

Madam Mayor, Councilors, City staff and citizens of Burlington.

My name is Kirk Robinson and I am a director of Millcroft Against BAD Development, commonly known as MAD – a non-profit organization formed to oppose Millcroft Greens' application to introduce residential development to the existing Millcroft golf course.

With approximately 6,000 petitions signed and over 1,000 lawn signs installed throughout the neighbourhood, our membership shows how strong and passionate the opposition is. We have hosted community events, had our petitions presented to Congress by our MPP on multiple occasions, and fundraised to pay legal and planning staff to represent MAD at the Ontario Land Tribunal hearings.

We firmly believe that this is just "phase one" of Millcroft Greens' plan to infill the entire golf course with residential development, thereby removing almost all of our community's greenspace. Once we develop greenspace, we can never get it back. This is a fight for us; for our children; for our grandchildren.

With all of the current political uproar about developing conservation land, the last thing any government should be approving is an application to eliminate greenspace – an application that disrupts wildlife, reroutes the existing stormwater management system, and irreversibly strips a community of nearly all its greenspace.

We are an entire community – a large subset of Burlington's voting population – coming to you to ask you to stand behind us. We cannot risk the historically and overwhelmingly developer-friendly outcomes at the Ontario Land Tribunal. We need to stop this application before it gets to the hearing stage, and the only way to successfully do that is for you, our political representatives, to declare a provincial interest in preserving Millcroft's greenspace. This proposed resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is vital to the future of our community, the future of our city, the future of our province, and beyond.