

Rezoning Clarington  
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October 3, 2019

To Mayor Foster, Members Of Clarington Council and the Municipal Clerk,  
40 Temperance Street  
Bowmanville, Ontario  
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Re: Zone Clarington

Please note: our request that this letter to be added to the Agenda of the October 7, 2019 Council Meeting.

The Rezoning Clarington volunteer group of individual land owners appreciate the unanimous support given to the Motion made by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Trail at the September 30th Planning and Development Committee Meeting. This Motion is a major step in the Council's efforts to resolve the issues that have arisen amongst hundreds of land owners in rural Clarington regarding the Municipality's Official Plan, the mapping and the proposed by-law changes.

We believe that going back to mapping of rural Clarington that shows only those lands that must be designated Environmentally Protected by Provincial legislation and regulation is a necessary, critical step in a fair, open and transparent process, not only for Councillors but for the public.

We are also grateful that Council has recognized that property owners who live in Clarington deserve to be treated respectfully and have supported individually addressed letter be sent to each affected owner.

The Motion before Council also asks for a draft of the letter to be presented to Council before it is sent to property owners. We encourage you to ensure that it provides a full accounting of what has happened and what next steps are planned, in language that can be understood by the average citizen. The consequences and impact of having one's land designated should also be outlined so land owners understand what they can and can not do on their property.

Councillor Neal has reported on designated lands that have been mapped as EP lands in error. Continuing to provide free site visits to correct those errors over the months ahead will alleviate the confusion and anxiety many are currently feeling. However, we would like Council to ensure that site visits do not take place during the wet season or early spring before the land has dried. We suggest a pooling of water for a few short weeks does not meet the definition of a wetland.

We strongly urge every Member of Council to support this Motion and ratify it at the October 7th full Council Meeting.

Sincerely,

Gord Robinson  
On behalf of Rezoning Clarington