

From: Peter Sorrento <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 21, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Clerks Public
Subject: Support for Bill 23 - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Dear Sir/Mdm.:

As a resident and taxpayer here in the City of Markham, I would like to declare my clear support for Bill 23 for More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

**Thank you,
Peter Sorrento**

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From: Michael Gannon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 21, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Councillor, Ritch Lau - Markham; Regional Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham; Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham; Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham; Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham; Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham; Councillor, Juanita Nathan - Markham; Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor, Michael Chan - Markham; Mayor Scarpitti; Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham; Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham; Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham
Cc: Clerks Public
Subject: Council November 22, 2022 Agenda Item 3 - Comments on Bill 23 and Associated Registry Postings

Dear Mayor & Council,

The Unionville Residents Association (URA) has been following the discussion on Bill 23 and associated registry postings, including greenbelt boundary adjustments, very closely. We have signed onto two letters from the [Ontario Greenbelt Alliance](#) and from the [Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods](#) opposing most of these changes. In addition, we have submitted comments directly to the Province opposing the elimination of third party appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

We support the staff recommendations in the staff report to not support the large majority of these changes, and please accept our thanks in advance for making Markham's voice heard and supporting your residents.

Michael Gannon
President, URA

Regards
Mike Gannon

From: Heather Leslie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 21, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Clerks Public
Subject: Special Council Meeting Deputation

Hello,

Here is my deputation for the special council meeting on the idea of Greenbelt amendments.

Dear Neighbours,

I would like to start by acknowledging that what we call the Greenbelt is on stolen land. May we learn our lesson that that which we cherish was deemed protected land in 2005, carefully considering the unchangeable consequences of unchecked development. The value of the land isn't measured in dollars.

When the Conservative government campaigned for leadership via Doug Ford, the party used the public interest in protecting the Greenbelt as a platform, with Ford spouting his "power to the people" rhetoric and swearing that he would listen to what people want. As he became our Premier, we saw where his interests lie very quickly, what he is set out to do. Make no mistake, this idea of development is not an idea of the people. He famously says it came to him via private business interest. Take a minute to listen carefully to his words.

Once we allow ourselves to walk to this path, we allow incompetence, voter apathetic disengagement, and business interests win over common good. When there are no more trees, only then will they see the forest. We cannot go back from this decision, and it will change us forever. Generations will forget what it looks like to see the stream running down to the marshes. Sacred spaces where the Earth is talking to us. Reminding us who we are.

Cities need density. People need community. I'm not an expert, but I know only some will benefit from this decision and it will be a Trojan Horse opening up for more and more greed. We don't need private parks, pay-for-funlands, private, gated residences. We need each other. Look no further than the 407 to see what the proposed highway 413 will quickly turn us into. Who will afford these homes? Who will afford these cars? Not everyday people. The Earth is not a playground for the rich. We cannot forget this. Not today. Not when they promised us all.

To quote Jane Jacobs, an elder who warned:

"There is no logic that can be superimposed on a city, people make it; and it is to them, not buildings, that must fit our plans".

Thank you.

From: Sebastian Salerno <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 21, 2022 3:12 PM
To: Clerks Public
Subject: Build homes faster act

Dear Sir/Madame

As a tax payer of the city of markham I would like to give my full support for Homes built faster act.

Thank you
Sebastian Salerno

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From: Aldo Cavarra <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 21, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Clerks Public
Subject: As a resident and taxpayer here in the City of Markham, I would like to show my clear support for Bill 23 for More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

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From: Lisa Kustin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 21, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham; Clerks Public; Logan.Kanapathico@pc.ola.org; paul.calandra@pc.ola.org; billy.pangco@pc.ola.org; Mayorscarpetti@markham.ca
Subject: Stop Bill 23

Good afternoon,

Further to the Markham council meeting tomorrow, I'm writing today in hopes that something can be done to prevent Greenbelt protected lands being used for development and request that:

1. the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and,
2. the City of Markham not support the proposed changes to the *Greenbelt Act* and the removal of land from the Greenbelt Plan Boundary.

I'm appalled that Doug Ford may have the power to destroy these protected lands; I don't even understand how it is possible for one person to have that kind of power in what is supposed to be a democratic environment.

I'm pleading with you that every effort is made to protect our Greenbelt.

Sincerely,
Lisa Kustin

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