

Penryn Mason Homes - Phase 5

Name:

Denzil Wadds

Address:

Phone Number:

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Email:

Comments:

Allowing a developer who's own study says the forest houses species at risk would be ridiculous. Not to mention the loss of a lovely forest protecting existing tax paying residences privacy, property values and enjoyment of nature is irresponsible. I certainly hope council stands up to this developer and rejects their proposed destruction of our forest. Sincerely, Denzil Wadds

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Name:

Richard & Susan Bott

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Comments:

We strongly object to the removal of the Penryn Woodland trees on south Victoria street. We need to preserve as much natural land cover as we can to limit outflows into Lake Ontario.

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Name: Katherine Kobelski

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Comments:

I moved to Port Hope 8 years ago from Uxbridge, Ontario. As someone who grew up in a small community, attended a small-town high school yet attended 3 different universities in large urban cities, my preference for my lifestyle, is a small town and what it has to offer. I fell in love with a century home here, but also loved the proximity to the lake, the rolling terrain and of course the TREES-large, leafy, stately, old TREES. As a member of the Ladies League at the Port Hope Golf and Country Club and a frequent walker in King's Field, I was shocked by the loss of holes 2 & 3 and the cutting of the large trees along those links and the park. A year later, as I drove to the course in early April, a clear cutting of another series of trees had been done---shocking! I wrote our league director and asked her to forewarn our league members that the course would not look as it had-in my opinion, it looked like the apocalypse had taken place. I know that many club and league members (men & women) chose not to golf due to the changes that took place. And now, the developer wants to clear cut that forest? How much greed and lack of respect for the environment can someone have? It is incomprehensible! A few years ago, I had a huge old maple on my property between the sidewalk and the road. It was dropping large branches across the sidewalk and could have hurt someone who was walking by and my street is one that is popular for walkers-parents with children in strollers, people with their dogs and those simply wanting exercise and fresh air. I reported my concerns to the town, a process any responsible citizen would do. Someone came out to assess the tree and a follow up by an independent consulting firm took place. The consultant/arborist came to assess the tree on 3 occasions. Although, I thought that perhaps pruning was the route that would be followed, it was determined that the tree was diseased, had fungus and was full of carpenter ants. The final decision was that it had to be cut down for safety reasons. Sadly, I watched the tree with its graceful branches come down---a 3-day process! So why is it that Mason homes can simply clear cut a healthy forest of trees? Why is there one practice for a resident and another for a developer? This is inconsistent practice and I would like to know the rationale for the it! I object to the downing of the forest on the Penryn property adjacent to Victoria Street. I plan on attending the meeting to hear how this atrocity to a living forest can be stopped!

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Name:

Ed Symons

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Comments:

I'm all for the development. The trees of concern are not in good shape. I think the negative comments are being driven by an anti-development sentiment more than real concern for the trees.

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Name:

Nicki Winters

Address:

Phone Number:

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Email:

Comments:

Please don't cut down the trees they give us life.

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Name:

Sara Deacon

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Comments:

I'm opposed to the destruction of the Penryn woodlands.

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Name:

Trish Doney

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Comments:

To destroy the wood lot at the south end of Victoria St. and the landscape of the Penryn Estate would be a travesty both environmentally and to the heritage of Port Hope. Port Hope needs to develop but not at the expense of such a beautiful and historic asset. Heritage Impact Assessments of the effect of this development on Penryn Park and the Penryn Homestead are essential. Please save our trees.

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Name:

Kelly Calbery

Address:

Phone Number:


Email:

Comments:

I am writing my disapproval of the destruction of the Penryn Woodland as it is a vital part of our environment and a rare ecosystem that is irreplaceable. People move here because of our heritage and beauty and once that is gone, Port Hope will have lost that along with so much more. We cannot keep destroying these ecosystems, they are vital to all that live around these woodlands and also we are beginning to understand so much more as to what these ecosystems provide to all living creatures. This woodland needs to remain so that the next generations may enjoy. I thank you for your time.

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From: Tamara Minix
Sent: March-09-20 2:53 PM
To: Bob Sanderson; Les Andrews; John Bickle; Laurie Carr; Jeff Lees; Wendy Meadows; Vicki Mink; Theodhora Merepeza
Subject: Tuesday's Penryn Wood Meeting: Citizen Comments

March 8, 2020

To Mayor Sanderson, Theodhora Merepeza, Planning Manager, and Port Hope Council Members:

I regret that I cannot attend tomorrow's planning meeting on Penryn-Mason's Phase Five Development Application. I'm on a long-planned trip to California.

I am deeply concerned about and very much against Penryn-Mason's plan to destroy the Penryn Woodland. Mayor Sanderson's reassuring tone worries me; Mason Homes are developers and will push Council as far as they can in order to maximize their profit. They'll cut down any tree that inconveniences them if allowed to do so. That's what developers do. They don't have to live with the long-term consequences. We do. Please do not accommodate them!

I am attaching H. Stooch's Letter of Objection as it covers the value and significance of this woodlot, enumerating the many reasons it should be preserved. I beg you to review it. Now, more than ever, we need to think about the long-term future of our natural environment.

As well, I want to point out that we see numerous woodpeckers in our back yard, which is about one block from the wood. About a year-and-a-half ago, I saw, from a distance, a large woodpecker that I believe was either a pileated or a red-headed woodpecker. I believe both of these are considered at risk. They depend on environments like Penryn Wood for habitat.

Lastly, think of the age of some of the trees in Penryn Wood. They've been alive longer than any of us and deserve respect, if not reverence. (see Peter Wohlleben's *The Hidden Life of Trees*.) Numerous old Port Hope area trees have already been destroyed by Mason Homes projects. Must they be allowed to take them all? Can Council not draw the line here? Can we not save this one beautiful woodlot?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tamara

From: Cinnamon Bolton
Sent: March-09-20 1:15 PM
To: Bob Sanderson; Les Andrews; John Bickle; Laurie Carr; Jeff Lees; Wendy Meadows; Vicki Mink
Cc: Theodhora Merepeza;
Subject: Penryn Woodland - Save Our Trees

All -

We are writing today to express our concerns with the plan to clear the Penryn Woodland as part of the Mason Homes development project.

The following text comes from the Town of Port Hope Website (<https://www.porthope.ca/trees>):

Trees are important to the beautification of our community and to the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Trees are a huge asset to our community. They help to define the spaces in which we live and their protective canopy provides many environmental, aesthetic, cultural and economic benefits. Trees provide welcome contrast to our buildings and streets, helping to soften traffic noise, screen unwanted views, reduce glare and shade us during warmer weather.

Air quality is improved through photosynthesis where trees absorb carbon dioxide, store it and then return oxygen to the atmosphere. Trees reduce air pollution trapping airborne particles, dust and the toxins that mostly come from diesel exhausts. Trees also help to improve our water quality by filtering toxins from the first flush of stormwater run-off after rainfall, while their roots keep the soil porous to facilitate stormwater absorption.

Shade from trees reduces the need for air-conditioning in summer and reduces what is known as the urban heat island effect, where temperatures stay warmer longer due to the many heat absorbent surfaces such as roads, footpaths and buildings. Trees help to minimize our carbon footprint, and provide an essential habitat for wildlife put simply...

TREES ARE AWESOME!

If this is the viewpoint of the Town, why is a community campaign needed in order to try to persuade this Council to act to save the Penryn Woodland from clear-cutting and development? The Penryn Woodland is a 3.15-hectare site which has an estimated 700 trees. It is the only remaining woodland in the far western end of Port Hope. It is an old lot, containing 30 species of trees, some up to 200 years of age. There are over 50 different species of groundcover plants. It is home to various types of wildlife. The Penryn Woodland is a designated 'significant' woodland that supports several species at risk. Woodland habitat loss is one of the most serious threats to biological diversity. The Penryn Woodland is identified as significant under Port Hope's Official Plan, and is a protected natural heritage feature. It's also considered regionally important by Northumberland County's natural heritage system plan. If the Woodland is designated as "significant" and "important" both by the Town and the County, why is preserving it under debate?

As a community, we should all be thinking about the intrinsic value that trees and woodlands bring. We should be encouraging the planting of trees, and we should be stopping developers who want to do what Mason Homes is asking to do to the significant and important Penryn Woodland. The Mason Homes development plan was approved more than 15 years ago. It is backward in this time of climate change and increased environmental awareness that you would not move to stop Mason Homes from destroying the Penryn Woodland. In fact, in addition to stopping this action, we should have a tree planning committee that assesses the value of any tree(s) that a developer or individual wants to remove, and an application/approval process in place to support that. This is already in place in other places, we should look to follow suit. For all the reasons that are posted on the Town website, trees matter.

We would ask that you please reconsider allowing the Mason development plans to proceed. Work with them to find an alternative if those homes need to be built. As long-term residents of Port Hope, it has been very difficult to see the trees that have already been removed all over the golf course area to allow for continued residential development. King's Field will never be the same, the drive into Penryn will never be the same. Why would you allow for more clearing? Live up to the posted statement that "Trees are Awesome!" Be forward-thinking and show leadership in the community - turn down the plan amendment and save the Woodland.

Thank you.

Cinnamon Bolton & Gary Cox