



February 21, 2018

Via email only @ clance@georgina.ca

Ms. Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Lance:

Re: Town of Georgina Letter of February 9, 2018

In response to your letter of February 9, 2018 with regard to the Maple Lake Estates (MLE) development, previously known as Maple Leaf Estates, we understand that Town Council is seeking clarification on the email that I sent to the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) on August 25, 2017.

The purpose of said email was to solicit the help of the ECO to obtain a meeting with the province to “grow the Greenbelt” through the transfer of existing planning permissions. Unfortunately, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) has been unable to meet with the Premier and/or the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and as such it is recognized that the Province has not realized this opportunity.

Through the planning process of the day, you may be aware that the Maple Leaf Estates Development was referred to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). To be perfectly clear, LSRCA did not seek party status at the OMB hearing. In the 1980s, LSRCA did not have the statutory power to regulate wetlands. LSRCA did, however, support its member municipality, the Town of Georgina, by ensuring that relevant issues to LSRCA, such as; stormwater management, sediment and erosion control and potential impacts to Lake Simcoe, were identified and addressed. LSRCA did eventually sign off on the planning approval for the MLE lands based on conditions that subsequently became the registered plan that exists to this day. In 1987, the OMB issued its decision approving the MLE proposal with certain modifications, and this approval was reaffirmed by the Provincial Cabinet in January 1988 through an Order-in Council. As such, the MLE lands are a registered plan.

I hope this clarifies any confusion that my email may have caused and trusts that this letter helps explain LSRCA’s role in the planning process at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Walters".

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