



MILLCROFT
GREENSPACE
ALLIANCE

Community Information Exchange

(Millcroft Greens Development Application)

September 27, 2022

Millcroft Greenspace Alliance (MGA) is dedicated to advocating to maintain all the zoned Major Parks /Open Space of the Millcroft golf course property and to preserve this greenspace for our community **before it is heard at the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).**



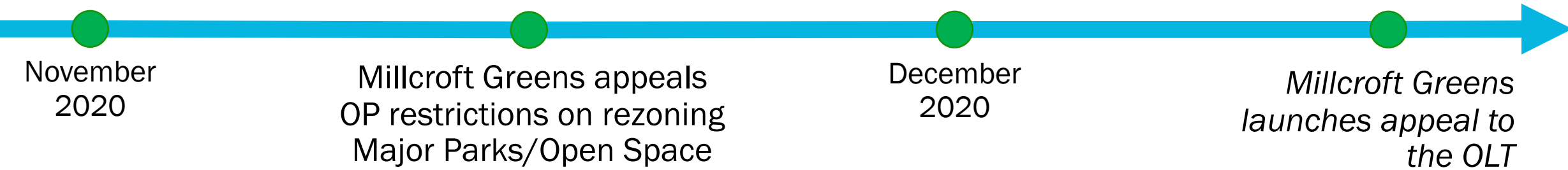
Millcroft Greenspace Alliance

- Not-for-profit incorporated August 2021
- Advocates for livable, sustainable communities and responsible development
- Protecting our Greenspace to mitigate the effects of Climate Change



Millcroft Greenspace is Under Threat

City of Burlington (COB) new Official Plan (OP) approved by Halton Region confirms zoning as Major Parks/Open space however...





The Importance of our Greenspace

- COB Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 117 approved by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (1986)
- Stated intent “..lands will remain as permanent open space, since portions of the lands contain creek features...”
- Green infrastructure for stormwater management of Millcroft community and south Burlington
- Mature parkland tree canopy important for climate adaptation - mitigates GHGs, stormwater absorption, erosion control, cooling, noise, privacy and natural wildlife habitat



Why the City should Protect our Greenspace

- Provincial Policy Statement, Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan, Regional Official Plan and COB Official Plan all have provisions to protect Greenspace
- Region of Halton approved City of Burlington Official Plan which preserves the zoning of the golf course property as Major Parks/Open Space
- City of Burlington can only grow through intensification due to fixed Urban Boundary – No new greenspace will be available for a larger population



City Policies Support Protection of Greenspace

- Climate Emergency Declaration (April 2019)
- Climate Action Plan (April 2020)
- Climate Resilient Burlington Plan (July 2022)
- Urban Forest Management Plan (2022)
- Tree Protection By-law
- Stormwater Management Plans
- Idling By-law



Loss of Greenspace - Risks to the Community

- Loss of recreational space for a growing community
- Intense heat, wind and resulting power outages due to loss of mature tree canopy – it takes decades to replace a mature tree
- Reduction of air quality through loss of carbon capture
- Flooding (insurance coverage and mortgage availability)
- Loss of mature habitat for wildlife

When it's gone – it's gone for good!



What has MGA been doing to advocate? (1/2)

- Delegations to COB Planning Committee and City Council
- Stormwater Management Report responding to the Application
- Delegations regarding the Corporate Tree Policy and By-law
- Report to Region of Halton re: Official Plan on UN Sustainability Goals and Millcroft Golf Course
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What has MGA been doing to advocate? (2/2)

- Attendance as a Party to the Official Plan Appeal at OLT
- Attendance at the Region of Halton Official Plan Public Information Centres (PIC)s
- Attendance at the Halton Conservation East Burlington Creeks PICs
- Attendance at the Urban Forest Management PIC
- Attendance at the Tansley Urban Forest Walk



MGA Consultations

- Stonebridge Community Group, Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition, Oakville Green
- Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation
- Trees for Life
- Nature Canada
- Radicle
- City Forests
- Halton Conservation
- MECP



MGA Political Engagement Summary

- Meetings with the Mayor, Angelo Bentivegna and Rory Nisan
- Meetings with Effie Triantafilopoulos MPP
- Meetings with City Planning Department
- Provincial Petitions Signed



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- Over 800 Connections for Virtual Pre-Application Meeting
- More than 500 Letters to Council and the City
- More than 60 Delegations at the Statutory Public Meeting
- More than 1700 emails of opposition to politicians



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Political Response to Date

- MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos has risen in the Legislative Assembly on numerous occasions to read the petitions in support of our cause
- The City has yet to take a position – still considering OLT argument
- Further action by the Province is dependent on the City taking the Lead
- What would it take for the City to take action to save our Greenspace after 3 years in their mandate?



Possible Outcomes

- We believe City Council could pass a resolution to protect the Millcroft Golf Course greenspace such that our MPP and MP can work with the community to protect this greenspace in advance of the OLT hearing. (Glen Abbey situation)
- City Council continues to process the developer application with a hearing at the OLT. (97% of cases favour the developer)



What Can We Do?

- Continue to send messages to the City and Provincial authorities to insist on a resolution before the OLT hearing.
- Vote for Candidates who demonstrate commitment to our cause
- Donate to MGA so that we can spread the word and continue to advocate, holding our politicians accountable. Our finances will be transparent to you!

Thank You!!

Questions and Comments?