

# Council Briefs

## Residents oppose construction of building

Several residents living in the area of Fourth Line and Sideroad 15 in Halton Hills, opposed a proposal to build an 11,000 square foot office and warehouse space on 9.17 acres at the Fourth Line and Sideroad 15, during a public meeting Tuesday at the Halton Hills Civic Centre.

The residents all agreed that if the building is allowed to go ahead it will change the character of the agricultural area. They all agreed if the building was allowed to go ahead others living in the area would attempt to build similar type buildings.

According to a staff report, the applicant wants to use the building for a light industrial operation. Before the project can go ahead, the Town must agree to amend the Halton Hills Official Plan and the area zoning bylaw.

The applicant's representative, Bert Arnold, told the public meeting the building will be primarily used for equipment storage.

One area resident spoke in favor of the building being permitted.

Bruce Reid told the public meeting the applicant has improved the condition of the property tremendously since taking it over 11 years ago. "The applicant cares about the land," said Mr. Reid.

Town planning staff will now write a report on the application incorporating the concerns outlined during the public meeting. Once the report is completed, it will be submitted to Town Council for final consideration.



### No opposition

During a public meeting Tuesday, no one spoke against an application to build an 18,137 square foot commercial plaza at the former site of Little Trailer's World at the northwest corner of Guelph Street and McFarlane Drive in Georgetown.

The application had been submitted to the Town by local developer Don Ricciuto.

Gail Rutherford, speaking on behalf of Residents Active in Development Decisions, spoke in favor of the application saying the location is suitable for the proposed type of development.

### Grant recommended

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Tuesday to give \$3,600 to the Local Architectural Advisory Committee allowing the group to hire two summer students to do an extensive survey of the Town's architecturally significant buildings.

Speaking on behalf of LAAC, Steve Foster said the group is prepared to raise the money on

its own. However, to obtain a provincial grant for the project it

needs proof that the group has the \$3,600 for the project. The \$3,600 request is a backup in case the group can't raise the money.

Local Accountant Graeme Goebelle, who acts as the Town's accountant, told General Committee his firm would reduce the fee he charges the Town to help the Town cover the \$3,600.

The recommendation will go before Town Council this Monday for final approval.

### Tentative approval

The Georgetown Agricultural Society was granted tentative permission Tuesday by Halton Hills General Committee to keep the Georgetown Fairgrounds open to midnight on Saturday, September 7 during the Fall Fair.

Halton Hills Council must still give the society final approval for the midnight opening. (General Committee is comprised of Town councillors). Council will vote on the midnight opening this Monday.

Normally the park must be closed by 11 p.m. Councillors recommended the closing time be extended for one hour after society president Brian Butler told committee the extra hour will earn the society up to an extra \$4,000.

### Negative reaction

Despite a favorable staff recommendation, Halton Hills General Committee recommended Tuesday an application to store and repair farm equipment at the Ninth Line north of Steeles Avenue be rejected.

According to the staff report the application meets with the

rural cluster policies outlined in the Town's Official Plan.

However, a majority of committee argued the proposed site is prime agricultural land and as such shouldn't be used for anything but farming.

The recommendation goes to Council this Monday for final consideration.

### Work being done

Town Engineer Bob Austin told General Committee Tuesday work has begun on the curbsides and sidewalks in the Canada Homes Georgetown South subdivision.

Subdivision residents have been complaining for some time promises of work on the sidewalks and curbsides have remained unfulfilled for the past year.

Mr. Austin told general committee sodding in the area was expected to start sometime this past week.

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