

to the editor of the Suburban Friday, 2 March 2007

Dear Editor

Re: Let developer pay for basin: residents

On more than one occasion, I asked the Pierrefonds-Roxboro mayor and council:

- Do they consider prior to approval, the impact proposed residential developments, roads and highways will have on local air quality and the environment? I was told they do not consider such impacts ahead of time.
- Do they consider prior to approval, the impact the projects of their urban plan will have on air quality and the environment? I am told they do not evaluate urban plans in this manner.
- Do they consider prior to approval, the contributions the projects will have on Climate Change? I am told they do not consider climate change impacts.

They must be living on a different planet than I am.

Last February, the IPCC put out a report titled: Climate Change 2007: The physical science basis for climate change. (<http://www.ipcc.ch/SPM2feb07.pdf>)

In the version of policy makers, in the introduction on page 1 it is clearly written:

'The global increase in carbon dioxide concentration are due primarily to fossil fuel use and land use change.'

So what type of development does Pierrefonds choose to promote?

Pierrefonds is continuing to pave over floodplains and change the layout of wetlands (land use change) in order to encourage suburban sprawl housing, bringing even more vehicles to the west island and promoting even more fossil fuel consumption. Exactly the type of development we should not be doing in order to curb the impacts of global warming.

I suppose they think it's O.K. to pave over paradise then let future generations ask questions later.

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