

relevant points:

The Task Force would remove zoning protection from all home owners in Hunt Club! They bought and maintained their homes with the guarantee that the character of their neighbourhoods would be protected. Zoning protection has been and is, the law and the practice.

The Task Force would take much of the functions of municipal government and give them to the Province. Instead of making presentations to Ottawa City Council you would be dealing with civil servants.

The Premier Doug Ford has taken sudden and drastic action in respect to the City of Toronto. In 2018, he reduced the number of municipal councillors from 47 to 25. In the middle of the municipal election! He could introduce and pass provincial legislation which would over-ride municipal by-laws.

The appeal of the Task Force is the idea of fairness but the Task Force doesn't mention fairness. It promises more housing units but not cheaper housing units.

The present housing crisis is not the fault of the Hunt Club Community but it is asked to shoulder the burden of Federal policies. The Task Force makes the connection between the lack of affordability and the Federal Government's policy on immigration but it doesn't look at the other Federal policies which cause the price of housing to be bided up: interest rates, CMHC regulations, the Bank of Canada program to buy mortgage-backed bonds and the FHSA tax shelter.

The Task Force fails to give credit to Ottawa's New Official Plan which does provide more housing units. The Plan divides the City into transects. Areas within transects are designated as transforming or evolving. Hunt Club is neither transforming nor evolving but is subject to increased density as will be specified in the Secondary Plan.