

Statutory Public Meeting Report 1159 Victoria Road South Proposed Red-line Amendment to an Approved Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment File: OZS20-007 and 23T-07506 Ward 6 - 2020-123

General Correspondence – Revised Agenda

I have read the full Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) and I have some comments to make ,for the record ,regarding this application for a Red-Line Amendment to the approved Draft Plan of Subdivision.

The applicant (developer) is requesting the Zoning Bylaw Amendment to reflect and implement the proposed modifications to the draft plan. The purpose of said Zoning Bylaw Amendment application is to change the zoning from the "**CONSERVATION LAND**" (P.1) Zone to a "Specialized Residential Single Detached"(R.1C-xx) zone. This is to allow for 2 additional residential lots, and I restate ,on "**CONSERVATION LAND**"! We all know that the bottom monetary line is at play here.

The UFMP report clearly states that we are so far below our 40% tree canopy goal at 23.3%, that this would remove more of trees and greenspace that are so vital to Oxygen replacement . The UFMP also reports that the largest size classes of trees(mature trees with more than 61 cm DBH) account for only 1% right now. That is correct....1% Very poor indeed for an agricultural city. The UFMP section of "Urbanization and Development Pressure" lists solutions to the deforestation of Guelph as follows

As cities grow and populations become more urbanized, both urban forests and forests adjacent to cities will be impacted by human activity and development.

Specific effects of urbanization on forests include: deforestation, fragmentation, inappropriate forest management, habitat alteration, environmental deterioration, urban heat island effect and translocation (introduction) of alien species.

Solutions to counteract the effects of urbanization on forests include:

Stopping deforestation (through stricter laws or better enforcement, or afforestation)

Mitigating forest fragmentation by improving the quality of cooperation between forest managers and planners, among other departments

Restructuring with respect to species composition and spatial structure

Limiting habitat alteration and environmental degradation, education of society, appropriate legislation, and land-use planning

Planting trees that are more resistant to pollution

Defining and monitoring forest degradation

Undertaking measures to eradicate or limit the expansion of problematic species

Having appropriate infrastructure to direct recreational traffic

Please think extremely carefully about allowing **CONSERVATION LAND** to be deforested in this way for the sake of 2 more homes .

Thank you

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