

Greetings Mayor and Council Members:

Slide 1 and 2 My presentation tonight is about the protection of the cultural heritage area provided by the Frank Kortright Waterfowl Park. The present Official Plan, which designates the development in the south side of Niska Rd between Ptarmigan and Pioneer Trail creates an immediate threat of loss - not only of 8 hectares of parkland but also of a valuable heritage viewshed.

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I have lived in the area of the Kortright Waterfowl Park for over 35 years and have enjoyed the sunsets over the Speed River Valleylands, wildlife, including bats, deer and many species of birds and waterfowl. Research has shown that a beautiful sunset view provides a sense of peace and calm. I know the Valleyland sunset does that for me that is why I want to protect it.

Slide 4. See slide. Fred Woods said it best

Slide 5 this area is valuable because it represents an evolved cultural heritage landscape from Puslinch pioneer times that had retained its essential rural character while Guelph urbanized around it. We owe an immense debt to Horace Mack who had a vision of a wildlife preserve and purchased this land in 1948.

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Heritage Guelph Minutes Nov. 9 2015

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Minutes of Guelph City Council Dec. 3 and 4 2015

Slide 8 and 9

In the past I have presented the heritage value of these lands to Puslinch Council, the GRCA, Heritage Guelph and Guelph City Council because I love these lands so much.

I strongly believe that the Proposed OPA 4.8 applies, it states that "cultural heritage resources are the roots of the community" - the Kortright Waterfowl Lands are rooted in 75 years of conservation history since they were purchased by Horace Mack in 1948.

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On pg. 92, Item 4.9.10.1 states that "a cultural heritage review may be undertaken to add properties to the Heritage Register"

Therefore I respectfully request that the City initiate the review and that no action be taken to damage the cultural heritage precinct identified by Heritage Guelph until all the study requirements are met to designate. Please it has been 10 years since Heritage Guelph identified the Heritage Precinct how long must we wait?

Thank you Laura Murr