

## Developer wants Town direction on Seed House land

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There were a lot of questions but virtually no answers concerning what the Town wants to see in the proposed development of the Dominion Gardens land following a three-hour meeting on Monday night at Town Council.

Although some of the public, the developer's consultant and several councillors wanted some decisions made on the proposed development of the former Dominion Seed House property in the heart of Georgetown, the meeting Chair, Councillor Al Cook, restricted the meeting to a presentation by the consultant and questions from councillors, but no comments or debate on the merits of the

concept plan.

Parallax Land Corporation has a conditional offer to purchase the triangular piece of property bounded by Guelph Street, Mountainview Road and Maple Avenue and is working towards approval of a master plan for the land. Approved uses for the land include medium and high density housing, up to 230,000 square feet of retail-commercial space, park land, open space and possibly a separate school site and a fire hall.

Three public meetings resulted in three different proposals for the land with the most controversial issue being the exclusion and then inclusion of a separate school board site, which

could take up one-third of the land, called the "jewel of Georgetown" by many.

Parallax consultant Wendy Nott pointed out that the Fire Chief has identified the site as an ideal location for a new fire station and Parallax needs direction from Council on that issue.

Other options for the land include 80,000 to 100,000 square feet of retail-commercial space, public parkland, a memorial garden, town houses and an eight-storey high-rise.

Nott said the developer has a "very serious interest" in bringing the land forward and requires a fairly quick indication of Council's intent and concerns because the conditional option to purchase the

land expires at the end of this month.

"What we are really looking for is general agreement with the elements that we are showing on the plan," Nott stated.

Several delegations made presentations: Joseph Deoni, separate school board trustee, identified the site as the Board's first choice for a new school; the University Women's Club is raising funds to develop a memorial garden on the site.

Current land owner Margaret Harding, whose family has owned the property since the 1870s, said she was pleased to see the community involved in the process of developing the land.

"We like the idea like the provisions for a park land playground and of particular interest to us is the memorial garden," Harding said as she commended the University Women's Club for its hard work to date to raise money for the proposal.

Noting that it had been a "long and tedious process" to get to this point, Harding said she was hopeful it was now happening.

At next Monday's meeting, Council will deal with a Notice of Motion to review the consultant's submission.

## Tinseltown comes to Georgetown, again

It will be lights, camera, action in downtown Georgetown next week as Paragon Productions (Dinner) Inc. films scenes for a romantic comedy entitled *Dinner at Fred's* starring Christopher Lloyd, Parker Posey and Gil Bellows.

Crews will begin set dressing and decorating - turning Mill Street from Main to Park Street into a winter scene - on Monday and Tuesday during the day with filming from 4 pm to 6 am on Tuesday. All but emergency traffic will be re-routed around the area during the filming.

On Wednesday, filming

will take place adjacent to the McGibbon Hotel at the corner of Mill and Main Streets and the section of Mill Street between Main and Back Streets. That filming will result in intermittent traffic disruptions of no longer than three minutes at a stretch and all traffic control will be done by Halton Regional Police.

In a letter to Town Council, Paragon location manager Guy Methot stressed that they understand the sensitivity associated with night filming and will try to make sure filming doesn't cause any undue disruption.

## Driver asleep at the wheel

A 55-year-old Georgetown resident awoke to find that constables from Halton Regional Police were about to arrest him on charges to having care and control of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Police first became suspicious when they observed the male leave a Guelph Street licenced establishment in what appeared to be an impaired state, Nov. 16, at 12:30 am.

When police arrived at the suspects vehicle he had fallen asleep with the keys to the vehicle in hand.

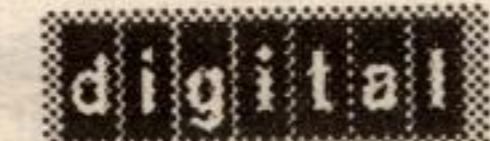
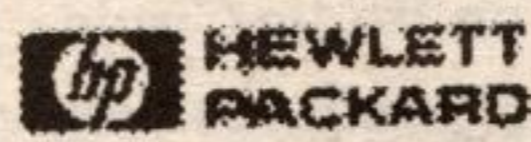
Constables woke the individual and charged him with having care and control and failing a breathalyser test.

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