

Greenways Strategy OCP Amendment ByLaw N0.215, 2008

My comments to the Public Meeting of October 2008 were ignored and are repeated in the Public Hearing materials presented to this Public Hearing. I emphasize particularly that the re-read Bylaw purports to deal with land that is environmentally sensitive to development and such a Bylaw is not authorized by the Local Government Act as an OCP amendment unless there are map designations in the Bylaw for the Greenways areas. There is no map whatsoever and the Strategy assertion that the Bylaw covers the 'entire island' and the inference that the entire island is an environmentally sensitive Greenway is contrary to logic and to the requirement that the affected areas must be identified by statements and map designations.

The Bylaw as re-read is unchanged and the only changes to the Strategy are changes to the wording in 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 to remove designation by 'other means' and to add designation at the time of 'rezoning or subdivision' to the unlimited variety of administrative and regulatory methods the Municipality may choose to implement the Strategy.

There is no reason given as to the need for immediate passage of the Bylaw nor explanation for such pre-emptive removal of Greenways issues from consideration by the recently appointed OCP Steering Committee that is at work to update Bowen's OCP. There is an unflattering subliminal message to the OCP Committee that Council knows better than the Committee it appointed.

In short, Council for unstated reasons is in pursuit of an OCP amending Greenways 'our way now' Bylaw and I would state that I do not consider such action to be a responsible public policy contribution to the OCP update process.

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