

Glen residents object to hamlet expansion proposal

Town council voted unanimously Monday night to defer an application from Halton Hills' Sand and Gravel Inc. to expand the Glen Williams hamlet boundary.

The deferral will hold until an extensive review of Glen Williams' boundaries and a long-range plan of the hamlet can be presented to council.

The expansion would rezone the boundaries of Glen Williams to permit a residential estate subdivision plan, consisting of 21 estate lots, just north of the hamlet.

Specifically, the property seeking rezoning is located on the east side of Ninth Line, abutting the northern limits of the hamlet of Glen Williams. The land is labelled as part of lots 22 and 23, concession 10, Esquesing.

Northern Glen Williams residents are concerned about water supply. They are anxious that their wells will go dry or be contaminated by the septic tanks that the proposed subdivision will require. They feel the proposed subdivision will be an abrasive intrusion on their way of life.

"We can't afford the taxes that will come from city people moving in and wanting parkettes and sidewalks and sewers," said one Glen

Williams resident. "We've lived here for years and years and we never had any of that. We're paying our taxes but what do we get out of it? The roads through the village are in terrible condition as it is. Forget about any more development until they can handle what they already have."

Halton Hills Sand and Gravel has requested a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), which will take a minimum of one year. The request came because council took no action on the file, applying for a plan of subdivision, originally placed in May 1983.

Town planning staff are seeking council direction regarding the town's staff attendance at the future OMB hearing. Planning staff feel that it's important to inform the OMB of the town's conditions of draft approval, in the event that the OMB approves the application.

Mayor Russ Miller put forth three conditions before council Monday in response to the application to extend the boundaries of Glen Williams for estate development.

The first calls for a long range plan for Glen Williams and a comprehensive review of its boundaries. The second condition calls for the

deferral of applications from Halton Hills Sand and Gravel or other companies pending the completion of the first condition. The third condition states that planning staff report on any other development applications for Glen Williams.

"I will be supporting this,"

announced councillor Gail Rutherford. "It's absolutely necessary. And it's prudent to do it now."

Councillor Anne Currie encouraged the concerned Glen Williams residents to take a delegation to the OMB hearing, if it is indeed scheduled. She reassured the residents in

attendance Monday that they wouldn't need a lawyer, that they would be listened to by the OMB.

Glen Williams residents in attendance seemed satisfied with council's unanimous vote to defer the application from Halton Hills Sand and Gravel.



Centennial Public School celebrated its 25th anniversary in an assembly and flag-raising ceremony April 10. A special banner was unrolled, painted by three E. C. Drury High School students, Tom Reichlmayr, Don Dundass, and Andy Reichlmayr. Reunion celebrations are planned May 4-9. Call the school for details.

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