

## Acton developers press town council for answers

By Oksana Buhel

Although the Ontario Municipal Board will not be meeting again until Monday, solicitors for Acton East developers were keeping themselves visible and vocal, this time addressing Town of Halton Hills councillors at Monday's council meeting.

Alan Heisey and Gord Petch, representing Bond Arch and Coscan respectively, were trying to convince councillors not to pass a notice of motion which would designate permitted industries in specific Acton areas. They were also angered another developer - 547532 Ontario

Ltd., seemed to be getting preferential treatment.

Heisey explained his client's land was designated residential in 1982, and again in 1990. "That's 11 years," Heisey pointed out. "It took only about a month for Dawkins (Fred Dawkins, of 547532 Ontario Ltd.) to get the same designation." Heisey insisted this was a "question of equality" and asked councillors to stand the matter down at least until this Monday, when Wes Lammers, special projects coordinator of the Ministry of Energy and the Environment (MOEE) will notify the OMB

of his agency's position regarding a permit to take water. Lammers will decide how many units, if any, will be permitted to develop during the first year.

Petch agreed with Heisey, demanding councillors not "goof around with numbers" until they know what numbers the MOEE will allow. He warned councillors' credibility will "strained to the limit" if they pass the notice of motion and later receive contradicting information from the OMB hearing. "There just isn't enough for all of us," Petch said, referring to servicing allocations.

Other than 547532 Ontario Ltd., the Martin Goose property will also be considered for servicing allocation.

Petch said he was meeting Tuesday (yesterday) with representative of MOEE, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Halton Region staff to "turn this mess around," and urged councillors not to "play political games," with such necessary development.

"Coscan can't take full credit for setting up relations," Dawkins countered, mentioning the pivotal role his brother played in negotiations.

He insisted his property deserves the opportunity to be brought up to the standard of the Acton East developers. Dawkins said he had initially asked council for servicing for more than the 110 units allotted, but will be content with this number if councillors support him.

Councillors carried the motion.

## Miller "damn mad" about tire storage

Town of Halton Hills mayor Russ Miller burst out at Monday evening's council meeting, saying he was "damn mad" about the irresponsibility of the provincial government. "They don't make decisions, or make decisions which make a mess, and we don't have the authority to clear up their mess," Miller said.

Currently thousands of tires are being stored outside the old Ajax building on Queen St. in Acton, and the Ministry of Energy and the Environment (MOEE) indicated it would not get involved until the number of tires exceeds 5,000. "I don't want another Hagersville situation here," Miller said.

Halton Hills Fire Chief Bill Cunningham announced TriCity Services, current owners of the property, were forced to store the tires outside because constructed storage facility did not comply with fire regulations.

Miller admitted people have become more concerned now that the tires are in plain view.

Councillor Rick Bonnette asked whether the fence around the property was scaleable, and was told by Cunningham it was. Bonnette worried there were



Russ Miller

no appropriate barriers to keep vandals from entering

the area.

The tires are being sold to Third World countries and Caribbean countries, where the climate is conducive to longer tire use.

Miller and the councillors urged Cunningham to contact the MOEE and report back to council as quickly as possible.



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