

Why council opposed facilitation

In my opinion, the reason why Caledon council, especially the old councillors including Mayor Thomson, rejected facilitation is only because of the land between Coleraine Drive and The Gore Road and north of Mayfield Road.

The old councillors insist that that particular land should be covered with warehouses.

About one year ago, a public information meeting was held at the Caledon Council Chambers concerning information about what council is proposing with other lands in the Coleraine area. Architectural drawings were shown with proposed locations of more warehouses covering Coleraine Drive, anywhere from north of the Canadian Tire site and all the way south of Canadian Tire to about Mayfield and from Coleraine east to about The Gore Road. It was no secret then that Caledon council wanted Bolton to become only a warehouse and diesel trucking area. It's time for the Bolton businesses to stand up and demand from Caledon council that residents are needed in that area.

The above explanation is the only reason why Caledon council wants no part of facilitation.

If the 180 acres that Canadian Tire (CT) occupies were assigned to other industries, there would be about 35 industries on that site, the Town would collect from those industries millions of dollars on land taxes. Now with CT occupying the 180 acres, the Town collects only about \$100,000 in taxes and Caledon is responsible for the upkeep of the roads which may cost millions due to the diesel trucks going to and from the CT site on a daily basis.

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