

Construction of townhouses on Church Street East faces opposition

By: Harry Rudolfs

An application has been filed on behalf of D & M Developers for a zoning amendment to the former Blue Springs Funeral Home property at 12 Church Street East. This will allow the construction of a three-storey, 12 townhouse complex situated on a private laneway.

Coby Kamminga and

her husband own a property to the south of the proposed development. She has some concerns about the up-coming zoning changes and how the property will be developed. "We're not 100 per cent opposed," she said. "We just won't know what we're objecting to until we see the revised proposal from the developer. Originally it was going to be 10

townhouses and now it's 12. We have some issues with the height of the buildings—these are going to be 35 feet high and that seems excessive. We also don't like the idea that these buildings are going to be built right up against the property line."

The revised plan should be available on line by Friday, April 13. A hearing for neighbours



Leanne Donner

and principals is slated for April 16 during a

Town Council meeting where consultant Rob Russel Planning will present the updated version. Kamminga has put her name on the list of speakers who want to raise their concerns.

Leanne Donner lives near the proposed townhouse development and she also wants to be heard. "I'm not saying don't build; what I am saying is don't build this big. Halton Hills needs some affordable housing options that has seen price increases in everything."

Acton resident Carolyn Thomson agrees that affordable housing is difficult to find. "I don't live in that area of town but, from personal experience, finding affordable housing on a single-income in this town, to either rent or buy, is difficult at best. We need more affordable townhouses and condos/

apartments. People who want to stay in Acton have very few options and often have no choice but to look elsewhere."

Donner added that the new three-storey townhouses will also increase traffic in the area. She also plans to voice her objections at the meeting on April 16, but she's pessimistic about the outcome. "Although I take issue with the building of these homes, what I am more concerned of is the process. Once Town meetings are held, it's like stopping a freight train in it's tracks," she said.

The property at 12 Church Street East was originally developed by Jack Mackenzie, one of Acton's early settlers, and served as a lumber yard for the community for many decades. Most recently, the former funeral home has been used as a dance studio.

LEGION NEWS

By: David Maloney P.R.O. ~ Branch 197

President Graham, on behalf of the executive and members, offers condolences to the Johnston family for the loss of Bob. We appreciate his many years of service as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Legion Terrace.

Thanks to all who turned out on Sunday for the Legion Tribute at short notice.

Over 30 people enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Branch on Friday night, so look for upcoming information as we hope to reintroduce Friday Night Dinners with entertainment to follow.

Don't forget to get your tickets from Sue Poulsen for the ladies "Paint and Cocktails" night on April 13. Tomorrow, March 30, is the deadline for booking your spot. Contact Sue for more information.

A lot of people have been inquiring about the status of our web page. Just to let you know that it is under reconstruction, and Peggy and I met with the architect this week to review the progress. We will let you know soon when the new web page will be available.

Check the notices behind the bar for upcoming events.

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