

Hello Mayor Meed-Ward and Council Members,

My name is Ethan McQueen. I am 9 years old and I am in Grade 4. I live in Millcroft with my family and my dogs named Olly and Scout.

I love living in Millcroft and I have lived here since I was born. It is the best place to live because it is safe, the people are friendly, and we have lots of room to play and ride our bikes and have fun. It is also a really nice place to live because there are a lot of green trees that are tall and beautiful.

I am writing you to let you know that I OPPOSE the development of Millcroft Golf Course. Here are the reasons why:

You can't cut down hundreds of trees! We are in a climate crisis that is only getting worse.

The trees on the golf course help to keep our air clean and reduce pollution. The green space on the golf course also makes sure that when it rains, our houses and backyards do not flood.

Once you cut down hundreds of trees and replace them with houses, we can never get that green space back. That means that you are robbing me and the other kids my age of the right to enjoy our community as we grow up. Also, you adults are smart people and you know that Global Warming is a BIG problem. Why would you let anyone destroy the environment that is so important to the health of our planet?

The choices that you grown-ups make now will affect my future and the future of your children too. Please don't destroy the nature that is in our backyard. If you do, you are robbing me and your own children of our right to live in a world that is green and healthy and safe. I think that you should make the golf course into a park so that it can be enjoyed by families and children now and in the future.

What if Burlington were to become one of the first city's in Canada to create a nature reserve on the existing golf course? The City says it wants a "Green City", so let's make one! It would be amazing if you could use the existing golf course lands to create a protected green space for the community that IMPROVES the environment. We could plant more trees and grasses, to improve flooding. We could plant flowers that attract honey bees. We could make community gardens and a skating rink in the winter. I would be happy to make more suggestions and I would be happy to help!

In conclusion, once green space is gone, you can NEVER get it back. Destroying the green space in Millcroft will have many negative effects, the most important one being the destruction of a natural space with mature trees that helps eliminate pollution and reduce greenhouse gasses.

Please KEEP MILLCROFT GREEN, for children like me.

Thank you for listening to my delegation.

Sincerely,

Ethan McQueen