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ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT GROUP: COUNCILLOR

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and disappointed to only find out through a report on the Premier Gateway plan," Snow said.

In the past, many Hornby residents belonged to an organized community group known as the Hornby Association of Rate Payers, but in recent years the group has relaxed into a group of volunteers.

At the Feb. 10, Town of Halton Hills Council meeting, Coun. Bryan Lewis told residents attempts had been made to contact them.

"It's not really fair to say there's been no discussion," Lewis said. "We can go back and find for years this has been a topic of discussion."

Years prior to the police station proposal, council,

having heard concerns from HARP, voted down an offer to sell the land to a developer.

In its current state, the park has two ball diamonds, a small play area, and an out-of-service pavilion slated for repair in 2022. Should the HRPS station be approved, Hornby Park would become a 'passive park,' a space primarily intended for walking and picnicking.

"We feel we've been ignored or discounted," Snow said. "This park was primarily funded by people from Hornby."

Annually, the park generates about \$50,000 for the Town of Halton Hills coming from a near-equal portion of ball diamond bookings and revenue from an on-site cell tower.

The sale of the park

would provide the remaining portion of Hornby Park with \$300,000 allocated for improvements to the park and-the renovation of the King Pavilion.

In recognition of the park's history, town staff recommended renaming two ball diamonds in honour of the park.

The ball diamond in Hornby Park would be named the Howden Diamond in recognition of Elva Howden, a longtime community volunteer. At Trafalgar Sports Park, a diamond would be named the "Hornby Diamond."

While the decision was set to be made at the Feb. 10 council meeting, council deferred the item to allow more time to speak with residents.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY: We met with a resident concerned about the future of Hornby Park, and followed the story to Halton Hills Town Council



