

Hi everyone,

Honorable Chairman and Committee members, fellow Burlingtonians and fellow Millcroft neighbours

I appreciate all delegates that have come before me.

Excellent comments have been made about the viability of the golf course if changes are made and also about water management and other insightful comments. I appreciated the voice of the youth of Burlington in previous delegations. These children are our future. If quick and easy decisions are made regarding this proposal there is no turning back.

I hope that my perspective as a resident of Millcroft for almost 20 years is also valued.

My husband and I were looking for a home in the 1987 and were thrilled to purchase our first home in Headon Forest. We started our professional life and were living downtown Toronto but wanted to buy a home. We looked everywhere in the GTA. I am from Orangeville and my husband is from Toronto. We choose north Burlington because it offered green space, great neighbourhoods, access to countryside and the escarpment. It also offered good access to downtown Toronto. We decided that Tyandaga was just a little too far west for our needs although lovely as well.

We were original owners on Desmond Drive in Headon Forest. After 13 years on a wonderful street we decide to move to Millcroft for a larger home and larger lot to raise our children. Once again we were original owners, this time on Clubview Drive in Millcroft. The year was 2002. At the time, golf course lots sold for an additional \$100,000.00. I do not understand how Monarch could ask for a premium for a golf course lot if the golf course was not meant to be permanent.

My children were proud to be a part of the very first cohort of students at Charles Beaudoin PS. There was excitement in the air in our family as we looked forward to our move, only a few kilometers away. I remember seeing our house after the foundation was poured. We were surrounded by a sea of mud with an aging plank barn in the field behind us. The golf course was 1 lot away, looking lush and green.

One of the first things another original owner on the street said to me was "It was my dream to live in Millcroft." We were outside, the kids were playing. We were talking about what all new home owners talk about i.e. paint colours, kitchen cabinets and when was the sod coming. But my new neighbour was not talking about her brand new house, she was talking about Millcroft the neighbourhood. It is a special place to live.

I feel it is important that Committee members understand that it is not only home owners on the golf course that are upset with the proposal by the developer. On Tuesday another delegate pointed out that everyone in Millcroft is 250 meters from the golf course. All Millcroft homeowners are affected by this proposal.

I would like to discuss traffic and traffic flow and how this will be impacted by new development. There are not that many vehicle entry points into Millcroft.

From the north, Dundas Street, the only access in or out of Millcroft is Millcroft Park Drive and Berwick.. From the south, Upper Middle Road, there are 2 access points in or out of Millcroft is Country Club Drive and William O'Connell Blvd. From the east, Appleby Line, the only access in or out of Millcroft is Taywood Drive and from the west, on Walker's Line there are 2 access points in and out Millcroft, Millcroft Park Drive and Country Club Drive. I heard my neighbour say that on a weeknight between 5-7 there were over 200 cars at the stop sign at the intersection of Country Club and Millcroft Park Drive, this is north of Upper Middle Road. Millcroft Park Drive and Country Club are busy arterial streets in the neighbourhood but they are also residential streets. We do not need more cars in Millcroft due to more development.

Millcroft is full of children. Millcroft is an neighbourhood with 3 excellent elementary schools. Children are walking to school, they are biking on the streets, walking with their friends to the store. This is what my kids did, growing up in Millcroft. Increased traffic is a safety concern for the many children in Millcroft.

I would like to address the 6 floor condo with 130 units, section E. I use the intersection of Dundas Street and Millcroft Park Drive to travel to work daily. It is a busy intersection with heavy traffic. While in my car I watch highschool students on foot or using bikes on their way to Dr. Frank Hayden Secondary School on Dundas Street. I have witnessed teenage boys skillfully navigate their way on bicycles zipping through moving traffic in a way that only a 15 year can do ... their only thought getting to school on time - only 4 more minutes to go before the school bell rings!! I hope and pray that the children of Millcroft remain safe with possibility of increased traffic at that intersection. Millcroft Park Drive changes it's name to Cornerstone Drive when it crosses Dundas leading to our neighbours - the neighbourhood of Alton Village. There are always many cars waiting from both streets, Millcroft Park Drive and Cornerstone Drive - waiting to turn onto busy Dundas street. A condo at this intersection would only add additional cars and create a more dangerous intersection. Building a condo on parcel E sandwiched between the Hydro corridor, Dundas Street, existing homes and the golf course and in a high traffic area is not good planning. Please look at this portion of the proposal as carefully as A, B, C and D.

I would like address another issue. The city of Burlington has a city owned golf course with 18 holes in the heart of Burlington - Tyandaga Golf Course. Many similarities can be drawn between the Millcroft Golf Course and Tyandaga Golf Course. Both are located in Burlington. Both are surrounded by homes. Both create a distinct desirable neighbourhood where people want to live in Burlington and the GTA. I could go on but will conclude this paragraph by saying I believe that the Millcroft Golf Course would make a superb addition to City of Burlington as a city owned golf course.

For over 32 years my family and I have embraced Burlington. The Burlington Teen Tour Band was a big part of lives when my son was a member for 5 years and as a drum major. We understand the importance of community life and service. I see the value that tax dollars bring to everyday life.

These are many things that make Burlington the great place to live: Aldershot, Tyandaga, the Orchard, the Pier, Roseland, Kerncliff Park, Burlington Teen Tour Band, the Naval Memorial, LaSalle Park, please take a moment to add your own special places to this list because there are many And of course Millcroft.

In conclusion I would like to leave you with this thought:

Millcroft Golf Course is heart and lungs of Millcroft. Without the golf course the neighborhood will die.

Tiger Road, Snead Road, Nicklaus Court, Hogan Court, Couples Crescent, Price Court, Sarazen Drive, Player Court, Clubview Drive, Country Club Drive, Turnberry Road - streets in Millcroft that are named after famous golfers or named after the great game of golf. Will future generations say "Yes, there used to be golf course here. It was a great place to live and raise a family with green space and a strong sense of community. Too bad it's gone. " My sincere hope is that the City of Burlington will ensure that the golf course remains intact and preserves the neighbourhood where we live and raise our children in the city of Burlington - Millcroft.

Thank you for listening

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