

Guelph Street plaza is in 'limbo'

A McNally Construction proposal for a 110,000 square foot shopping centre on Guelph Street in Georgetown is in "limbo," says vice-president David McNally.

The proposed plaza would be built on the McNally-owned property located beside Neilson Company Limited.

The proposal would be scrapped if a current study proves there is an insufficient public demand for another plaza in the area, said Mr. McNally. The study will be completed within the next month or two, he said.

Mr. McNally submitted the application to the town two months ago.

The proposal is currently being reviewed by several groups including the Town of Halton Hills, the provincial government ministries and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Mr. McNally said the location is appropriate because it is within Georgetown's commercial corridor. Any location outside this corridor would fail to accommodate the shopper and therefore hurt business for all area retail businesses, he explained.

Mayor Miller undecided on Sunday shopping

Wide-open Sunday shopping will be a fact of life for the next generation in Halton Hills, says town Mayor Russ Miller. But in the meantime he is unwilling to take a stand either way on the controversial issue.

Both sides present legitimate arguments so he will continue to weigh the situation, the mayor said in an interview Thursday.

Mayor Miller says he has talked to several high school students and they tell him they support wide-open Sunday shopping. They need to work but they also need time to do their homework during week-day evenings, he said. Students argue if Sunday shopping was permitted they would have time for both activities, said Mayor Miller.

People in their 20s and 30s also favor wide-open Sunday shopping, said Mayor Miller.

Young couples usually have to work and sometimes they have to work different shifts, Mayor Miller said. "Sunday is the only day they can be together" and shopping is one activity they like to do, he explained.

But the mayor respects those who object to Sunday shopping. "I've lived in Halton Hills when there was no Sunday shopping at all and we survived," he said.

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