

This is not a Single-Issue Election!

This is about a failure of good governance. The Midhurst Secondary Plan is just the most blatant example of how government in Springwater has gone off the rails.

Advertising

Springwater Township has spent your tax dollar on expensive political advertising with a headline that misquotes the Premier. She said: We do not PLAN to review the MSP. The Township said she WILL NOT review. That's misleading. Plans are not final. Governments change them all the time.

150 conditions

The township boasts that there are 150 conditions that must be met before the MSP can proceed. Conditions can be changed. Compliance must be monitored. Do we trust people with a proven track record of caving in to developers to enforce these conditions?

We've learned this before – *There's no such thing as a done deal!*



People said NO, and saved this from becoming...

THIS (Dump Site 41)

and THIS (Mega-Quarry)

Transparency

The MSP was approved in 2008 after a public consultation process that was poorly timed and poorly advertised. After being turned down by the province and the county, it was suddenly re-introduced at county council in 2011 by Linda Collins with no public consultation, approved with no debate. Then Springwater Council called a public meeting for Midhurst residents AFTER the deadline for appeal had expired.

Environment

Springwater is fortunate to have the Minesing Wetlands, an internationally UNESCO listed environmental jewel. The MSP will be pumping 10.6 Million litres of effluent into Willow Creek and the MW every day! That will be a major threat for the Notty and Wasaga Beach. The treated wastewater, which will not remove harmful pharmaceuticals, will also raise the temperature of the water in the spring-fed wetlands and destroy the spawning grounds for numerous fish species. And transgendered fish - feminized males, with eggs - have been recorded in the Grand River downstream of the Kitchener wastewater treatment plant. (For more information, go to www.nottawasaga.org)

Lawyers

Tomorrow, on Friday October 24, Simcoe County is to introduce a motion before the ongoing Ontario Municipal Board hearing into its Official Plan that will remove a requirement in S. 3.5.30 that "Development within settlement areas should be compatible with the character and features of the existing community." Making the MSP conform to this section will be a major headache for the developers – how convenient that the OMB is being asked to remove it!
Even as we go to the polls, lawyers are being paid to subvert the public will!

Taxes

If growth paid for itself, cities would have the lowest taxes. At meeting after meeting across the township in the past two years, Springwater residents have clearly stated that they do not want the MSP, because they believe the city-style amenities that are promised come with city-style taxes. Don't be intimidated by misleading advertising.

Make your vote count! Vote Bill French for Mayor!

