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ERIC IN ACTON! While he was the talk of the North American sports media last week, teenage hockey superstar Eric Lindros still found time to shoot a round of golf at Acton's Blue Springs course. We caught up with Eric on the 11th green Thursday, before he somehow became both a New York Ranger and Philadelphia Flyer.

Development proposal ready for public input

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Plans for major residential, commercial and industrial development in Acton will be unveiled to the public, probably next month.

Halton Hills Council has received its consultant's Preferred Development Options report — a blueprint for growth in Acton and Georgetown to the year 2011 — and now wants citizen comment.

Growth in Acton is tied to the discovery of an adequate water supply. Testing on the improved Fairy Lake well is presently being done but so far there's no evidence the well can supply enough water for Acton to grow to a total of 10,000 people.

That figure is the upper limit the Ministry of Environment says the

town's sewage treatment plant can handle.

Last night (Monday) planning consultant Wendy Cox outlined what Acton would look like if all the recommendations in the options report are approved as submitted.

"Residentially you will find a fairly comprehensive new neighbourhood on the east side of Acton, east of the existing Churchill Road. Development will include a shopping centre with a major supermarket along with a mix of housing including single family, semi-detached and townhouse residential units. There would be both a local or neighbourhood park and a major 20 to 25 acre community

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Plans are deferred for former Ajax building site

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Plans for a major shopping centre and food store in Acton have been deferred for a month at the request of the applicant, Freure Management Ltd.

Freure wants to develop the old Ajax industrial site on Queen Street East into a 35,000 square foot commercial plaza but Town staff and area residents have a number of concerns.

Freure consultant Jack Redmond said that the group asked for the deferral, not because the report isn't favourable, but because they didn't have time to prepare for last night's (Monday's) council meeting.

"Until 9:30 Monday morning we weren't in possession of the Town's report on our plan. We

weren't notified until late Friday that there was the potential that it was coming to council. That didn't give us time to present a reasonable response," Redmond explained.

Halton Hills Planning director Ian Keith says he never tells applicants what is in his report until it comes to Council.

Keith also says Council will have to decide if a proposed major plaza and food store in Acton East should be approved, or this proposal by Freure, or some of both. The Town's engineering department says the Freure applications should be refused because there is no safe access to the site for pedestrians or cars.

The application will be back for debate in about one month. ■

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