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Several Norval residents gathered outside Sheridan Nurseries on Winston Churchill Blvd. in Norval Saturday to protest the firm's decision to allow a 40-metre Bell Mobility Inc. telecommunica-

tions tower on the property. The residents claim the tower could be a health hazard.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

Cell tower opponents raise health concerns

By **LISA TALLYN**
Staff Writer

Potential health risks from a proposed cell tower in Norval were the key issues many area residents raised at an open house on the tower application Tuesday.

About 45 area residents came out to the open house held at the Georgetown Seniors' Centre.

Bell Mobility Inc. is proposing the installation of the 40 metre-tripole telecommunication tower on the Sheridan Nurseries property at 9674 Winston Churchill Blvd.

The tower is needed to provide improved, dependable advanced wireless services to areas around the Norval community, it was stated on an information board at the open house. Bell also intends to remove existing communication equipment at Hwy. 7 and Heritage Rd.

Norval resident Miranda Dieleman's property is right in front of the proposed tower location. She is opposed to the tower and "very upset" and worried about the impact of the electromagnetic radiation exposure from it.

"Health concerns are obviously number

one, and land value," said Dieleman, who has four kids who often ride their bikes in the woodlot at the rear of their property, close to where the tower would be.

Harry Brander, whose farm is adjacent to the Sheridan land and tower location, is also opposed to the tower.

He said he was "totally disgusted and shocked" about the proposed tower and mainly with Sheridan Nurseries.

Brander said Bell had approached him about putting the tower on his land but he

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New options sought for seniors' centres

By **LISA TALLYN**
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Georgetown and Acton seniors didn't get the answer they were hoping for at Halton Hills council recently.

Seniors from both the Acton and Georgetown Senior Centres filled the gallery at the Civic Centre July 9 while Rick Chambers, president of the Georgetown District Seniors Centre, and Bev Jones, president of the Acton Seniors Recreation Centre, asked council to reconsider including the funding for expansion of the Acton Seniors Centre and constructing a new Georgetown Seniors Centre in the capital program.

"We are experiencing a massive increase in the number of older adults in Canada and our community," said Chambers.

He said the Georgetown Seniors Centre space on Guelph St. no longer suits the seniors' needs. Rental costs are expensive, he said, and there is insufficient parking. Space is also limited at the Acton Seniors Centre he said.

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