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Brampton plans could annex Norval

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Brampton: Yesterday, the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) wrapped up three day's of hearing's at Brampton's Municipal Court House. The event was attended by, among others, including former Halton Hills Councillor Robert Heaton, a CSA (Community Shared Agriculture) member who wished to share with our community of Halton Hills, some of her concerns in how Peel Region's proposal to expand its urban sprawl into North West Brampton, which will significantly impact, not just the community of Halton Hills, but more specifically Norval and our community's food security and access to local agricultural products.

Susanne Cook writes;

"Today (Nov. 16, 2006), I attended an Ontario Municipal Board hearing ([OMB case file PL050743](#)) concerning the proposal by the Region of Peel and City of Brampton to change the designation on 6000 acres of prime agricultural land in North West Brampton from agriculture land to urban expansion designation. I was surprised by the extent of farmland this entails. The boundaries run from Mayfield in the north, Winston Churchill in the west, McLaughlin, Creditview Road and Mississauga Road in the west (in a stairs/step pattern) and the Credit River in the south.

There were a few other members of the public speaking out against this change, who were in support of the appeal brought forward by a Peel resident. However, I was surprised that residents of Georgetown and Norval were not there in protest, because this will annex Norval as Brampton develops right up to the Winston Churchill boundary.

Unfortunately, I do not know many residents in Georgetown, particularly those who are concerned about local food issues, supporting local agriculture, the environment and against urban sprawl. But as I was reflecting on this, I'm sure the membership of the CSA has many such individuals. Hence I'm emailing you and sending this link to the [Brampton Guardian's coverage of the story](#).

One resident of Glen Williams was present and he said that residents in Halton have not been informed and are not aware of opportunities for public input from Tuesday to Thursday this week at the Brampton Court House, 5 Ray Lawson Blvd. Brampton, second floor in room B6.

My concern is that if this land is developed into housing, retail and/or industry, there will be a snowball affecting and it will impact the remaining producers who have farmers markets in the area just to the north.

Also, it seems ironic as the Region of Peel just produced a Buy Local guide and my impression is that there are several farms promoted in this brochure which will be paved over because they fall into this urban expansion area.

So much for promoting healthy eating habits, local produce and helping combat obesity."

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