

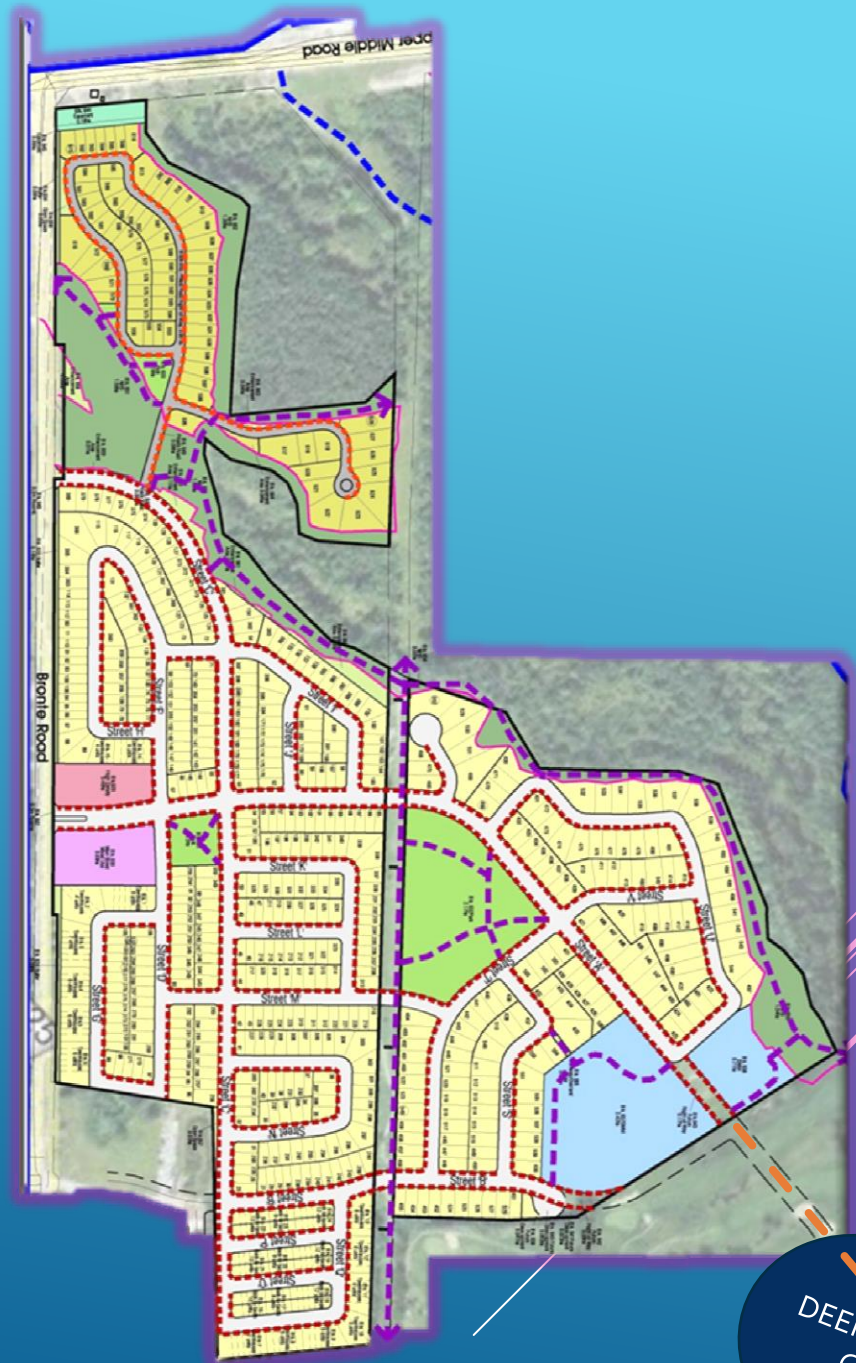
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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SAW- WHET GOLF COURSE

785 single homes
and townhouses
and 2 multi-story
buildings

Approx. 130 acres



HOW WE ENDED UP AT THE OMB



- Bronte Green Corp., a developer, filed an application to develop the Saw-whet property

- Town determined that the developer's technical studies were incomplete and more work needed to be done

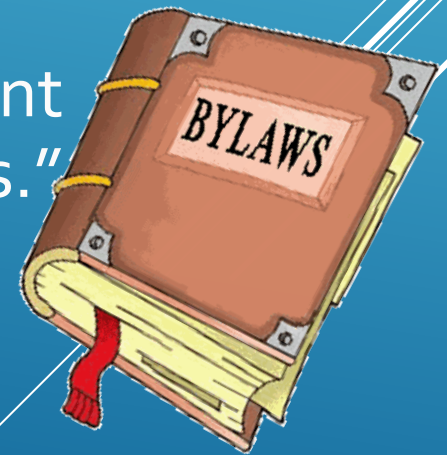
- Bronte Green side-stepped Town Council by going to the OMB before the necessary information was provided to the Town.



CURRENT ZONING ON PROPERTY



“Uses permitted within the Private Open Space designation may include: legally existing golf courses; legally existing recreational uses; trails; existing cemeteries; conservation uses including fish, wildlife and forest management; and, essential public works including transportation, utility, watershed management and flood and erosion hazard control facilities.”



Private Open Space Permitted uses 17.4.1

COUNCIL'S MOTION

APRIL 8 2015



“That counsel be instructed to attend the OMB proceedings to oppose the applications as being premature and not in the public interest using an evidentiary based approach”



WHAT IS THE OMB?

...“the OMB is part of the administrative justice sector in Ontario.

Its processes are designed to **resolve disputes** in an informal, less costly and more timely manner than in the courts.

OMB Members make independent decisions based on the applicable law and policies, and the **evidence presented at the hearing**”.

www.omb.gov.on.ca

WHAT HAPPENS AT A PRE-HEARING?

Pre-hearing: May 1, 10 am at Town Hall

- Identify issues
- Determine “parties” and “participants”
- Establish procedures for before and during the hearing
- Estimate length of hearing
- Set dates for hearing



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A “PARTY” AND A “PARTICIPANT”?

PARTY

- Parties are the main players – in this case, The Town and Bronte Green are parties



PARTICIPANT

- “A participant is a person or organization that participates at a hearing by **making a statement to the Board** on some or all of the issues on the matter being heard. .. They may be questioned by the Board and parties.”
- “A participant may submit a written statement without attending the hearing. However, the Board may not give the written statement the same weight as a statement made in person since participants cannot be questioned about their statement if not present at the hearing.”

WHY BECOME A PARTICIPANT?

- ✓ Supports Council's motion that this development plan is **"...not in the public interest"**
- ✓ You have a chance to express your thoughts and opinions in front of the Board
- ✓ Participation of members of the public helps the OMB appreciate that this matter is very important to residents.
- ✓ The Province is asking for a greater degree of public participation in the OMB process.



WHAT'S INVOLVED IN BEING A PARTICIPANT?

- ✓ Attend the Pre-hearing May 1, 10 at Town Hall and sign up to be a participant
- ✓ Send information about your presentation to the board by the prescribed dates to be determined at the pre-hearing
- ✓ Make your presentation to the board on the assigned date
- ✓ You may be asked a few questions at that time

THAT'S IT!

Note: Participants will receive mail from the OMB containing some legal language that is generally intended for the parties and their lawyers. **Focus on the portions intended for participants** keeping an eye on key dates etc.

CAN'T ATTEND PRE-HEARING BUT WANT TO BE A PARTICIPANT?

According to the caseworker at the OMB, it is permissible to send a representative with a letter authorizing him/her to sign you up.

Include signature and contact info.



The Public has stepped up to defend their community before...



OMB PRE-HEARING FOR OPA 198

Oakville residents have shown they care about their town -



Hundreds showed up to Oakvillegreen's evening with Margaret Atwood during the OPA 198 battle that resulted in the creation of our Natural Heritage System

Protecting the Trafalgar Moraine



Demanding a better plan for Glenorchy



The public worked to protect what is now Glenorchy Conservation Area



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“If you think you are too small to make a difference,
try sleeping with a mosquito in the room”

-Dalai Lama



Juvenile Saw-whet Owl

Together we can
prevent the applications
to develop Saw-whet
from being approved.

