

MZO Request for Millcroft

ADM-17-25 Council June 17, 2025



Dear Premier Ford, Minister Flack, and to anyone whom this may concern:

I'm writing to respectfully request that your office issue a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) to stop the Millcroft Greens development in Burlington.

This project should not move forward for several compelling reasons:

- **Loss of green space:** This would permanently destroy a vital natural area within an established community.
- **Overwhelming community opposition:** Petitions opposing the project have gathered 15,000 -20,000 signatures.
- **Unequal benefit:** This development enriches a few at the expense of thousands of residents.
- **Environmental risks:** Concerns about flooding, biodiversity, and tree canopy loss have not been adequately addressed.
- **Not required for housing targets:** Burlington can meet provincial housing goals without this development.
- **Precedent of acceptance:** Two other developments in the Millcroft area proceeded without public opposition.
- **Better options exist:** Large, underutilized greenfield areas elsewhere in Burlington (e.g., near Bronte) are far more suitable for growth and don't encroach on existing communities.
- **Technicalities should not outweigh public will:** While the City may or may not have met every administrative milestone in the 120-day review period, this should not be mistaken for a lack of public support or engagement.
- **Rules already being ignored:** The developer began cutting down trees without securing all necessary permits - an ethically questionable move that signals a willingness to sidestep regulations. This sets a risky precedent for the rest of the development and raises red flags for the entire community.
- **Safety concerns already apparent:** Trees were cut down haphazardly with at least one crashing into a fence adjacent to a sidewalk, workers bypassed safety barriers to cut down trees on the boulevard, and the leftover mulch was left as a massive fire hazard requiring fire department intervention. It's a troubling preview of the safety & oversight standards we can expect going forward which is extra concerning given this is all taking place inside a mature and established community.
- **A project veering into absurdity:** Taken together, the illogical development plan and the developer actions witnessed to-date highlight the sheer recklessness of this development. The fact that it's still moving forward defies logic, public interest, and basic standards of responsible planning.
- **Unelected decisions overriding local democracy:** The Ontario Land Tribunal's approval of this project - despite overwhelming local opposition - undermines public trust and democratic principles. This is exactly the kind of situation where provincial leadership can and should intervene.

We're asking for fairness and a decision that reflects the clear will of the people. Please step in and do the right thing: protect Millcroft and issue an MZO.

Millcroft Resident

Sincerely,

Millcroft Resident