

Statement by Midhurst Landowners' Group

July 4, 2014 – The Midhurst Landowners' Group (MLG) welcomes the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board which on July 3rd granted approval for the plans of subdivision and zoning for 6 subdivisions within the Midhurst Secondary Plan.

The approval means that growth and development of the MLG lands in Midhurst over the next 15 to 20 years will be gradual and well-planned and will bring with it significant economic benefits including new employment opportunities closer to where people live, and a broader tax base for the Township of Springwater.

MLG spokesperson Cheryl Shindruk noted that although the public hearings and approvals process has been a long one, dating back decades, the time frame for build-out of the Midhurst project is also lengthy and MLG is committed to working closely with existing residents to address their questions.

The oral decision of the OMB on July 3rd was based on a settlement reached between the MLG and several other parties including the Township of Springwater, the County of Simcoe, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the Simcoe County District School Board, and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board.

The oral decision will be followed by a written decision and the final written order likely before the end of summer.

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