



*“Supporting and Preserving Our Rural Community”*

September 17, 2018

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

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

Dear Minister Phillips,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our Part II Order request, which outlines what we consider to be the most serious issues.

The attached documentation represents only a fraction of the evidence we have collected. It shows that the Midhurst Secondary Plan (MSP) is unnecessary, illegal and environmentally damaging.

It also provides a glimpse of the political manoeuvring that went on during the previous government's tenure, which resulted in the infamous "*Special Rule*" just to favour a particular group of developers. This ministerial order turned a blind eye to the egregious development of a new city, the size of Orillia, in one of rural Ontario's most environmentally sensitive areas.

We are hopeful that our new government will bring the strong leadership needed to ensure all development proposals, including this one, comply with the *Provincial Policy Statement*, which was introduced in 1996 by a previous PC government.

We will be unavailable until October 9, at which time we will be happy to answer questions and/or provide any additional information in person or by email.

We appreciate your consideration of our appeal.

Yours sincerely,

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

P.S. For comments regarding the existing *Environmental Assessment*, we refer to the ministry by its previous name, MOECC.