

# Community

## Ballinafad development study put on hold

A Town of Halton Hills proposed study to consider future development possibilities for Ballinafad's rural cluster area has been put on hold indefinitely, confirmed Town Senior Planner Andrew Colley during an interview Wednesday.

The project is at a standstill due to a lack of funding, said Mr. Colley. He pointed out that until the study is completed two proposed 20-home subdivisions cannot proceed.

The Ballinafad rural cluster is currently developed to capacity. The study is meant to determine if the cluster's boundaries could be expanded to accommodate the two subdivision proposals. The rural cluster is a designation in the Halton Hills Official Plan where development is permitted

to happen.

The study carries with it an approximate \$25,000 price tag, said Mr. Colley. The study's cost is to be split between the Town and Erin Township, he said. Both Halton Hills and Erin border the Ballinafad rural cluster area.

The Town was counting on the province funding a significant percentage of the study's cost, said Mr. Colley, but two weeks ago the province informed the Town no money would be forthcoming.

He explained the Town was confident provincial funding would be provided because the province has on previous occasions provided financial support for this type of study.

The lack of provincial funding, however, hasn't stopped Erin

from wanting to do the study. Mr. Colley said Erin Council approved its share of funding for the study as part of the Township's 1991 budget.

Halton Hills Council, however, opposed allocating funds for the study in its 1991 budget, said Mr. Colley.

The Mayor couldn't be reached for comment at press time concerning why money wasn't approved in this year's budget.

Mr. Colley said he is considering other ways of financing the Town's share of the study and he should know within the next two weeks if an alternative solution can be found. Mr. Colley wouldn't specify what options he is considering. He did say if a solution can't be worked out then the study may have to be shelved for

a very long time.

Contacted Wednesday about the lack of provincial funding, North-Halton MPP Noel Duignan

said he was unaware of the situation. He did say he would be contacting Mr. Colley in an attempt to clarify the situation.



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