

COMMENT

She'll vote for you if....

Nothing is more open to impassioned debate these days than the question of leadership. Just what, you might find yourself asking as you shuffle to the ballot box twice this month, makes a good leader?

Is it the ability to command respect; a charismatic personality or is it a street-smart shrewdness, an intelligence, a vitality, charm? Do you look for a different kind of leader at the local level than at the federal or provincial levels?

I do.

So too, it appears, do others. Last week, a group of women spoke on radio about what they liked to see in a federal leader and mentioned a few of the bigger personalities that have graced the national stage: Tommy Douglas, John Diefenbaker, Lester Pearson, Pierre Trudeau.

These are the men who came to the minds of these older women as they listed the traits of what they perceived to be a good national leader.

And why? Because of what they stood for; what they believed in. They may be long gone from the political stage, but their policies continue to resonate today.

It is the convictions, rather than the style of the man, that tends to stand the test of time in the minds of these women. But they all said image was important.

"I like a statesman," commented one, adding age had little to do with any of it. Nor did gender: she certainly



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wouldn't be averse to a woman leader: a Flora MacDonald or Joyce Fairburn, say. And whatever was wrong, they asked, with Sheila Copps? (I know half a dozen people that could list a string of reasons on that one).

"It doesn't matter," said she, continuing in a firm voice, "as long as they are good. It doesn't matter if they know how to water-ski or Roller Blade. It doesn't matter if they are male or female. But they have to be a good statesman."

Honesty and integrity were other key traits listed.

More than anything, a leader needs to have convictions of his own, they said.

Not what his advisers tell him or what the polls tell him. Convictions of his own.

What wasn't at all important, was what they heard through political advertising. In any campaign, they felt, advertising is ultimately irrelevant: dreadful, in fact. "It's just all mud-slinging," they dismissed.

It is unlikely, then, that the satirical ad described as clever but wicked about the "lies" of the prime minister released recently by the federal Tories would

have any impact on these women. They would have simply dismissed it as more of the same: ultimately unimportant.

So, too, would the criticism directed against the Canadian Alliance leader, originally committed to a high road, no negative campaign, but recently going on the offensive. Will it matter in the end to the average voter?

Doubtful. Political advertising rarely works. It may amuse us and provoke us on a rare occasion. But alter us in any real way? Nope.

Soon after the election was called, the federal Tories did bring out a witty ad of the Prime minister white water rafting with the words something like this: get ready to be taken for a ride!

Clever, but not personal. Not nasty. On the local level, it's rare to see a personal attack although it has been known to happen. Locally, voters like committed people who know the issues; no clever stuff asked for or wanted.

You get what you pay for and we've been lucky for the most part to get it here in Oakville.

What makes a good leader? Here's my list: Intelligence, generosity of spirit, charm, integrity and the ability to connect with people. Convictions of their own and the courage to carry them out no matter what the flak. And no personal attacks, no matter what the advice.

If anyone can do all of that, he or she's got my vote...locally or federally.

Smear campaign won't intimidate voters

How unfortunate that last week's candidates' meeting in River Oaks was cancelled. This was the only such meeting planned in Ward 5. The meeting did not occur and residents will be unable to meet candidates because someone sent

Do your civic duty

With the Mayor and six councillors acclaimed, it is quite obvious that the majority of the citizens are satisfied with the present administration.

The remaining councillors (6) and those who are "challenging" them, would like to know that they are wanted to share in the Town's administration. If you stay home and don't vote, it indicates that you are not interested in who is to look after the taxpayers' interests.

So, on Nov. 13th, GET OUT AND VOTE!

W.E. Davis

Letters to The Editor

a fax which caused a fear of violence.

What sort of person would send this fax anonymously, and why? The writer claims to be a member of "the OakvilleGreen Committee." Nobody in this group refers to it by this name. It has been consistently known simply as "oakvillegreen." Does the writer think that the "dot com" in the group's website address signifies "committee?" Does the writer really belong to that group?

The fax says that a large group of "people from Oakvillegreen" planned a demonstration that could potentially cause property damage or personal

injury. They didn't show up in River Oaks and they didn't show up at the nearby Ward 6 meeting that same evening, where some of the same candidates were debating. Did any plan really exist?

This fax is an unsubstantiated smear of oakvillegreen, perhaps targeting Ward 4 candidate Allan Elgar, a leader in this local grassroots group. This smear campaign is an affront to all of us. Who could gain from all of this?

On Nov. 13th remember to cast a ballot for democracy. We, the resident of Oakville, will not be fooled or intimidated!

Brian Hopkins

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OAKVILLE 845-6601

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

APPLICANT: Town of Oakville
FILE: 42.11.30

Please be advised that two public meetings will be held to discuss a proposed Zoning Amendment initiated by the Town of Oakville.

The first meeting will be an information meeting hosted by the Planning Services Department. At this meeting, details of the proposed amendment will be presented, and public concerns noted. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 21, 2000 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakville Room at Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.**

The second meeting will be a public meeting hosted by Town Council, at which time a staff report and recommendation will be considered. This public meeting will take place on **Monday, January 15, 2001 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.**

Any individuals wishing to attend these meetings and speak to this matter are invited to do so. The subject area is too large to be sufficiently shown on a map.

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision in respect of the proposed zoning amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make written submissions before the proposed zoning amendment is approved, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

You may direct any written submissions and/or questions to Bob Zsadyani, Planner, at the Town's Planning Services Department, Town of Oakville, P.O. Box 310, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON. L6J 5A6. Telephone: 845-6601, Ext. 3041, e-mail address: bzsadyani@town.oakville.on.ca

A copy of the final staff report, including the proposed zoning amendment, will be available for review in the Clerk's Department as of Monday, January 8, 2001 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Location: This by-law relates to all lands in the Town of Oakville zoned PBA, Parkway Belt Agricultural; PBR, Parkway Belt Residential; and PB, Parkway Belt as illustrated on the map above.

Official Plan: Parkway Belt.
Zoning: PBA, Parkway Belt Agricultural; PBR, Parkway Belt Residential and PB, Parkway Belt.

Proposal: The purpose of the By-law is to add a "Group Home" as a permitted use in the PBA, PBR and PB Parkway Belt Zones.

Please Note: This amendment may be subject to changes or modifications at the Public Meeting on January 15, 2001.

Dated at the Town of Oakville this 8th day of November, 2000.

Lynne Gough, Manager, Long Range Planning Section
Planning Services Department

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Applicant: Genstar Development Company
File: Z.1427.02

Please be advised that two public meetings will be held to discuss a proposed Zoning Amendment as submitted by the above-noted applicant.

The first meeting will be an information meeting hosted by the Planning Services Department at which time details of the application will be presented and public concerns noted. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 21, 2000 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Bronte Room, Town Hall 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.**

The second meeting will be a public meeting hosted by Town Council, at which time a staff report and recommendation will be considered. This public meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 12, 2000 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.**

Any individuals wishing to attend these meetings and speak to this matter are invited to do so. A summary of the subject proposal and a key map may be found below.

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision in respect of the proposed zoning amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed zoning amendment is approved, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

You may direct any written submissions and/or questions to Joanne Magee at the Town's Planning Services Department, Town of Oakville, P.O. Box 310, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON. L6J 5A6. Tel: 845-6601, Ext. 3034, email address: jmagee@town.oakville.on.ca

A copy of the final staff report, including the proposed zoning amendment, will be available for review in the Clerk's Department as of **Monday, December 4, 2000** between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Location — The area subject to the zone amendment application forms 30 residential lots which are a small part of a larger draft approved plan of subdivision under File 24T-97003/0. The draft approved plan of subdivision encompasses a total of 31.04 hectares of land located immediately west of Third Line and north of West Oak Trails Boulevard in the West Oak Trails Community. The plan includes a lotting plan to accommodate a total of 376 residential units in a range of lot sizes, as well as other land uses including a park and school block.

Official Plan — Figure Q West Oak Trails Community designates the land Residential Low Density 1.

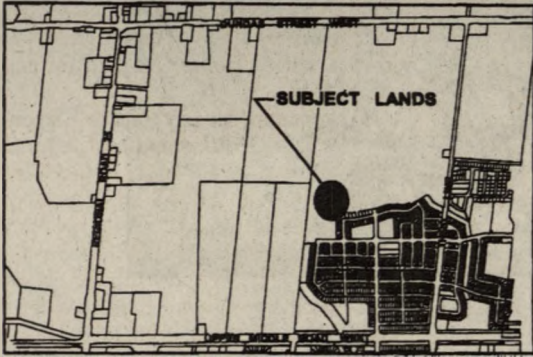
Zoning — The land subject to the zone amendment application is currently zoned Residential R11 and Residential 12.

Proposal — The proposal involves a zoning amendment to rezone 1 lot from Residential R12 (minimum lot frontage 12m) to Residential R5 (minimum lot frontage 15m) and the remaining lots from Residential R11 (minimum lot frontage 9m) to R12 (minimum lot frontage 12m). In conjunction with the zone amendment the applicant has submitted a red line revision to the draft approved plan of subdivision to increase the frontages on 30 lots which will have the effect of reducing the number of lots from 30 to 26.

Please Note: This proposal may be subject to changes or modifications at the public meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2000.

Dated at the Town of Oakville this 8th day of November, 2000.

John Ghent, Manager, Current Planning Section, Planning Services Department



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

APPLICANT: 547495 Ontario Limited
File Z.1518.11

Please be advised that two public meetings will be held to discuss a proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment as submitted by the above-noted applicant.

The first meeting will be an information meeting hosted by the Planning Services Department at which time details of the application will be presented and public concerns noted. This meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 23, 2000 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Bronte Room, Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.**

The second meeting will be a public meeting hosted by Town Council at which time the Staff Report and recommendation will be considered. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 12, 2000 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.**

Any individuals wishing to attend these meetings and speak to this matter are invited to do so. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed applications, describing the land to which the proposed applications apply, and a key map showing the location of the land to which the proposed applications apply can be found below.

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision in respect of the proposed zoning amendment or official plan amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed zoning amendment is approved or the official plan amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the undersigned at the Town's Planning Services Department, Town of Oakville, P.O. Box 310, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON. L6J 5A6. Tel: 845-6601, Ext. 3034, email address: jmagee@town.oakville.on.ca. Any other questions or concerns may also be addressed to the above mentioned location. A copy of the Staff Report pertaining to this matter will be available for review in the Clerk's Department as of **Monday, December 4, 2000**, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Location - The subject property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of North Service Road and Dorval Drive in the Glen Abbey Community. The municipal address of the property is 270, 280, 300, 310 and 320 North Service Road West. The land is legally described as Part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 2, S.D.S.

Official Plan - Figure N, Glen Abbey Community designates the subject land Community Shopping Area CSA with a maximum leasable floor area for retail of 23,225 m² excluding basements.

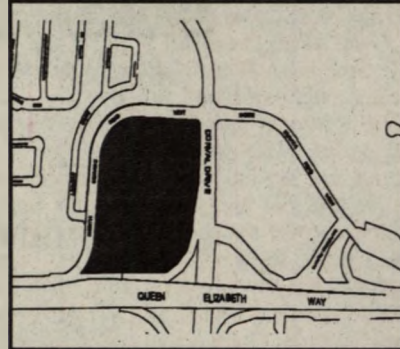
Zoning - The site is zoned Community Shopping C2 Special Provision 443 which permits a maximum leasable floor area for retail of 23,225m² excluding basements.

Proposal - Applications involving Official Plan and Zoning Amendments have been submitted by the applicant, 547495 Ontario Limited to permit additional retail floor area of approximately 1,651 m² within an existing basement area of one of the five buildings on site. Currently the property is developed for 23,174 m² of retail and 1,203 m² of office. The required parking, including the additional retail is 1300 spaces. According to the applicant there are 1404 parking spaces currently provided on site.

Please Note: This proposal may be subject to changes or modifications at the public meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2000.

Dated at the Town of Oakville this 8th day of November, 2000

John Ghent, Manager, Current Planning Section
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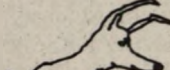
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