JEFF Knoll FOR MAYOR

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Stephen Dankowich
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Dear Stephen,

Re: Oakville Environmental Fund

Thank you for reaching out and for your many years of leadership in protecting Oakville's natural environment.

First, congratulations to you and everyone involved in this year's Earth Day Clean Up. Having more than 1,500 volunteers working across 72 nature sites is an outstanding achievement and speaks volumes about the commitment Oakville residents have to protecting our community.

I absolutely agree that environmental sustainability must be an important consideration in how we plan for Oakville's future. One of the central commitments of my campaign is to protect the character and quality of life of our town. That includes protecting our parks, woodlands, wetlands, natural heritage systems and urban tree canopy from the pressures of growth and development.

I have been particularly vocal about the Province's plans for Midtown, where I believe the scale of development being imposed threatens not only our infrastructure and community character, but also our ability to plan responsibly and sustainably.

As for your proposal to establish an Oakville Environmental Fund, I am certainly supportive of the concept and would welcome the opportunity to work with you and other community organizations to explore how we can make it happen.

I would want to examine how such a fund could be structured, financed and administered to ensure it complements existing Town programs, supports community volunteers and delivers measurable environmental benefits without unnecessarily increasing the burden on taxpayers.

Your Earth Day Clean Up is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when the Town and community organizations work together. The estimated $250,000 in annual savings you have identified also demonstrates the value of volunteer participation.

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As Mayor, I want to strengthen these kinds of partnerships, not simply through financial support, but by making it easier for residents, community groups and businesses to participate in protecting and improving our environment.

I would be pleased to sit down with you following the election to discuss the proposal in greater detail.

Thank you again for your advocacy and for everything OCCPEHR and its volunteers contribute to Oakville.

Best regards,

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