

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Guelph Council:

August 2018 marks 7 years since my wife and I moved to Guelph based on the city's progressive and green reputation. Therefore, I was pleased to hear staff recommend that the preferred community structure for the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan exclude the road that was originally planned to go through the Marcolongo Heritage area.¹ Still, I share the concerns outlined by members of Protect Our Moraine² as Clair-Maltby is one of Guelph's last greenfield areas with significant environmental features. Once it is developed, there is no going back so I strongly encourage you to take the following steps:

- Delay approval of Phase 2 and instead wait until ecological/hydrological studies are submitted/reviewed and reconsider population targets. Guelph is well ahead in terms of meeting our Places to Grow targets so another few years won't make a difference.
- Demand that developers allow city staff access to their lands so studies can be conducted and linked to those being done on the Marcolongo lands.
- Ensure that any proposed roads that divide wildlife corridors or impact wetlands (e.g. Hall's Pond) be eliminated from the plan in order not to contravene the City's OP. Other roads should be minimized and, if they must be built, they should be designed with the environment (e.g. swales, porous materials) and transportation trends in mind (e.g. Millennial driving habits, automated vehicles, mobility as a service).
- Council members who have not yet walked through Clair-Maltby's 1,000 acres of undisturbed pastures and wetlands must do so before voting to destroy it.³

On June 7, Guelphites elected Green Party leader Mike Schreiner to be their Ontario MPP with 29,082 votes – which is 9,410 more votes than Mayor Guthrie received in October 2014. This result leaves no doubt that the majority of citizens want to protect our water, air and last green spaces, including Clair-Maltby. Please vote on June 14⁴ to delay Phase 2 final decisions so you truly reflect the will of this city's fine people.

Sincerely,
Martin Collier, MES (Pl.)

¹ <https://www.guelphmercury.com/news-story/8649341-farm-crossing-road-rolling-hills-buildup-out-of-new-south-guelph-plan/>

² https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b1817aa9f8770a129253b89/t/5b199ba570a6addbe7ee436d/1528404901990/POM_Coalition_Statement.pdf

³ As of June 2, Mayor Guthrie, Ward 1 Councillor Gibson and Ward 4 Councillor Billings had not visited the Marcolongo property. Maybe they had visited other properties?

⁴ https://guelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/council_consolidated_agenda_061418.pdf