

Monday May 11, 2015

TO: PUSLINCH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

RE: Site Alteration application for Mark and Andrea Reid: 7827 Wellington Rd. #36

SPECIAL MEETING..... MAY 14, 2015..... 23 BROCK Road South

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Township of Puslinch

I understand that this issue was raised (and discussed) earlier this year when I was out of the country and that the intent of this special meeting is for council to obtain public opinion prior to making their decision on the application. I realize that it is unfortunate that I "missed" the opportunity to "question" the application, and the scope of this special meeting does not include "question / answer period". With this in mind, I respectfully request that you give serious consideration to the following concerns.

- Math:**
- 1 "fill" request is for 69,500 m³..... 3,266,500 Cu Ft
 2. The property in question is approx. 7 acres..... 43,560 sq. Feet
 3. Average depth of Fill over 43,560 sq. ft. 10.7 ft. deep

Concerns:

1. Request Rational.... "Improve agriculture productivity & allow for mere efficient farming?"
How does "raising elevation" by 10.7 feet, improve agriculture productivity?
2. What is the proposed origin of this "agriculturally enhancing fill"?
3. What is the composition of existing top soil?
4. What is the current "productivity"? What type of farming is currently in use?
5. Why is "improvement" required? Is this land part of existing farming operation?
6. How does the current "elevation" compare to existing surrounding properties?
7. If allowed, where would the "run off" from fill area flow?
8. What is the "drainage or absorption value" of existing sub soil?
9. What is the proposed "truck route" for fill to proposed lot?
10. 10,000 estimated truckloads will have significant detrimental costs to existing roads, who is going to be responsible for these costs?
11. If the application is "approved by the Township," in the event of an "incident" the township could be liable. Deemed to have the "deepest pockets" the taxpayers could incur substantial tax burden.

Summary: Since the special meeting limits presentation time and indication is that there will be no response to questions proposed, it would seem that offering this documented input might have the greatest potential to be considered, rather than presenting a "vocal" presentation at the meeting. In this regard, please accept this as my formal concern input on this application and I sincerely hope that you will find the time to give due consideration to these serious concerns, before you cast your "yeh / neh" vote.

Precedent setting: Another troubling concern is the precedent that approval of this application may very well have on future similar applications..... Unless solid rational can be documented as to why every other "seemingly worthless agricultural" property should not become a haven for "instant cash for minimal investment" If granted, township could be a "flood" of similar applications and become a "regional dump site for fill"

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Resident, property owner & taxpayer