

To the Honourable Mayoress Andrea Matrosovs,

Deputy Mayor; Peter Bordignon

CEO Shawn Everett, Corrina Giles Town Clerk, and Respected Town Councilors:

Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, June Porter, Shawn McKinlay, Alex Maxwell

RE: Councilor Alex Maxwell Notice of Motion G.2.1 RE: Protection of Green Space

As a concerned citizen and permanent resident of Clarksburg I support Councilor

Alex Maxwell's Motion to create a Potential Park from Devils Glen Provincial Park to Cuckoo Valley Provincial Park,

in light of the threats posed to our natural ecosystem corridors by ongoing and increasing pressures of greenspace fragmentation from urban development and sprawl in Settlement areas.

Although, we are privileged at this time to live in an area of what appears to have an abundance of beautiful **unfragmented natural areas**, this could be a false sense of delusion unless we prioritize its importance to: maintaining a thriving intact ecosystem, our own health and ecotourism benefits to our local economy.

In order to do so the concept of this motion, recognizes the need to create a **protected connective** green space corridor between these provincial Parks such as the Queen Elizabeth park model.

It would essentially address this need by: maintaining an intact healthy wildlife ecosystem corridors, increase biodiversity, respectfully continuing the shared responsibility of stewardship with the original **First Nations Stewards, giving nature a voice** and to offset the effects of climate change.

We have reached a pivotal moment to **safeguard** and **DECIDE** their future – “we may never be here again”.

To put it simply this moment can best be described in terms of how we define our: **wanting, needing, and having:** a beautiful, resilient, continuous connected Park corridor in perpetuity.

In my opinion we can all agree that **we love this beautiful place we are privileged to enjoy.**

Therefore, the creation of such a Park Corridor can be achieved.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that this motion be given the consideration it deserves and that you direct staff to investigate opportunities to initiate the process of collaboration with potential partners, and bring forwards a report to Council this year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stella Juhasz, concerned citizen

