Subdivision goes to public meeting

A public meeting is to be held concerning a proposal before the town planning board for the development of a 102-unit residential subdivision on the former MacLaren farm at River Drive and Maple

Avenue in Georgetown. H and C Investments Ltd. wishes to build 41 street townhouses, 29 semi-detached homes and three single family home on the 20-acre farm formerly owned by Alexander

A date has yet to be set for the public meeting at which

citizens will be permitted to voice their concerns, objections or support of the proposal before the planning board. Subject to favorable public response, the proposal would then receive municipal appro-QUITE HILLY

for industrial and agriculture

Planning director Marlo

Venditti noted in a report the proposed site is quite hilly in parts but allows ample space for residential development. the site plan seeks to preserve portions of the slopes, and leaves an open area for use as parkland.

Officials consider both the CNR rail line and Varian Associates plant which abut the site to be compatible to the residential subdivision, although noise control measures

have been recommended to alleviate problems stemming from the railway.

Mr. Venditti reported the former town of Georgetown amended its official plan in 1971 to allow for the residential use of the industrial site, but withdrew the amendment three years later after the provincial government deemed development proposals premature due to the air pollution caused by the Domtar

paper mill and landfull site. Both the plant and dump have closed or are about to

The planning director called the site's accessibility "an area of major concern" having drawn reservations from the town engineer, fire chief and police department. Mr. Venditti suggested conditions be included in the approval agreement to meet all concerns.

Apartment OK with planners despite petition

A petition signed by some 32 objecting neighbors failed to change the town planning boards' mind last week about developer Al Pilutti's proposal to build a 60-unit condominium apartment complex on Hall Road in Georgetown.

The board gave conditional approval to the application filed by Mr. Pilutti's O and P Construction Ltd. to develop the condominium building along with 23 single family homes and a park on a 9.5-acre site in Georgetown's cast end.

Several homeowners whose properties abut the proposed site were told at last week's board meeting that they could address council when the board recommendation for approval came up last night (Tuesday), The results of that meeting were not known at press time.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Responding to the concerns of citizens in his ward, Coun. Harry Levy asked Mr. Pilutti last week whether his plans have progressed too far to consider trading the site for some unspecified town-owned land elsewhere in the community.

Mr. Pilutti said he has already waited longer than the required time period for municipal approval of the project. Despite the fact that he has borrowed money at a large interest rate for the project, he said, he has chosen not to challenge the town's slowness before the Ontario Municipal Board, as is his right.

Mr. Pilutti again stressed the urgent need to develop apartment type accommodatlons in Georgetown, Residents of the area in question are concerned over the loss of green space, he said, but few

citizens would approve of a town expenditure of "a couple of hundred thousand dollars" to accommodate the interests of developers.

"The mayor said on the night the budget was passed that he wanted to offset taxes next year through development," Mr. Pilutti recalled. "We're prepared to get going with this.'

Coun. Levy maintained that objecting residents are correct in calling the condominium proposal imcompatible with the neighborhood. Although he admitted that he did not have a specific site in mind when he suggested a trade with Mr. Pilutti, Coun. Levy expressed confidence that something could be "worked out".

NO VOTE

Coun. Levy was joined by his Ward 4 colleague, Marilyn Serjeantson, in opposing the conditional approval. The town's other Ward 4 representative, Coun. Mike Armstrong. was chairing the board meeting and could not vote on the issue. All other board members present voted in favor of the project.

Town planning director Mario Venditti pointed out that O and P Construction Ltd. would be donating ten per cent of the total site to the town for use as parkland, instead of the required five per cent. In addition, the company will be paying for a traffic impact study of the area to determine whether the new units will create serious problems.

Larger lot frontages, additional parking areas and municipal services and other amenities are among the concerns which will be resolved according to conditions specified by the board.





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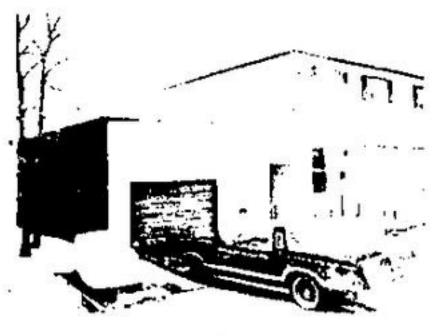
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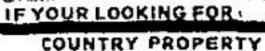
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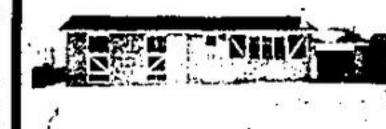
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