

UPDATE: Where Are We?

Dear Neighbours and Friends:

It's been two years this July that we were confronted with the nightmare of a Cooke on-land, factory fish farm. It's been a year and a half since we started our efforts to get zoning and a year this April that the Granville Road Area Advisory Committee was formed.

Where are we?

The Area Advisory Committee has met four times since November and in that time has:

1. Done a visual survey of land uses on the Granville Road and recommended changes to the Province's property maps. The Planning Department is currently updating them.
2. Created a draft work plan to provide a process for them to move forward which is still to be discussed. So, it is currently not publicly available.
3. Gained background information with presentations on our area's geology and agriculture.
4. Received Granville Ratepayers lists of concerns, but, has not yet discussed them in detail.
5. Contacted the Province's Director of Land Planning who told them that the work on the amended Act which will require zoning throughout the Province should be completed by late summer, early fall. When approved by the Province, Council can start the zoning process.

What's the projected timeline for what's to come?

The amended Municipal Government Act when approved by the Province will permit Council to begin writing the Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use (Zoning) Bylaw (MPS/LUB). This should happen in the fall when the Legislative Assembly sits. This gives the Area Advisory Committee about six months, which is sufficient time to gather all the information they need to make recommendations to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on what the communities on the Granville Road want for zoning. This would include further surveying of residents. The PAC, comprised of all eleven councillors and three citizens, will review our Area Advisory Committee's recommendations and then send its recommendations to Council.

So, to our best knowledge, this means that:

1. If the Committee gets their recommendations of what residents want for zoning to the PAC by its September meeting, and
2. The amended Act is proclaimed (approved) in early fall as is expected by the Provincial Planning Department and
3. The PAC "fast tracks" its deliberations and sends its recommendations to Council, and
4. Council approves the "**stand alone**"MPS/LUB process for the Granville Road Area **only** (as was done for the East End Area MPS/LUB about 15 years ago), gets straight to work on and completes/approves it, and
5. The Province signs off on this "stand alone" land use/zoning bylaw, then
6. 2020 would hopefully be the year that we finally have zoning protection.

Until the Province signs off, we must be constantly vigilant to protect ourselves from another unwanted land use such as Cooke. If you hear of anything, no matter how seemingly trivial, please let us know.

We are consolidating our mailing lists into one. If you stop receiving emails from us, contact us.

Regards and Thanks,

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