



# STOP SPRAWL DURHAM

## **Pickering MPP Bethlenfalvy postpones BBQ on the heels of overwhelming community turnout at Save the DRAP Rally**

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Residents of Pickering, alongside Ontarians from the wider region, demonstrated their dissatisfaction with Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy at the Save the DRAP Rally on Sunday, August 13, outside his constituency office. **With pressure mounting on him to protect the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve, Bethlenfalvy has now [postponed indefinitely](#) his community barbecue originally scheduled for Sunday, August 20.**

In “postponing” his community BBQ, Minister Bethlenfalvy appears to prefer hiding from the public given the shameful behaviour of his government. He continues to evade escalating calls to return protection to the DRAP and do the right thing by reversing the Greenbelt cuts. Against the will of his constituency, Bethlenfalvy has endorsed and advanced harmful actions to degrade the environment and democratic norms.

The voters in Bethlenfalvy’s riding will not be placated, nor distracted. The rally on Sunday, August 13, is just the beginning of louder calls for him to take responsibility for prioritizing private profit ahead of public good. The people of Pickering and the wider community are galvanized and united in their outrage as they continue to see Minister Bethlenfalvy turn his back on them.

Voters intend to hold Minister Bethlenfalvy responsible for the Greenbelt scandal until he fulsomely addresses the concerns of constituents and returns robust protection to DRAP.

The Greenbelt is not needed to advance housing supply and affordability; he knows this is the case.

**We urge all community members to continue to voice their concern with Minister Bethlenfalvy’s actions, and to advocate for the return of the DRAP by contacting him at: 647-294-6166, [minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca), and 905-509-0336, [peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org)**

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