

Council Briefs

Willow Park residents come up empty

Willow Park resident John Smith found Halton Hills councillors couldn't offer any more help to the residents than has already been given towards the residents' quest to find alternative living arrangements when he addressed Town General Committee Tuesday.

General Committee is comprised of Town Councillors.

The Willow Park residents must vacate their mobile home park by May 15 because the land has been expropriated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Mr. Smith told councillors there is only three more weeks left and the residents have no place to go.

Coun. Joe Hewitt told Mr. Smith the vacancy deadline is a legal matter and therefore can't be talked about in a public forum. The councillor was referring to the fact that the CVCA is now considering the legal implications of extending the vacancy deadline to Aug. 15. The CVCA will allow the extension for those residents who first agree to three CVCA imposed conditions. The residents refuse to accept these conditions calling them a threat.

The authority is currently considering a request from the province to allow the extension free of any conditions.

Town planner Ian Keith told councillors his department has yet to receive an application that would be suitable for the residents' mobile homes.

Permit fee discussed

Halton Hills Mayor Miller expressed hope Tuesday there was a way the Town could reduce the \$2,000 permit fee a local resident is being charged for a temporary mobile home.

The mobile home is located at Highway 7 and Fifth Line. The resident, Christine Kri told councillors when she first obtained the permit three years ago the cost was \$200. She didn't understand therefore how the re-issuing of the permit would now cost so much more.

Town Planner Ian Keith told councillors the related provincial legislation has changed since then, allowing municipalities to charge permit fees that closer reflect the cost to the Town issu-

ing them. Before issuing a permit fee the Town is required by law to follow certain procedures including advertising the application in the local media. That cost alone is over \$500, said Mr. Keith.

Council directed staff to provide the exact cost of processing the permit before deciding if a permit fee reduction is considered.

Bylaw amendment discussed

Only two people raised concerns Tuesday during a public meeting over an application to obtain a Town Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendment to permit a variety commercial and recreational uses on property in the area of the Tenth Line and Regional Road 23. The property is currently zoned industrial.

The recreational and commercial uses include a driving range, mini-putt course, batting cage, video store, retail sales, bake shop and restaurant.

Nearby residents, Peter and Helena Beecham said they weren't necessarily opposed to the application but they would be if a go-cart track was to be established on site. Town Planner Glen Wellings told the public meeting the applicant has never proposed a go-cart track.

Town planning staff will now write a report incorporating the public comments and then report back to council.

Sign bylaw questioned

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Tuesday that a committee be established, comprised of business representatives, councillors, and Town staff to review the Town sign bylaw as it pertains to where businesses and others can locate them on their respective properties. The resolution was introduced by Councillor Robert Heaton.

The recommendation will go before council this Monday for final approval.

Development delay

Town General Committee Tuesday urged Relisco Holding Limited to send a representative to speak to council this Monday on whether the development com-

pany wants an eight month extension to its water allocation permit.

Relisco has a proposal before the Town to build 106 single family homes west of the Moore Park area but since receiving water allocation over a year ago, the project has not moved forward. Mayor Russ Miller said the extension shouldn't be granted because no action has been taken.

Coun. Joe Hewitt countered saying council should hear Relisco's side of the story before making a decision.

Committee deferred the item to this Monday's council meeting.

Provincial review

The concerns raised by local residents over the Town's plan to expand Maple Avenue in Georgetown are now before the province's Ministry of Environment for consideration, Town Engineer Bob Austin told General Committee Tuesday.

The province will review the environmental study the Town conducted for the project and then advise Engineering staff

what, if any, more steps need to be taken for the project to proceed, explained Mr. Austin.

Site plan released

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller told councillors Tuesday the Town should receive a copy of United Aggregates updated site plan for the Acton quarry within three weeks.

In recent weeks, the Town has complained to the province that it was being denied the right to examine and comment on the plan. Earlier this month, the province said the Town could comment on the site plan but it couldn't obtain a copy.

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