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Two Kingsmill condo appeals rejected

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini Two Georgetown residents made unsuccessful appeals last week to Town Council to reject proposed plans for a 45 townhouse condominium development in the Kingsmill area.

Despite the residents' complaints that the area needed more recreational and open space and not more housing, Council approved a revised rezoning change and a plan for a condominium for the Law Development Group property and will tell Halton Region that, subject to a number of conditions, it has no objections to the development.

Kingsmill area resident Mike Foley, speaking on behalf of the Housing Fairness Association, a ratepayer group he said was formed in response to the frustrating struggle some residents have had with Law Development, argued that Law should not be allowed to build Phase III at River Road because the area has possibly the highest density of population in Town with the least amount of recreational space.

"The Town and private interests should develop the area as a community resource area for recreational and naturalization," Foley said.

"The area needs recreation space and playgrounds — not more homes and cars."

Foley argued that some of the \$600,000 the Town received from Law Development in lieu of park land for its Phases I and II should be used to buy the proposed

Phase III property as a park. The Town recently did purchase 1.8 acres of parkland in the Kingsmill area from the Law Development Group.

"Stop Phase III cold," Foley suggested, "and provide space for the future by setting aside land today."

Foley then read from letters written by Kingsmill area residents who complained about the quality of the work done by the Law Development Group and the high density of housing in the neighbourhood.

That prompted Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson to ask if the residents were aware that the property is designated for medium-density housing in the Official Plan and that it would put the Town at "major legal cost at the OMB" if the Town changed its mind about zoning.

Foley noted that the application is already going to the OMB — it was referred there by the developer. Providing a number of conditions concerning site plan issues like landscaping, storm water and grading plans are met, the Town will inform Halton Region and the OMB that it has no objections to the 45-unit plan.

Area resident John Spencer, noting that some residents are already suing Law over building deficiencies, said he was "quite offended" that nothing was being done to help resolve the homeowners' concerns.

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GETTING AN EARFUL! Kathy Leff and Taska Reyes, 6, decided to take advantage of Sunday's warm weather to pick up some corn for dinner. Mother and daughter were returning from watching some friends play baseball when they decided to stop by Allison's Farm Market. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Regional chair to be appointed

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini

In a 13-11 vote Halton councillors decided to continue to appoint the Regional chairman and not have the position filled by an election at large.

The selection of the chairman was one of the contentious issues stemming from Halton Region's recent restructuring efforts, with those in favour of direct election arguing that it was more democratic.

Georgetown councillor John Day, who originally voted to continue appointing the chair, had a change of heart before last week's vote at the Region.

"Prior to reconsideration I was in favour of maintaining the

status quo, but now feel that there would be no better way to bring the Region to the community than to let the public have a voice in the selection of the chair," Day explained last Tuesday.

"One of the things (Chair) Joyce Savoline said when she took office was that she wanted to bring the Region to the people, and letting them directly elect the chair would do just that."

Day, who had been mulling over his position since the original vote in July, said he was swayed by arguments of several councillors that the people should have a direct say.

Although Regional Council voted 11-11 on the issue back

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