over their livestock

Croatians outline expansion

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff Permission to establish a cemetery and chapel on the Croatian Social and Cultural Centre's north end is being requested of town

The Centre also wants to add a tennis court west of the existing swimming pool, a garden equipment shed on the north end of the property and an extension to the existing multi-purpose

Plans are to alter a barn on the property to a crafts and artistic display gallery. It's not intended as a commercial sales outlet but rather as a museum.

Other alterations the Centre would like to make on their 160 acre site on Sideroad 5 and Winston Churchill Boulevard is to move the children's playground and the grandstand southwest of the multi-purpose building, and the barbecue pit and storage shed west 1,100 feet to the area of the multi-purpose building.

Right now, the Centre has four soccer pitches, one swimming pool and washrooms, one basketball court, one volleyball court, one grandstand, one bar, one barbecue pit, one storage shed for food, one multi-purpose building, one existing residence and associated structures, and four agricultural fields.

Councillors will be debating whether to approve the zoning and Official Plan amendments at their June 25 meeting.

Some Croatian support

Development of community centres is always questioned by neighbors who fear it will drop property values in the area, an RR5 Georgetown architect told councillors hosting a public meeting into development plans for the Croatian Social and Cultural Centre in Norval.

Speaking in support of improving facilities at the Centre, Carlo Testa said that neighbors' fears have been unwarranted, however, in his experience.

"We've noticed the exact opposite has happened," he said.

But he conceded the community centres were in urban areas and it would be difficult to compare them with what might be the rural experience.

The original owner of the property, Claude McLaughlin of RR2 Norval threw his support behind the Croatian plans.

"I would like to see it go on and develop," he paid. "I get along with these people very well. When they do a job on that property, it's well

Manure worries

5 Farmer Harry Brander said he feared future lawsuits from users of the Croatian Centre objecting to odors emanating from his liquid manure stor-

age tanks.

"I'm concerned because I built this facility to reduce my costs purchasing from chemical fertilizer," Mr. Brander sald.



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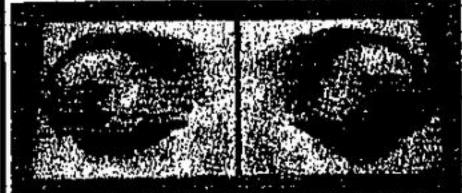
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Another chance Improved facilities won't raise numbers

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff

Improving the facilities at the Croatian Social and Cultural Centre won't increase the number of persons coming onto the Norval property, the lawyer representing the Centre claimed at a public meeting into the issue last week.

Brampton lawyer Rob Webb said the Centre's board of directors has agreed to put a limit on the maximum numbers allowed to use the site, "which is less than the numbers who have used

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the facility already". To satisfy neighboring farmers concerned about the future of their agricultural operations, Mr. Webb said the Centre is willing to enter into an agreement with them, promising to not object, in the future, to agricultural operations that take place on adjoining land.

Security staff, made up of Centre members and off-duty police, will ensure there will be no trespassing on neighbors' property during picnics, Mr. Webb said.

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to voice opinions Herald Staff Should there be further development at the Croatian Social and Cultural Centre on Sideroad 5 and

> The Centre has applied to establish a cemetery and chapel on its 160 acres grounds, extend the present multipurpose building, add a tennis court, a garden equipment shed and alter the barn into an art

Winston Churchill Boule-

If you missed the public meeting, the town's planning department is accepting written submissions on the proposed amendments up to June 18, although it's preferable they be received by June 15.

The Centre's applica-tion will be debated by councillors June 25 at 7 p.m. in the council

threat to the survival of Smoke doesn't usually the agriculture business start fires, but it cershe operates with her tainly has in the case of husband. the Croatian Social and

Besides the smoke, Cultural Centre in Norvthere were complaints about noise, trespassing Smoke from the

Smokey situation

and property damage. Centre's summer barbe-"We've had garbage cue pit has fired up the thrown on it (our properneighbors adjoining the (y), our fences have been 160-acre property on broken. Nobody has Winston Churchill Boulcome over and said evard on Sideroad 5. 'We'll pick up the garb-Angry farmers and age or repair the

Angry farmers worry

rural residents turned up at last week's public meeting to object to the Centre's development plans.

By ANI PEDERIAN

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The development plans require amendments to the town's Official Plan and Zoning bylaw and were the topic of public discussion.

"It's a known fact that milk production suffers is animals have to swallow that smoke," Susan Alexander, a neighboring farmer with a herd of dairy cattle told councillors at the meeting. "You cannot assure me there will not be a breeze in the summer."

The Centre proposes to relocate the barbecue pit used during weekend picnics west 1,100 feet towards the existing multi-purpose building. Mrs. Alexander sald

her cows are out in the

summer and that the

smoke from the barbe-

fence'," neighbor Monicue would pose a serious ca Roje said.

She called the summer noise "continuous" and said she will continue to

take the Centre to court over noise infractions. "Expansion of facilities will mean more people and possibly more requests for expan-

warned. Agricultural concerns highlighted opposition to the Centre's plans.

sion," Mrs. Alexander



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