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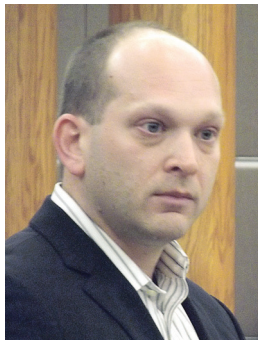
By **CYNTHIA GAMBLE**
Staff Writer

Residents will have a chance to provide input on the future development of three Town-owned lands—the Memorial Arena site, the Civic Centre property on Maple Ave. and the former Ambulance Station on Guelph St.

Consultants presented various options before, and during Monday's council meeting, to the public.

"As a council we have a lot of decisions to make as we go through the process," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "We have been open and transparent in this whole process."

These are concepts that the Town can then market to potential developers of the properties, said David Charezenko with Dillon Consulting, hired to come up with concepts and market feasibility for the properties. One of the challenges for all the options will be the availability and timing of servicing (water and wastewater).



DAVID CHAREZENKO

"In both the Halton Hills Dr. site and the Memorial Arena site we have a fair amount of flexibility in the Official Plan," said Charezenko. "Both sites are identified as intensification areas, which presume to be higher densities on them ... so they are strategically important areas from that perspective."

For the Memorial Arena site, the developable area is 0.78 hectares while the adjacent Lions Park area is 0.58 hectares (the Lions hall will be demolished). This site is designated as high density residential/community facility area.

Option 1 proposes two 7-storey buildings with 135 units of 1,200 sq. ft. and 5,760 sq. ft. of commercial or community space and one level of underground parking. It includes 0.7 hectare park including playground and soccer pitch.

The height of the 7-storey buildings would be about a storey and half above the Victoria Gardens apartment build-

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Not so fast, Paul!

Paul Timulkas was getting a bit itchy to start working on the flower beds at his Eaton Street home this week but with a winter storm warning in effect for today (Thursday) his gardening skills will be put on hold. Ice pellets and freezing rain are expected to last most of the day.
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