



This document is a modified version of the letter presented to the Community Action Advisory Committee on May 30th, 2005. This new document will outline the results pertaining to each issue discussed at the meeting.

Grist Mill Park

Councilor Cathy Morton suggested that in order to best address all issues relevant to Grist Mill Park, another public meeting should be held, where herself and Director of Parks and Recreation, Rick Leclair will attend to see the site for themselves and discuss the issues. One of the main outcomes was that if there is ever an issue with safety in the park or anywhere in the neighbourhood it should be reported to the York Regional Police by calling their non-emergency line at 905-830-0303 and pressing 0 (zero) for service. Even if the matter can not be dealt with immediately there will be a record kept which helps the ongoing safety of the park by letting the police know of the frequency of incidents in the area. As well it was suggested that the community should become involved in a Community watch program. This will be done, and the appropriate contacts with the town and region will be made to set this up.

- **Lighting in Grist Mill Park.** Providing all neighbours to the park agrees that lighting will not bother them; it would be possible to have lighting in the park. As a concern however it was brought up that lighting in the park will encourage people to stay there later into the night.
- **Safety of playground equipment in Grist Mill Park.** Safety on all of East Gwillimbury playground equipment is an ongoing issue and improvements to this equipment are allocated for the near future.
- **Picnic tables in Park.** there used to be picnic tables in the park every summer. The tables were set on fire one year and have never been brought back. The town is replacing the wooden tables with metal ones and may consider bring the tables back at a later date. For the time being, if there is going to be an event at the park and someone wishes to have picnic tables there, they can call the town and the town will bring them for the event and remove them after.
- **Buffers in park.** To be discussed at the next park meeting.
- **Gate to Aquifer closed.** When the new part of Stegman road was added, the local residents were concerned about the safety of having children enter into the aquifer area. The fence was added to keep children safe therefore it is wired shut in the summer so that no one can enter. At the time of building there was a suggestion by the local government to create a walkway to the school, however local residents opposed this idea and the path running beside Mt. Albert Side Road was built as an alternate for the children traveling to the school.
- **Picking up after dogs - Possibility of enclosed dog area.** To be discussed at the next park meeting.

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Grist Mill Community Roads

At the meeting we were told that when discussing road issues some issues would be that of the local government others will need to be addressed with the region of York.

- **Streetlights in subdivision are not bright and many out.** Funding has been allocated for all of the street lights in East Gwillimbury to be updated. More details will be provided on when this will happen in the Grist Mill area.
- **Sidewalk maintenance in Community Areas.** Sidewalks throughout East Gwillimbury are scheduled for repair this year. There was no direct information on which sidewalks would be in consideration. The issue of very icy downhill slopes in the winter and spring were discussed and the possibility of adding some curbs to direct water runoff. The engineering department from East Gwillimbury will look into this further.
- **Garbage cans in Park, at Bus stops and at River Entrance.** To be discussed at the next park meeting. There were also suggestions that if the community was to organize clean up days in the River area and aquifer that the town would participate by providing garbage bags and hauling away collected garbage.
- **Concrete slabs at bus stops.** There are plans to install concrete slabs at all bus stops. Further details were not available.
- **Left turn lane on Mt. Albert Side Rd at Grist Mill Rd.** This is an issue which must be addressed with York Region. At the moment Traffic Flow Surveys are being conducted throughout the Community.
- **Cars parks across sidewalks.** By-Law Officers are aware of the problem and are ticketing repeat offenders. If there is a continuing problem contact the EG By-Law office.
- **Speeding cars in Grist Mill subdivision.** During public meetings in previous years, the idea of speed control (speed Humps, traffic calming zones) was not taken favorably by Local residents. There are currently Traffic Flow Surveys are being conducted throughout the Community. As well there is a ROAD WATCH program being implemented by the Town and the Region. Through this program concerned residents can report careless driving practices including speeding anonymously to the York Regional Police. The offenders are notified by mail of the report made, and follow-up action may be taken against repeat offenders. For more details on this program visit the Road Watch Information Page of the East Gwillimbury website here: <http://eastgwillimbury.ca/municipal/roadwatch.htm>

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- **OMB Involvement in keeping green space (New Development).**
Referring to the development of the fields located at 2nd Concession and Mt. Albert Side Road. There has been approval to add at least 3 streets with approximately 400 dwellings to this farmland. Infrastructure development has begun to the area. Anytime an area is developed there is partial responsibility for the developers to become involved in preserving GREEN SPACE for the community. This should be the case in the development of this land. Perhaps the vacant land could be developed into usable trails and green space. More information will be available on this as development plans move forward.
- **Hilltop Dr to become through street.** Referring to the development of the fields located at 2nd Concession and Mt. Albert Side Road. At this point there are no plans to make Hilltop drive a through Street into the new development.
- **Air traffic noise over Grist Mill subdivision.** This is an ongoing issue. There is no further information available at this point. The Community will keep looking for solutions and report any new news.
- **What action is taking place in regards to monitoring Kenneth Tocher?**
The ROPE Squad from the York Regional police will be monitoring his activities. The ROPE Squad deals with released offenders who are at a risk of re-offending. The squad checks to make sure that the conditions of release are being met, and if there are any breaches the offender will be detained for the remainder of the parole period. There were recommendations by York Regional Police that Kenneth Tocher not be placed back into East Gwillimbury; however the Judge responsible for making this decision ruled that he be placed into his parents home, which is located in Grist Mill.
- **Community wants to be actively involved in any / all of these issues.**
Through the Grist Mill Website and Community meetings, local residents will be kept informed of how they can become involved in working together with the East Gwillimbury government to make our community a better place to live. There have been many suggestion proposed such as community clean-up days to keep local residents, adults and children involved. The Grist Mill website will do as much as possible to ensure that all members of the community are aware of community events and let residents know how they can become involved.