

April 2, 2012

To the Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee:

Councillor Polhill (Chair)  
Mayor Fontana  
Councillor Branscombe  
Councillor Henderson  
Councillor Hubert  
Councillor White

North Medway Valley Trail ESA - Planning and Environment Committee Meeting and Public Participation Meeting – April 9th

As you may be aware, we have been actively building homes within the Sunningdale area for the past 12 years. Existing and future homeowners are all attracted to this master planned community for a number of different reasons, including the Medway Valley recreational trail network.

The opportunity to provide for a recreational trail system in the Medway Valley was first contemplated in the 1996 Sunningdale Community Plan and further supported through the 1999 Medway Trunk Sanitary Sewer Class Environmental Assessment (EA). The 2004 EA Addendum recommended that...

“...access to and along the sewer alignment should be provided to allow City operations staff ready access for maintenance purposes with such access route to be developed in conjunction with the master multi-use path system proposed for the Medway Valley north of Fanshawe Park Road.”

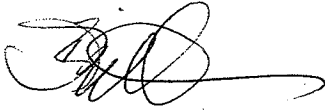
The first phase of the sewer extension was completed in 2007 with the placement of a permanent asphalt maintenance / multi-use pathway and two bridges across the Medway Creek for sewer maintenance and pedestrian access.

With the approval of all the above, including the Bicycle Master Plan by Municipal Council, it is easy to understand how the homeowners of the Sunningdale area have anticipated the completion of these neighbourhood connections and multi-use trail system within the Medway Valley. Unfortunately, the second phase of the sewer extension was completed and “...even though the EA required the pathway and bridges to be built, there was to be no provision in this phase for constructing this recreational pathway”<sup>1</sup>.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the Medway Valley Trail discussion and would strongly encourage you to consider recommending Option 4A for approval to Municipal Council. This option provides for a continuous multi-use (asphalt) trail, which is what was recommended and approved within the EA Addendum and is what the residents of the Sunningdale Area have expected.

Please include this letter within the Planning and Environment Meeting Agenda Package.

Sincerely,



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<sup>i</sup> December 13, 2010 - "Trails and Environmentally Significant Areas" (staff report), Built and Natural Environment Committee (BNEC), Appendix 'A' - "Trails in Natural Areas" (B. Bergsma, Oct. 2010