



April 24, 2024

To: Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordinon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, Councillor June Porter, Councillor Alex Maxwell, Councillor Shawn McKinlay,

Copy to: Adam Smith, Director of Planning and Development Services, Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer,

Copy to: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

From: Betty Muise, Tree Trust TBM

Re: Lora Greens Development

I am writing on behalf of Tree Trust TBM regarding the proposed Lora Greens development and the request for rezoning and adoption of a draft plan of subdivision.

The Georgian Trail is one of our most important recreational assets and one of our most vital natural assets, serving as a unique vegetative corridor extending through our urban settlement areas. Maintaining the integrity of the Georgian Trail is of paramount importance. This includes, most importantly, protecting the tree canopy along this corridor.

The current plan of subdivision shows residential lots backing onto the Georgian Trail and as such, represents a potential threat to the trees and vegetative corridor along the Trail. The proposed plan should include explicit requirements to preserve the tree cover along the Trail (e.g., a minimum vegetative buffer/setback) and requirements concerning protection of trees and root zones during excavation and grading.

My hope is that Council and Staff take action to protect the vegetative corridor along the Georgian Trail through clear and enforceable design standards and construction practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Betty Muise  
Manager, Tree Trust TBM