

Zoning for Natural Protected Zones

St Marys Natural Protected Zones, Recreational Zones , Historic Zones, development Zones.

St. Marys needs more than just a Development Zone. Responsible communities review their structures to ensure a solid plan for land usage that includes not only development zones but solid recreational zones, historical zones and protection of natural zones.

To my understanding St. Marys has no Natural Protected Zones. We need to develop and mandate such to protect the natural zones within our town.

The objective here is for the town to commit to maintaining natural zones which provides a natural ecosystem within our town to enjoy quiet natural recreational activities such as a quiet walk, bird watching, jogging, bicycling; a place to get away from things to revitalize. A large majority of townspeople enjoy this type of recreation. To cut a highly busy thoroughway will destroy this recreation.

To my understanding this town has only two such areas that are easily accessible to the elderly and handicapped. One being the river walk which is in itself built alongside the river yet highly flanked with traffic noise and development. Note, Sparling Bush does not offer the same access to seniors and the handclapped that require mobility devices and is a non issue.

The Grand Trunk Trail is the only natural zone that is not flanked by development; an area of quiet without the buzz of traffic. This walkway is highly used by senior citizens that can access the walk comfortably from their retirement homes along the trail and at peaceful dead end road entrances which includes currently the Wellington Street North dead end. This non-busy traffic area allows both the St. Marys Day Care and students of Holy Name to access the area with extremely low risk/potential harm to the students. This will not be the case with a busy road in this space. The town needs to set aside and protect these natural zones! The town just can't cut into the Grand Trunk Trail and link a busy thoroughway as a way out of poor development planning.

Note: A stop light is not an acceptable stop measure to the problem.

To make it clear, a majority of citizens including myself do not want the town cutting into our "Bruce Trail".

As for a need to know...Why was the notice of development for the extension of Wellington Street not posted at the current end to Wellington Street as it customary (ie. Public Notices)? The town's only effort was to remove a public communication which alerted this taxpayer to the proposal. Do the citizens of this town not have a right to know?

With respect to the Emily Street development: With careful planning, the developer could have isolated and removed only the trees needed for the sewer if required. But, all the mature trees parallel to the Grand Trunk Trail right beside the edge of the trail need not have been cut down as there was no sewer line installed there; having watched the development of that parcel of the land, I do not see how they were in the way.

Sincerely,

Frank Krausz