

Town residents question... ..developer

# They stand up for their neighbors

Shirley Baillie and Sandy Gardner are not neighbors nor are they particularly close friends but these two women are united in their concerns and worries about the proposed subdivision development planned for the Lane property situated behind the Lane Court.

These two women, along with a number of other concerned citizens, expressed their views at Tuesday night's subsidiary planning board meeting. They left the meeting dissatisfied and somewhat disillusioned.

"I felt that all my questions were not satisfactorily answered. Either the councillors didn't know the answers or they didn't want to give us the answers," stated Mrs. Baillie.

"We couldn't seem to get any straight answers from them. We asked them about

erosion problems, if there would be any; water problems, if there would be any; questioned them about walkways etc. If they had answered us satisfactorily we wouldn't be still so upset. We didn't learn anything at that meeting," stated Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. Baillie, living on Edward Street will not be directly affected by the subdivision however, she was concerned enough about the matter to become involved.

"I'm not at all against subdivisions. I'm safe here and I want to see new houses built in Georgetown. I'm just trying to make sure that the subdivision will be built on safe land and that it will not harmfully affect the surrounding neighbors. Look at what happened on Metcalfe Court. The people bought new homes only to later find that their backyards were eroding. And what were they

told? Put up a retaining wall. I don't want that sort of thing to happen in this newly planned subdivision."

Mrs. Gardner a resident of Lane Court held the same views. "I'm not against subdivisions at all. Nor am I against a subdivision planned to be built below us. I'm just concerned that everything and every aspect is checked into."

"If they build right below us will there be a water runoff problem? Are they going to get rid of the trees one day that whole bank will land on someone's house. These are the questions which were asked and these are the questions which were not answered."

"Way down deep I think that the councillors know what they are doing, but why then don't they let the people know? And if they don't know what they are doing, then

there is a problem."

"Sixty thousand dollars is a lot of money to pay for a home and a hunk of property especially if you find one day that that hunk of property is not there any more because it has eroded," concluded Mrs. Gardner.

"It's just that I'm concerned about how much checking is done concerning this subdivision. These people who one day will be buying these homes, have to be protected. I don't know who's to blame for all this but all of us at that meeting felt that we were treated as a bunch of children who know nothing. It just seemed to me that not enough was known about this matter," explained Mrs. Baillie.

"Maybe I'm making a mountain out of a molehill. Maybe everyone knows the answers but why didn't they answer us?" concluded Mrs. Baillie.



"I AM JUST CONCERNED," stated Sandy Gardner a resident of Lane Court. Mrs. Gardner overlooks the Lane property where the newly proposed sub-division is planned to be located.

## He is following the guidelines

To the members of the subsidiary planning board the presentation made to them and to the members of the public last week by developer Michael Malik did not present any major questions.

For them it was the second time they have heard a full description of the plans for the subdivision. They also knew the full process a plan of subdivision must go through—complete with numerous checks and counterchecks—prior to getting even tentative approval from planning board.

Tentative approval, planning board chairman Ernie Sykes told the public is the only thing the plans have received thus far from the town.

Town planner Mario Venditti gave those present a quick rundown of just what steps a developer must take prior to removing the first shovel of dirt for the first house. Besides constant review by the town's planning staff most plans of subdivision must also be sent to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for the recommendations of its staff of planners, he explained.

If town and conservation authority engineers approve it is then sent to the subsidiary planning board for its initial recommendations. That is the present status of the Malik proposal.

Should the board then add its approval then, and only then Mr. Malik pointed out to the audience, will the developer undertake soil tests to determine if his plans are feasible. The results of those soil tests must, in turn be approved by the town engineer if any building is to take place on any lot.

"Safety guards are built into the system," commented Councillor Sykes, "which protect the buying public."

Mr. Malik explained that the high cost of soil tests necessitated waiting until his plans had received at least tentative approval from the planning board before beginning.

"If we build a home and then sell it and if there's any technical flaw at all with it, we will be responsible for it," he said.

"There are numerous building codes and standards which we must meet and they all are there to protect the people."

## North Halton needs nursing home facilities

To the Editor of the Herald:

The majority of people are not aware of the existing problems regarding the shortage of nursing home beds in North Halton. The awareness of the problem comes only to light when individuals find themselves in the situation where active hospitals can no longer help, and pressure is put on the family to find a nursing home for their loved ones.

For instance, our local residents who are admitted to Guelph hospitals in the county of Wellington, naturally wish to return to their own environment, which is North Halton. Where can they go? The same applies to the Georgetown hospital. Where can they go?

Queen's Park tells us there are 151 vacant nursing home beds in Halton County. Halton Manor does not have these mystical vacancies, and I certainly do not have them!! Our local candidates evade the problem, by just ignoring it, hoping maybe it will vanish.

But just let the problem hit close to home and I bet the tune would be different!!

The Ministry of health has been approached since 1972 with building plans for the establishment of 60 beds at the Kelly Nursing Home in Acton. The answer that we received is that beds are not needed in this area!!

An article in the Toronto Star and a television debate between Mr. Davis and Mr. Nixon mentioned a \$12 increase for old age pensioners. Good, now may I mention the last increase for old age pensioners in nursing homes?

Please note!

In March of 1975 the old age pension amounted to \$204.27 plus a guaranteed supplement of \$26.23 for a grand total of \$230.50. In a nursing home the government in March paid \$11.55 and the resident paid \$5.45 daily, leaving the patient with \$67 on a 30 day basis.

The increase in April 1975 for old age pensioners jumped to \$213.97. Also the guaranteed supplement increased to \$30.01, total amount being \$243.98.

Now nursing home rates are set by the government and nursing homes receive a raise. The portion paid by the government jumped from \$11.55 to \$12.50 while the portion paid by the pensioners jumped from \$5.45 to \$5.90. The increase paid by the pensioner amounts to \$13.50 a

month so really the increase received amounted to \$198 per month or 6c a day. That wouldn't buy bubble gum even.

Now what portion of this new \$13 increase is the government going to tell nursing homes to take when they receive a rise which is inevitable. Maybe the old age pensioners could purchase two sticks of gum.

The Davis government seems also to be concerned with health care costs. Would it not be logical for the local Public Health Service to inspect nursing homes in regards to all inspections other than finance and tribunal board?

The three candidates were informed of this situation. May I state?

Mr. Johnson pledges to preserve and build what is good for the community and

contact Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Reed is aware of this situation but can do nothing unless elected.

Mr. Dawkins was not aware of the great need for nursing homes in the area but assures me he will fight alone if necessary for the betterment of all concerned. Mr. Kerr, our former MPP has a file of information on this issue which will be available for Mr. Dawkins to act upon when he is elected for this term.

May the provincial government in the future realize that North Halton is good enough, rich enough, and progressive enough, to warrant a new building for their nursing home patients on the premises of the well-established Kelly Nursing Home.

Kath Kelly  
Acton

## New pool upsets residents

The installation of a private swimming pool behind a Regan Crescent home has upset area residents and Councillor Ric Morrow.

Councillor Morrow told town council Monday night that the contractor installing the pool had received approval from the town to cross its property to get to the site where the pool was to be installed.

During the work, approximately 13 loads of fill were dumped onto the town property and a town fence was removed. That fence, although the work has been completed, has still not been replaced, said Councillor Morrow.

"The place is a mess," he said noting that the dirt was dumped on property that the town had recently paid to have resodded. "I understand that it's next to impossible to get anything else to grow on that fill short of having to have another expensive re-sodding of it done."

## Dangerous intersection

To the Editor of the Herald:

I am writing in regard to the Maple Ave. and Delrex Blvd intersection. I had the misfortune of walking past on Friday afternoon at 3:40 p.m.

This intersection is a complete havoc at this time. I couldn't believe it! Cars and buses and children all trying to cross or turn. I just stood and watched for a few minutes in disbelief. This is the crossing my child has to use each day.

Then right before my eyes an accident occurred. This really shook me up. I have another child who is to enter kindergarten next year and is supposed to use this very crossing. There is no way that I would feel safe sending her unescorted to this crossing.

I had no fears when the other children started school because they had a crossing right by the school and it was certainly a lot safer. I know the parents in this area tried unsuccessfully last year to have the crossing guard back.

Do we have to wait until someone is killed before we get one back or have lights installed? I did not wait around after the accident so I don't know if anyone was seriously hurt.

I thank God my children weren't involved but it could very easily happen if something is not done right away to solve this serious problem.

Carol Hall

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