

## Editorial ? There?s no such thing as the perfect process

A good crowd was out a couple of weeks ago to get an update on the planned expansion of Bolton. The village has to grow by 190 hectares as part of the Town's compliance with the Province's growth plan. Bolton is one of three areas in town where this growth is being aimed (the other two are Mayfield West and Caledon East). A number of people at the meeting raised concerns about the process that's being followed. Now such comments are to be expected, simply because there is no such thing as the perfect process. We hear that every time something controversial crops up. People are concerned because the public is not being consulted enough, and if they are consulted early in the process, there are almost always suggestions that the whole thing is a fait accompli. Or there are charges that they are being asked for input with insufficient information. And when it comes to insufficient information, there are going to be those who will make up their minds any way, and go from there. It is very easy to criticize just about any thing. But it is a fact that in the case with the planned expansion of Bolton (and just about any similar project), the task has been set and someone has been given the job of working out a way to do it. Rather than criticizing the process that has been put forth, it might be more productive to find an effective way to work within it. Just because there are problems with one process doesn't mean the alternatives are going to necessarily be better.

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