

Trafalgar Lodge is ready to add 15 more rooms

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Trafalgar Lodge is ready to expand. Its eyes are set on the property at 289 Randall Street — right now a 1.5-storey, white stucco building that used to be a newspaper — at the northeast corner of Randall

Street and Trafalgar Road.

The empty building is next to Trafalgar Lodge or Central Park Lodge, as it's formally known, at 145 Trafalgar Rd.

"It is the desire of Trafalgar Lodge to purchase the subject site and construct an addition to the existing building," Town planner Jim Hosick told a recent Town of Oakville

Planning and Development council.

A three-storey addition — that won council approval — would house 15 additional rooms.

The land is zoned Central Business District-Residential subject to special provision. That allows for a variety of uses from retail and residential to service commercial and institutional.

Council agreed to give Trafalgar Lodge a revised special provision that would allow for

more units.

At a public meeting in March, area residents voiced concerns about the addition's architecture, height, landscaping and parking.

A subsequent peer review conducted by Town staff showed that parking is more than adequate for the expanded building and that architectural designs can be worked out at the Site Plan Committee.

The proposed three-storey, 15 one-bedroom unit expansion would continue to use the Trafalgar Road driveway.

The addition wouldn't change the parking needs from the 28 parking spots that

Trafalgar Lodge now has. Currently, there are 72 residents at Trafalgar Lodge whose average age is 85 years — only two of whom drive and require parking.

Area resident Marianne Hawthorne was at council to ask that neighbours be included in the Site Plan process since the neighbours place a premium on green space — some of which will be lost with the expansion.

While Trafalgar Lodge is near the Trafalgar Road Heritage District, it's just outside of the boundary, but considered to be in an historical district.

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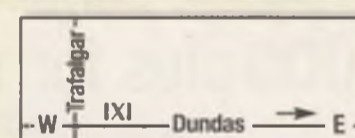
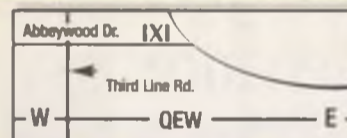


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