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Residents raise concerns about growth plan— at last-minute

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Two days before the Provincial deadline to bring the Town's Official Plan in conformity with Ontario's Growth Plan for the Greater Horseshoe and the Sustainable Halton Plan, more citizens stepped forward with objections.

Rural residents, from the Eighth Line and 25 Sideroad areas, appeared at Monday's council meeting protesting the inclusion of their properties into future employment lands. Council approved Official Plan (OP) Amendment No. 10, which deals with the expansion of Georgetown's urban area for a future population of 20,000 residents between 2021-2031— primarily in 1,000 acres bounded by Eighth Line, 10 and 15 Sideroads and Trafalgar Rd., and future employment lands along Steeles Ave. and Five Sideroad.

The Province had set a deadline of June 16 requiring all municipalities to adjust their OPs to conform to the Growth Plan.

In OP 10, 340 hectares northwest of Steeles Ave. from Sixth Line to Winston Churchill Blvd. has been named as Future Em-

ployment Area, while more acreage paralleling that area, plus between Tenth Line and Winston Churchill Blvd. (from Steeles to 10 Sideroad) and a block in the Regional Rd. 25 and Five Sideroad area has been noted as Future Strategic Employment Area (FSEA)— to be protected for future designation for employment uses beyond 2031. Until then, the area would remain designated as agricultural.

Early in May three residents spoke out against OP 10 at a public meeting, and despite the fact the changes had been four years in the making, the residents' number one complaint was lack of notification of the impact of change on their property.

Then, after a request by Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis that individual property owners living within the affected areas be notified of the changes, 300 letters were mailed out setting a new public meeting date of May 31.

Approximately 100 residents turned out to that meeting—again with lack of knowledge

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Leap of fun

Students Jordan Anderson (left) and Holly Bogert were among the approximately 1,200 people who turned out recently for Park Public School's annual carnival. The pair opted to enjoy the inflatable slide together by taking a tandem jump. Thousands of dollars were raised at the event for various school activities.

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