



*“Supporting and Preserving Our Rural Community”*

December 21, 2018

Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister for the Environment, Conservation and Parks

**Re: Addendum to Part II Order request concerning the EA for  
Midhurst Secondary Plan - Springwater Township, Simcoe County**

Dear Minister Phillips,

Following advice from your Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, we have now reviewed the Proponent's comments regarding MRA's Part II Order request, which are available in the public domain at MECP's Barrie office.

MRA's response is attached herein, together with relevant supplementary information and further details needed for a full assessment of the Midhurst Secondary Plan.

It is unbelievable how many compelling studies were ignored by the previous Provincial government in granting exceptions to provincial regulations, first initiated by the PC government in 1996 with the introduction of the *Provincial Policy Statement*.

We trust that we now have a government with the integrity and fortitude to value public interests, the environment and agricultural businesses above the the aspirations of developers, who continue to make false claims regarding a shortage of land for new housing. The Ontario Professional Planning Institute and others, have plenty of evidence to show that there is an abundance of land, already approved for development, to support Ontario's needs for housing through 2041.

We appreciate your diligent assessment of our appeal and look forward to answering any question you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Buxton, MRA President  
David Strachan, MRA Treasurer and Past-President