



March 20, 2018

Lake Simcoe Region
Conservation Authority

Board of Directors:

The Trillium Party of Ontario wishes to voice our support on behalf of the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance and those environmental organizations who are opposed to the development of the Maple Lake Estates as proposed in the staff report 10-18-BOD being considered on March 23rd.

The reliance of this report on a Planning Approval dated 34 years ago, an OMB report that is 28 years old and a subdivision plan that was registered 26 years ago, is clearly lacking concern for the environmental issues that have incurred in the ensuing generations.

I note that support is placed on a letter dated October 18, 2004 from the Minister of Natural Resources to Metrus Developments Inc. and which is attached to the subject staff report. It should be further noted, and indeed emphasised, that the content of this letter was rescinded on March 11, 2015 by the MNR, clearly in consideration of the adverse environmental impact of future proposed development, specifically on these lands presently being discussed.

There can be no doubt that the environmental issues of today are far removed from those that existed in 1984 when the Planning Approval was first given. Phosphorus levels in Lake Simcoe have risen substantially over this time and in fact require substantial reduction. Forested areas and wildlife habitats have been compromised with urban development throughout the York-Simcoe region over these last 34 years.

Had Maple Lake Estates been developed within a reasonable time period then there would obviously have been no need for discussion. However, the times and situations have changed – hence the reason that legislation has been enacted to prevent further encroachment.

The Statute of Limitations has surely expired.

Thank you,

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cc: LSRCA Board Members