

“Quash the Caledon Bylaws” Campaign Launch! A Resident Responds | 21 Dec 2024

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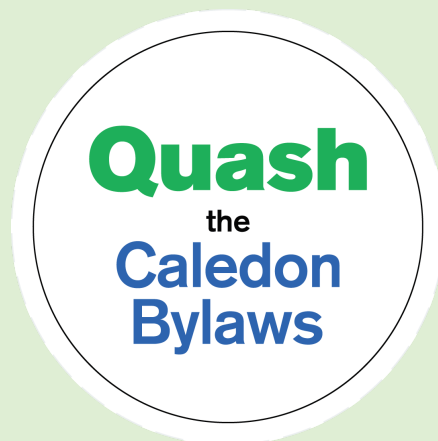
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Round One of “Quash the Caledon Bylaws” Campaign Launched!

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~ Resident Gail Grant



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Round One! The Quash Campaign is launched!

Round One of Democracy Caledon's campaign to legally quash the 12 rezoning bylaws was launched with our Meeting on Dec 11th.

We intended to update you with a summary of the meeting, then we received this glowing letter from attendee Gail Grant.

So instead we'll share with you what she wrote about the meeting!

"The Democracy Caledon meeting last evening was an eye-opener. We are indebted to those dedicated people who have persevered in their efforts to right a blatant wrong perpetrated by Caledon Council in the rezoning of 5000 acres of prime land and granting 12 rezoning applications, paving the way to build 35,000 new homes in Caledon, taking unprecedented shortcuts and without following tried and true protocols.

I'm sure nobody was particularly happy about going to a meeting in Caledon East on a dark December night, with snowy roads. But 100+ people showed up, and I think if they had been asked at the end of the two-hour meeting whether they were glad they did, most would have said a resounding yes.

And in that vein, nobody really wants to litigate their own Town; but we have been left with no other option. The risks Caledon residents are facing as a result of this Council's actions over the past ten months are scary: loss of greenspace, reduced water security, reduced community services, decrease in traffic safety; rising municipal debt, massive property tax increases; more traffic congestion ... and the list goes on.

Council has been given every opportunity to right their wrongs, but under the guidance of Annette Groves, our Mayor, it has chosen to ignore those citizens who suggest things are not as they should be (in

all fairness, Councillors Sheen, Kiernan and Early voted against the rezonings, and Councillor DeBoer abstained from voting).

At the moment, it looks as if the Mayor and most of her Council is accountable to developers, and not to its citizens. And in all good conscience, we must challenge this.

Lawyer David Donnelly summarized where we have come from, through to where we are now. He concluded that with the blatant disrespect to the Official Plan this Council has shown, it has acted illegally. Hence the suit was filed.

Personally, I left the meeting feeling that filing the legal challenge against the Town was the right course of action, and the only way we can protect the Caledon we love.

But it will be costly, of course. The number talked about at the meeting to carry this case forward was \$125,000. The time frame was at least a year to bring it before the courts. A good deal could happen during that time.”

~ Gail Grant, Palgrave

Thank you, Gail, for that fabulous endorsement and thank you to everyone who came out in the blustery winter weather on Dec 11th!

If you were unable to attend on December 11th, we will meet again early in the new year to provide updates.

A video of the entire meeting as well as the presentation slides are available on our website (see the links below). There is also a shorter highlight video on our home page.

VIDEO

SLIDES

Here's Round Two! **JOIN THE LETTER CAMPAIGN!**



We have set up a super-easy way for you to let Mayor Groves and all members of Council know that you want them to quash the zoning bylaws.

Just head over to our website and all you need to do is add your name, address and email to a 'standard' letter, but you can change it however you wish before clicking to send the letter to all of Caledon Council.

**Send Mayor and Council a
Letter**

You'll receive a thank you email with links to share your letter on Facebook or your preferred social media.



Attendees arriving on December 11th. Photo Credit: Dan O'Reilly, Just Sayin' Caledon

SUPPORT THE LEGAL CHALLENGE

Amazingly, people who attended our kick-off community meeting pledged \$16,000 THAT NIGHT to support our campaign to quash the bylaws!

We had already received \$15,000 leading up to the meeting, so we now have \$31,000 and counting in our campaign chest.

A wonderful start!

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS! ❤️

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A view of the Peel Plain, valuable farmland. Photo Credit: Pete Paterson Photography

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