

Dear Mayor and council members,

I wish to express my great disappointment that planners are once again proposing the destruction of Rolling Hills as an estate community.

I chose Guelph as my permanent residence and brought my considerable skill set here which the community has benefitted from. Not only have I worked in hospital medicine but set up two businesses and three clinics. Through the years I have employed many people in this community. I lived in "the ward" with many furry companions (mice) and then came to love the South end. In 2015 I was lucky enough to take the plunge and buy my dream home where I hoped to live peacefully for my latter working life and retirement. So it was with utter dismay that I heard the first rumblings of your proposed plans.

Now city planners, who have been proven wrong on their suggestions, for example that RH is necessary to meet planning goals, are once again putting my home on the line. I understand why some sections of RH feel the need to agree with re zoning for development. BECAUSE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ON CLAIR RD. IS ABYSMAL!!! I don't know why you are set on turning a once livable area of the city into a poor example of Mississauga. It is not the residents of RH that should shoulder the weight of this mess you have created.

You talk about supplying all kinds of housing, well estate housing is part of that mix. You seem to have forgotten that this is one of the best neighbourhoods in Guelph, it attracts professionals who bring prosperity to the area. People are looking to move here because it is a great place to live. If you insist on throwing up cheap, ugly, overpriced apartment buildings you will ruin this city. Developers are salivating at the thought of slicing up RH and many owners along Clair rd are being enticed to sell but they will lose in the long run. They are literally being given no option but to sell. You have created a deep divide with this plan. You also seem intent on putting a road from Maltby through RH to Clair creating even more mayhem, then you will get what you want. Once Carlaw is bisected, increased traffic will destroy the rest of the neighbourhood. Then guess what, those professionals will leave Guelph and take their business elsewhere.

Your planners know as well as I do that most of RH is not an easily developed area. Take into account that just the trees alone provide 10% of Guelph's canopy, you want to destroy that? It is insanity. Then add the water shed system, the utilities that would need to be put in, the grading of land and it becomes ridiculous. Do you want some wetlands in Guelph or do the drainage ditches you have created count toward that now.

I am therefore asking that council put aside the plan as it is at present and stop the destruction of this community.

Sincerely,

Sam Lamont