

# Hornby industrial site proposed

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Herald staff writer

A proposal to develop a 26-lot industrial subdivision near Hornby met with positive reaction from some members of the town planning board when it was presented last Tuesday.

If eventually approved, the subdivision would represent a fruitful end to a six-year old dispute over control of the property, located between Highway 401 and Steeles Avenue just west of Hornby.

The board referred the proposal by Marksol Developments to Mr. Venditti for a report.

Having recently acquired the site from previous owners Rotcib Holdings Ltd., Marksol wishes to develop 26 industrial lots of varying sizes on the 27-acre property.

Marksol proposes to open the site to dry industries, such as warehousing and manufacturing, with each lot serviced by its own well.

Mr. Clipsham outlined a simple internal road plan featuring cul-de-sacs designed for possible future extension.

MAKES SENSE

### DRY INDUSTRY

Hydrology reports commissioned by the firm have confirmed that sufficient water exists at the site, Mr. Clipsham said.

The firm hopes to meet sanitary needs by installing septic tanks and tile fields, but, subject to further study, is prepared to use "more sophisticated treatment" processes.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy commented that he is happy to see there is water available at the site. He expressed hope that the town of Milton will offer no opposition to the proposal, noting that Halton Hills raised no objections to Milton's recently-approved industrial subdivision just south of the 401. Industrial development in the 401 area "makes sense", he said.

Spokesman Bob Clipsham described the site as "flat to rolling" with some tree cover. The property, along with surrounding lands, is currently used for agriculture. Amendments are required to the official plan and zoning bylaw for Oakville.

Coun. Pat Patterson recalled a lengthy boundary battle between northern and southern municipalities when the region was being realigned in 1974. Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing fought to have the area just north of Highway 401 included in Halton Hills, he said.

Town planning director Mario Venditti confirmed that the provincial government long ago anticipated such development along the 401 corridor. Already, he said, the town and region have received many inquiries from firms interested in establishing plants in the area. Of two applications considered thus far, one has been denied and the other recommended for approval.

"(A special inter-municipal restructuring committee) fought like the devil with the province to have the Halton Hills boundary lowered from Steeles," Coun. Roy Booth explained.



GEORGETOWN AT THE EX

Doreen Long (left) joined friend Jean Ruddle at the CNE display on rug hooking.

(Herald photo)

## Local rug hookers staff Ex crafts exhibit

By STEVE RHODES  
Herald special

TORONTO - Once a week Doreen, Jean and the girls

gather for some friendly conversation and a little rug hooking.

Doreen Long and Jean Ruddle of Georgetown were at the CNE for a day this week helping promote the craft at the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild booth in the arts and crafts building.

At first glance rug hooking may not appear to be taking the world by storm but Doreen says more and more people are becoming interested. The Georgetown club, for instance has 50 members.

INEXPENSIVE CRAFT  
Doreen says the craft is inexpensive. A beginner can get started for less than \$10.

While large carpet manufacturers have made rug hooking

less of a necessity, the craft has grown steadily as a hobby. Small, simple scatter rugs are most often the choice of begin-

ners, but the more experienced practice wool painting - duplicating for instance the works of the Group of Seven.

The large intricate pieces

can take weeks or even months to finish but Doreen says there is a great "sense of achievement" when the work's completed.

"The craft is more sophisticated today than it used to be. We are refining the craft all the time now."

There is one drawback to knowing a rug hooker, says Doreen, their keen eye for wool

is not usually beneficial to those who like woolen suits or clothing.

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