

To: City Of London Planning and Environmental Committee.

August 27, 2018

We, residents of Byron, wish to obtain delegation status so that, as community representatives, we can address the Planning and Environmental Committee to request that they recommend the deletion of the clause of the Byron Valley Conceptual Nature Trail Plan on city lands North of Commissioners Road West, south of the Thames River and west of Halls Mill Road and Old Bridge Road. This Nature Trail Plan is associated with the development at 1355 Commissioners Road West.

At the initial Public Meeting held on November 22, 2016 it was resolved that, due to the large number of Byron Residents in attendance who were opposed to the Nature Trail, the "Civic Administration be directed to provide the plan for the trail at a community meeting held in Byron".

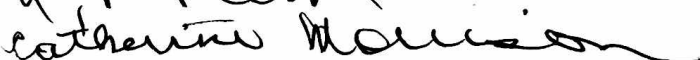
A Community Information Meeting and Open House for the Byron Valley -Draft Conceptual Nature Trail was held March 8, 2018. At that meeting there were approximately 85 Byron residents in attendance who were opposed to the Nature Trail Plan. This was apparent when it was decided to take an informal vote to see who was opposed to the Nature Trail and when, due to the opposition to the plan, Mr Andrew Macpherson threw up his hands and, to paraphrase, said that there was no point in wasting any more of the city staff's time if nobody wanted it and perhaps the whole project should be scrubbed and the money used somewhere else.

Much to the surprise of many Byron residents who assumed this project would go no further, the city staff have now confirmed this project is indeed going forward. We have been told by city staff that this pathway is for local residents only, despite the overwhelming opposition from the local residents to this Nature Trail because of a multitude of Environmental and safety concerns this trail would create.

The following Byron residents are representing the concerned local Byronites.

Leah Usaty Black - Stephen Street 

Debbie Park - Halls Mill Place 

Catherine Morrison - Stonegate Condominiums 

Etta Washburn - River Ridge Condominiums 

Jeff Santin - Halls Mill Road 

Mike Laliberte - Old Bridge Road. 