

Water main concern at meeting over proposed Black Creek golf

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Proponents of Black Creek Golf Course east of Acton are using misleading data to bolster claims the proposed 27-hole facility won't cause wells to go dry, according to a neighbour of the proposed Black Creek Golf Course.

Dan Poirer, representing Fourth, Fifth and Six Line residents, said the residents have a certain degree of mistrust with the integrity of the application and detailed their concerns at a public meeting on Monday, called to review the Monckton application.

The application is to amend the Town's zoning bylaw and Official Plan to permit a golf course, clubhouse and maintenance building on 225 acres on the north side of Highway 7, between the Fourth and Fifth Lines.

"The residents represented tonight are generally alarmed that the documents submitted to support this project are biased," Poirer

said, asking councillors to consider the rights and privileges of existing residents who are worried about well water quantity and quality, loss of quality of life, increased traffic, chemical runoff from the golf course and higher property taxes.

In an overview of the proposal Town planner Marsha Paley outlined water related concerns from the Credit Valley Conservation.

"There are tributaries of the Black Creek (Mann's Creek) that have sensitive cold-water fisheries. There are provincially significant wetlands and the Silvercreek wetland complex. There is also an environmentally sensitive area and a regional storm floodplain," Paley said, adding CVC has asked for additional information.

The applicant's planning and project manager, Glenn Schnarr, a former CVC employee, said that information is coming. Schnarr stressed that irrigation water would only be taken from Black Creek during high flow periods and

no ground water would be taken for irrigation, but just enough for the clubhouse, the equivalent usage of four or five houses.

"We would only take water (from Black Creek) when there's a lot of water in the stream... during spring runoff and after substantial rains throughout the course of the year," Schnarr said, adding they will have enough ponds to store water for droughts.

Schnarr dismissed concerns about herbicide and pesticide runoff from the gold course harming Black Creek, arguing the impact from agricultural runoff is much greater. He said the quality of life wouldn't be affected because the area will look much like it does today when you drive by after the course is open and Highway 7 can handle any increased traffic.

"We are committed to working to make this golf course another jewel of a golf course in Halton Hills," Schnarr said, adding they are doing additional testing requested by the CVC.

Barbara Halsall, president of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) said they have "major concerns" about what will happen to Black Creek if the golf course is approved and she doesn't think any water

should be taken from Black Creek. Acton resident Jean Hilborn argued all ground water supplies and wetlands areas must be protected and preserved and Fourth Line resident Ray Blower questioned if the proposed ponds would leak or draw ground water.

After commenting agencies have responded to the proposal and all technical information requirements have been met, Town staff will draft a report with a recommendation for council debate.

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The community/public meeting will be held:

Monday, November 22, 1999

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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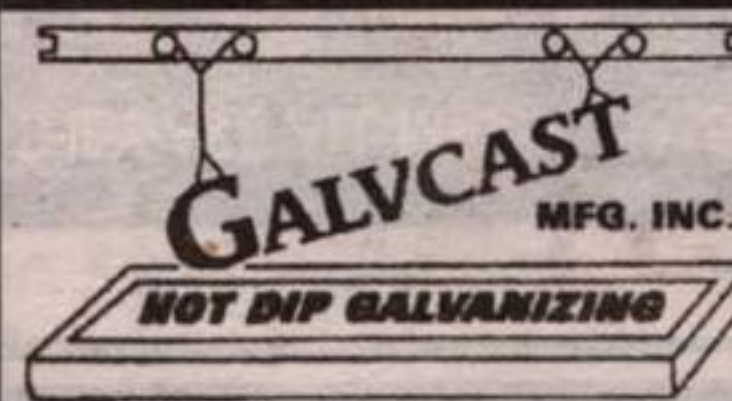
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