

## Guiding Questions

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**Big Question:** Ontario’s population is growing rapidly. To compensate, developers would like to build homes and urban centres (shopping malls, banks, schools, etc.) on protected land. Protected land is home to many different species of birds and animals and provides us with clean air and fresh water. Yet people have to go somewhere! What do you think we should do? Should we leave the protected land as it is or use the space to build?

1. What is your role?
2. Based on your role, are you for or against development of the protected area? Why?

3. Research 3 to 4 important characteristics the protected area that will help you make your case. Based on the information that you find and keeping up your role, why is the protected area so important?

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4. Now write a short paragraph with your team members on what your argument will be in the Town Hall. Your argument should include your point of view and your reasons for your point of view. Your teacher will go over it with you before you present.

5. To be filled out by you during the Town Hall discussion:

<b>Group's Role</b>	<b>Their Point of View</b>	<b>Reasons for their point of view</b>

6. Based on the arguments that you have heard in the Town Hall discussion, what is your decision? Please explain why using examples from the discussion.