



Tim O'Donnell of Georgetown is \$25,000 richer thanks to the Ontario Lottery Corporation's newest game, Instant Bingo. O'Donnell and fiancée Cindy Murphy were all smiles as they picked up the cheque from the lottery office earlier this week.

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Georgetown resident Tim O'Donnell plans to put a down-payment on a house after winning \$25,000 playing Instant Bingo, the newest Instant game from the Ontario Lottery Corporation (OLO).

O'Donnell, 24, is a fork lift operator for D.D.H. Distributing. He and his fiancée, Cindy Murphy, plan to get married in July. Prior to this, O'Donnell's largest lottery win was \$5. He bought his winning Instant Bingo ticket at Main Video and Variety on Main Street.

Instant Bingo tickets have four play areas that resemble bingo cards. Players match the numbers on their cards with those on the "Caller's Card" to form one or more of several combinations (straight line, "X", four corners, etc.) to win.

Mackenzie/Ferraro application

Council shows support for rezoning

By LISA TALLYN
Staff writer

Despite opposition from area residents, Halton Hills council supported amending a bylaw which will zone a piece of property in downtown Georgetown to allow for 83 apartment units, with a maximum height of eight storeys.

The rezoning has to be officially passed by council, likely at the next meeting, Tuesday, October 12.

The Mackenzie/Ferraro application applies to property located off James St., bounded by Wesleyan and Mill streets.

"The residents of the Remembrance Park area, and 72 area residents are opposed to the size and density of this development," said Cheryl Potosky, a downtown resident.

Potosky said as a result of the urban area study a consensus was reached on 40 units per acre for downtown Georgetown, with a maximum of six storeys. Provisions were made for site specific applications up to a maximum of 60 units per acre and eight storeys.

The current application for the project is for an eight storey building.

Potosky said she was "extremely disturbed" by planning staff's recommendation the eight storey building be approved, and the building would mean nearly half of the future growth allotted for the downtown would be occurring in the space of one block.

She also cautioned applying the site-specific provisions would set a dangerous precedent.

"Every other developer will go to the Ontario Municipal Board (in an attempt to get the same zoning)," said Potosky. "If we let this one fly at eight storeys we will get others coming in at eight storeys and how are we going to say no to them."

She added the tall building would not be in keeping with the current character of downtown Georgetown.

Another area resident Archie Tannock, who participated in the urban study process, concurred with Potosky.

"The first major application is exceeding the height restrictions by 36 per cent," said Tannock. "I'm wondering if I wasted my time on that (urban study) committee."

Councillor Rob Heaton agreed with Tannock and said he would not support the rezoning.

Deputy planning director Bruce

MacLean said there was no planning reason for not allowing the rezoning. He added the proposal made sense, and was in line with the town's official plan when the application was made. He added further information on the actual building would have to be supplied at the site plan process.

"We need the development in the downtown area. It will enhance the downtown," said Pam Johnston, regional councillor for the downtown area (Ward 3). "Site plan can handle other problems in the future."

"The downtown is dying the way it is, it (the proposed development) is certainly going to help," said Councillor Anne Currie, also a representative for Ward 3.

Ward 3 councillor Gail Rutherford, opposed to the rezoning, said the development "will have a big impact on the ambiance of the downtown."

The rezoning was supported by all council members except for Rutherford and Heaton.

Council also agreed to hold a public site plan meeting so members of the public will have a chance to comment on the proposal again.

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