

MUNICIPAL LEADERS for the GREENBELT

Statement from Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt Co-Chairs on the Greenbelt

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The Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt want to be clear that developing Greenbelt land is the wrong way to achieve affordable housing.

There is already more than enough land available for development without creating more urban sprawl.

Building more urban sprawl costs everyone – in taxes, commute times, destroyed natural features and farmland. We know that gridlock alone costs our economy over \$6 billion a year in lost opportunities for economic growth and new jobs.

Prosperous, livable communities must be built smarter to support transit – close to jobs, schools, shopping and community facilities. The Greenbelt protects key natural features that ensure our watersheds are healthy, defend biodiversity, and shield farmland for local food production.

It remains vital that we continue to grow the Greenbelt, not erode it.

Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt Co-Chairs,

Mayor Rob Burton, Town of Oakville

Deputy Mayor Glenn DeBaeremaeker, City of Toronto

Mayor Steve Parish, Town of Ajax

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About MUNICIPAL LEADERS FOR THE GREENBELT (www.greenbeltleaders.ca):

Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt (MLGB) is a network of elected Mayors and Councillors from across the province that support the Greenbelt as a permanent feature of Ontario's landscape.

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