

Retirement development receives lukewarm reaction from council

A massive retirement development proposal calling for between 3,000 and 4,000 homes on 800 acres bordering Halton Hills along Winston Churchill Boulevard near Terra Cotta, received a lukewarm reaction from Caledon council Monday night at the first public airing of the project.

A majority of the six member council expressed concerns about the legality of a housing project open only to retirees; the social and agricultural impact of the development on the surrounding area, and the availability of water and sewage services.

Halton Hills planner Glen Wellings has said that if the town of Halton Hills is asked to comment on the proposal, the planning staff would be most concerned about the

developer wanting to use the town water.

"The town has enough difficulty servicing its own urban area," he said.

The developer, David Rice, of West Caledon Properties Limited explained that his company plans to build a water treatment plant on the site. He also said there is enough water on the site to service at least the first 1,000 homes. The company is considering servicing the other homes from wells located just south of Terra Cotta or in Halton. He didn't specify where in Halton the water supply is located.

The property is located on the south west corner of Caledon bordered in the west by Winston Churchill Boulevard, in the east by Heritage Road, in the north by Old

Stone School Road, and in the south by Mayfield Road, councillors learned.

Mr. Rice told Caledon Council the retirement development would be modelled after retirement communities found in Florida. The project includes bungalow-type condominiums, a golf course, lawn bowling greens and a recreation centre, and would take 15 to 20 years to complete.

"The recreation part of the project is what sells the homes," said Mr. Rice. We are appealing to active retirees, he added.

Only Caledon Councillor Dick Pallett expressed real support for the project, saying, "The calls I've received have been positive and the people look forward to helping to implement it (the project)," he told Mr. Rice.

Caledon Coun. John Alexander, suggested a development in which only retirees have access is a form of discrimination. Mr. Rice agreed in principle with the councillor's comment, but explained that certain developments are designed to meet certain needs.

Coun. Lyn Cowieson called a community with only one age group as a form of "ghettoization." The councillor challenged Mr. Rice to disprove her claim in the face of extensive research proving her point.

Mr. Rice said he would provide her with proof and added that people attracted to this type of community would be "active and community minded."

Caledon Mayor, Emil Kolb, expressed concern that if the province made caring for the elderly a municipal responsibility sometime in the future, the proposed high concentration of seniors "could break the bank."

But Mr. Rice said seniors who were not independent wouldn't want to live in the retirement community. Instead, they would prefer to live near their children.

Other aspects of the proposed development include, a shopping mall a shuttle service, and private garbage pick-up, road maintenance and snow removal, Mr. Rice told council.

Council decided not to make any decisions concerning the proposal until the town's planning staff conducted further studies on the viability of the project.

The study is not expected to be completed until early 1991.



Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller was on hand Sunday to present former Norval resident, Olive Burgan, with a plaque and spoon in recognition of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Burgan lived in Norval from 1954 to 1984.

Glen Williams student wins writing contest

Rachel Kumar, a 10-year-old Grade 5 student at Glen Williams Public School, won first prize for her futuristic story in a Halton Hills schools contest open to all students in the gifted program. Her short story was entitled "The Third Millennium Convention on the Future."

Students were encouraged to use the imagination and to predict a personal perception of what the world might be in the next millennium. The contest was held in two categories, Juniors (Grades 5 and 6) and Seniors (Grades 7 and 8).

Rachel's story displayed imagination and in-depth perception and contained over 7,500 words.

The story centered around the technological advancements in the world with respect to computerization and mechanization of the very basic things of life.

The story was acclaimed by Rachel's teachers, especially Mrs. Keller, who is her enrichment program teacher. Mrs. Keller has said she is eagerly looking forward to getting Rachel's story published in book form.

Rachel said "We were doing a unit on futures. We looked at movies, read books, held discussions on the topic and then I put my ideas on paper. I like writing stories which have mystery and quests. My finished product is the one I show my parents because I want my ideas in the story. My



Rachel Kumar

first print was accidentally erased and I had to get some help in the re-typing of the story on the computer. Mrs. Keller gave me that help."

Rachel likes to travel, ride her bike, sing in the church choir and play the piano. She has her Grade 4 Conservatory of Music certificate.

About the future, Rachel is leaving the door wide open because "the future is changing so rapidly and one has to leave one's options open."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
WARD 3 - MAIN STREET/MAPLE AVE.

Subject Property
Pt. of W 1/2 Lot 18
Con. 9

Council will conduct a public meeting to examine and discuss an application to amend the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 57-91 to permit an 80 unit senior citizen apartment building. The subject property is located at the north east corner of the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue in the community of Georgetown and is described as part of Lot 18, Concession 9, Town of Halton Hills. The property is approximately 2.5 acres in area.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS WELCOME
For further information contact the Planning Department.

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 23, 1990
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
Town of Halton Hills

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COURTESY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
Ward 2/Steels Ave/James Snow Parkway

Subject Property
Pt. Lot 15
Con. 5

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 1965-136 to permit a range of rural and prestige industrial uses on the subject property.

The property is located on Part of Lot 15, Concession 5, Town of Halton Hills (Oakville).

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Time: 7:20 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 23, 1990
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
WARD 2/TENTH LINE/22SIDEROAD

Subject Property
Lot 24
Con. 11

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law No. 74-51 to permit a permanent second residence.

The property is located on the north-east portion of the Tenth Line and 22 Sideroad. The property is described as Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 11, Town of Halton Hills (Esquering).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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TIME: 7:15 p.m.
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