flooding happen in the big storm of 2014.

Conclusion:

I urge the City Planners and the committee to keep the golf course zoned as open space for the Millcroft community and the greater Burlington community.

I would like to thank the Millcroft Community, the organizers of Millcroft Against Development and We Love Millcroft for your extraordinary commitment of time and resources in support of the Millcroft Community. Thank you Chair and the Committee for your time today.

Kind regards,

Shannon Smith