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Concerns about noise, increased traffic, and children's safety were raised by Normandy Blvd/Edward St. residents at the public meeting for a proposed gas bar and car

The new business is to be built on a half-acre site south of Guelph St. between Edward St. and Normandy Blvd. In order for the proposal to go through the town's

bylaw has to be amended.

Roy Warwick, who lives near the site on Prince Charles Dr. said he's opposed to the proposal for several reasons.

"Making piecemeal changes to zone boundaries only serves to

undermine the official plan," said Warwick, who has lived in the area for several years.

"It would cause an increase in traffic on Prince Charles Dr., which would likely become a main access route for the car wash. It would mean traffic backups on Prince Charles and Edward St., resulting in the blocking of driveways. It would make it more hazardous for children walking to school."

He was also concerned about the noise coming from the car wash, and the air pollution in the neighborhood caused by the idling cars.

Another area resident, Eleanor Burke, shared Warwick's concerns about safety for the children.

Cathy Crichton, also of Prince Charles Dr., said the car wash would lower the value of her home.

Joe Hewitt spoke on behalf of the project's proponent.

After showing a video outlining similar gas bars and car washes in other communities, Hewitt said that a six foot acoustical fence would be erected at the rear of the property, which would also buffer sound from Guelph St. for the residents on Normandy Blvd.

He added that there would be little noise coming from the car wash, which would be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. He said there would be no noise-creating external devices and the doors of the car wash would open and close automatically. Once inside the cars remain stationary.

He said landscape enhancement features would be included and "that section of Guelph Line was in need of some greenery."

Tower turmoil for Acton residents

A group of Acton residents asked for council's help in dealing with Cantel, which is set to construct a 340 foot cellular tower in their neighborhood.

At Monday night's committee meeting, Dr. Ron Trenton spoke on behalf of the residents who live in the Dublin Line, Hwy. 7 area of

"We are faced with a situation that is threatening to our way of life," said Dr. Trenton. "Cantel is planning to construct a large cellular tower in the centre of our neighborhood."

Bridge winners

The results of February 15 duplicate bridge at the Legion were: 1. Rene March, Norma Maynard; 2. Judy Rivers, Mike Lorusso; 3. George Sargent, Jack Kaarsemaker; 4. Doris Barber, Adele Glavicic.

"The cement's been poured. It will really change the character of our neighborhood," said Dr. Trenton. "We never expected to have this huge industrial complex manufactured in our area."

Dr. Trenton also raised concerns about electro-magnetic and microwave radiation from the tower, and added that if the tower fell it would land in an area resident's backyard or possibly on nearby hydro lines or the CN rail

He also said area residents were worried the area could end up as an antenna park.

"We would like to get a resolution passed for council to arrange a meeting between the residents and Cantel."

Mayor Miller told Trenton that town staff will attempt to arrange a meeting between Cantel and the residents within the next two weeks, then arrange a full site plan meeting in the future.

Ian Keith, the town's director of planning, said they first received information about the Cantel tower

approximately 10 days ago.

Trenton said that in dealing with

Cantel "they made it clear to us, it's life. (They said) we're at a federal level and we have a higher man-

Questions were raised at the meeting as to how much control, if any, the town has over the Cantel project.

Town staff are planning to look into the situation.





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