

Outlook on Halton Hills

Lakeview residents object to rezoning

Residents of the Lakeview subdivision are opposing a proposal by John Goy to rezone 12 acres of land south of Highway 7 for a wide range of industrial and commercial uses. Lots 29 and 30 are currently used for warehousing and a transport terminal as well as lumber storage and retail sales, said the Town's Deputy Planning Director Bruce MacLean. Goy's Cartage Ltd. operates on the land. The Halton Hills Official Plan calls for industrial and major open space zoning on the land but it is currently zoned rural, said Mr. MacLean. Mr. Goy's proposal would bring the zoning into conformity with the

official plan, he said. Mr. Goy said the land was zoned properly in the late '70s but a special bylaw introduced by the town rezoned it rural. Now residents of Elmore Drive and Burbank Street, which border on the property, are objecting to the rezoning because they don't know what Mr. Goy plans to do with the property. The residents want some indication what Mr. Goy is going to do before the town rezones it for a wide range of industrial uses. Merlin Kobsa, a resident of Elmore Drive, is worried the expanded uses could allow a second storey on an existing structure on

the land. The land is already elevated and a second storey would put that building well above the existing houses, he said. Mr. Kobsa also wants to make sure that uses such as storing garbage trucks on the land are not included in the new zoning. The bylaw proposed by the town forces structures on industrial or commercial properties to have 50-ft sideyard setbacks from residential properties, said Mr. MacLean. But 50 feet isn't sufficient if garbage trucks or any other unpleasant materials are stored on the land, said Mr. Kobsa. Even if Mr. Goy doesn't use the land to the detriment of the area,

there is nothing to prevent him from selling it to someone who will, said Mr. Kobsa. "Once you have zoning in place, then it becomes more difficult to oppose it," he said. Sharon Foster, a resident of the subdivision is worried about potential increased traffic and noise in the area. She objected to zoning the land commercial and industrial next to a residential neighborhood. The land was designated that way in 1982 when the official plan was introduced and council will have to decide what is appropriate for the land, said Mr. MacLean. Ms. Foster also wants to know

what the plans are for the land before it's rezoned. "If it's a lumberyard I'm worried about rats," she said. Traffic, the smell and a potential fire hazard also concern the resident, should a lumberyard be proposed. Ms. Foster said her property value may depreciate if her home is located so close to an area zoned commercial. Several other residents also objected to the rezoning until Mr. Goy's plans for the land are submitted. The General Committee will deal with the rezoning application on May 16.



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