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Dear Mr. Karaistikis,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft O-M Official Plan. Our comments pertain to an item that will come up later in the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) with Simcoe County but we want to flag it here.

The Simcoe County (SC) MCR implementation of the province's NHS layer is where this all began for us. This letter is about one property that O-M staff have clearly supported for inclusion in the provincial NHS. This change has not been reflected in the SC NHS GIS map to date, and we are seeking your help in making this change happen.

By this letter, we are formally requesting confirmation from O-M that in upcoming conversations with the County about the NHS your staff will properly request that lands described below get added to the provincial NHS layer by providing the justification needed to Simcoe County.

This appears not to have been done for any (or many at least) of O-M requests for addition or removal from the province's NHS map. We had to wait for months to see the O-M staff report on this matter sent to Simcoe County on December 8, 2021. We finally obtained the report by freedom of information request; this is how we came to the conclusion that this parcel was not added to the NHS because no rationale was provided to the County. \

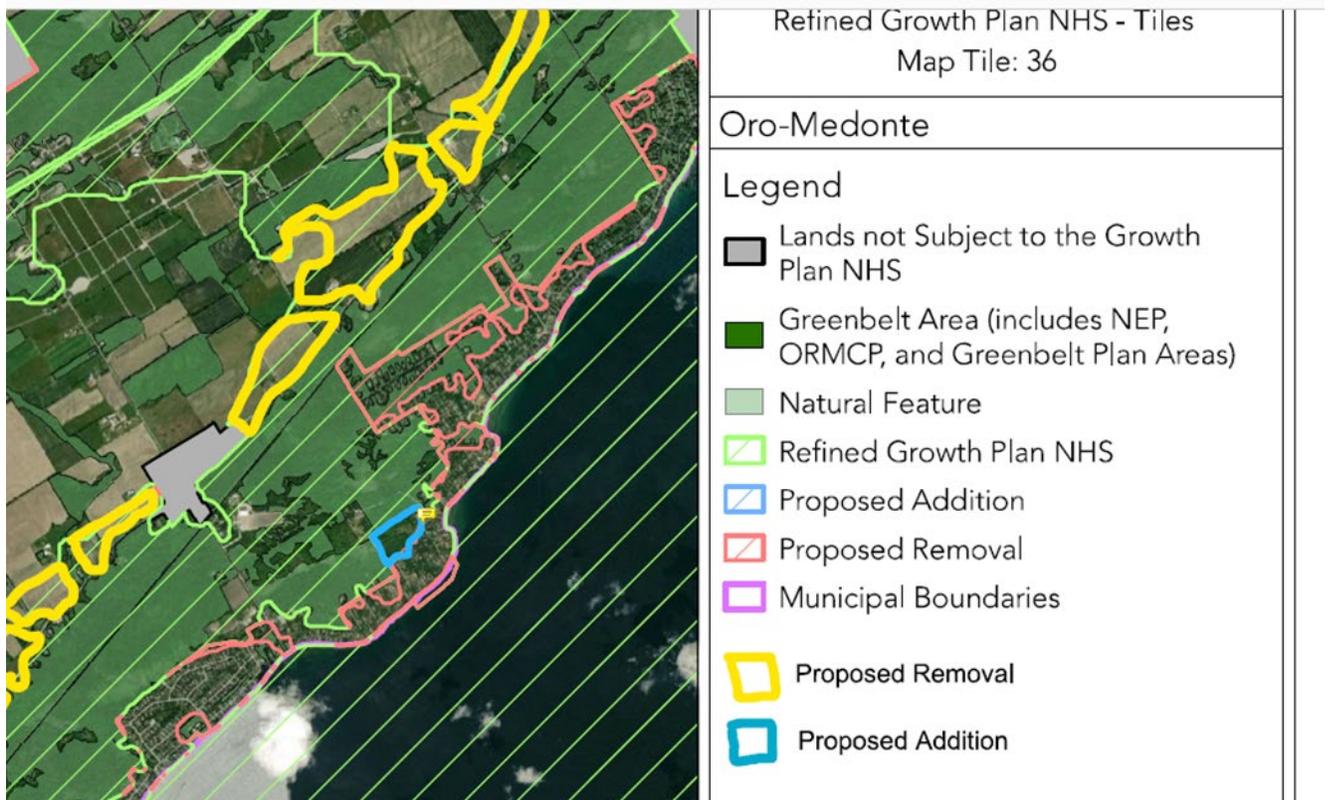
We note as well that planning staff at the Town of Innisfil did provide rationale that supported and included ours, in their comments to SC. Many of them were accepted by SC, and now appear as included in the SC GIS map of the NHS in Innisfil. We are just asking for the same follow up here.

The Property: Near Lakeshore E and Orillia St, West of Line 7, just west of where line 8 would be, this is known as Plan 589 (Barrillia Park) which was designated not to be a registered plan by By-Law 88-102 (included in this submission) of the former Township of Oro. Not only is this land adjacent to a conservation easement and a sublime 150 acre (approx.) privately owned parcel of mixed bush – it contains streams and ponds and is full of wildlife and biodiversity.

It is contiguous with the NHS. It is larger than 1 ha. There is no active plan of subdivision on it. It is not shoreline. There should therefore be no reason to exclude it from the NHS.

We are happy to see this property in the Greenlands designation in the OM Draft 2022 Official Plan's land use schedule.

The property appears with a blue line around it on the maps sent to Simcoe County by Andy Karaistikis on December 8, 2022, directly below.



It appears that Simcoe County denied this request, made by O-M and by the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, Linda Wells and was in many submissions sent to SC. This is what we are seeking to remedy, with your help.

We learned that we had missed the chance to speak to O-M Council about the NHS until after the County's NHS addition / removal deadline. But we did provide detailed comments to O-M on December 20, 2021, and those included these lands. We learned at the O-M Council meeting we delegated at, in January 2022, that O-M had already submitted comments to the County. They were not shared despite there being multiple requests from the public and Councillors to see this document.

Did Simcoe County provide specific responses as to why this was not accommodated? The Public Review Comments table in *Simcoe County MCR – Growth Plan NHS Refinements Technical Report, March 7, 2022*, says “no changes required.” A further explanation would be appreciated.

We are attaching to this correspondence all the information submitted and pertinent to resolving this, including By-Law 88-102 through which Plan 589 was designated not to be a registered plan of subdivision, our interpretation and advice letter of December 20, 2021; and the O-M staff report / submission to SC Dec 8, 2022.

We want to thank you for your help, and please ask should anything be unclear!

Sincerely,



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And Linda R. Wells, RLSC Board member, Barilla Park Board member, and O-M resident

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The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition is a lake-wide member-based organization, representing 29 groups in the Lake Simcoe watershed, that provides leadership and inspires people to take action to protect Lake Simcoe. www.rescuelakesimcoe.org