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Council approves long term beds

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Approval of a 130-bed long-term care facility in Georgetown will improve Halton's dubious record of being the most "under bedded" community in Ontario, but two councillors don't like the 3.0-acre site at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Highway 7, north of Lindsay Court, calling it "horrible and isolated."

Subject to a number of conditions, Town Council approved official plan and zoning changes to allow Extencicare to build the long-term care facility, licensed and regulated under the Nursing Home Act.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville and Ward 4 Councillor Ron Chatten, both whom said they appreciate the need for additional beds, voted against the official plan and zoning bylaw changes needed to redesignate the land from major open space to residential with a special conservation zone.

Somerville called it a "horrible" site, the "worst location" possible and anticipated problems with high traffic levels and noise.

Chatten called the site "isolated" and questioned how, with highways on both

sides of the property, there wouldn't be noise and traffic problems.

A noise impact study says window glazing and air conditioners in some units will provide noise control measures to meet provincial standards.

The two-storey, 86,000-square-foot facility, described as a residential not an institutional design, also includes a self-contained coffee shop, tuck/gift shop and hair salon and gift shop. On-site medical care will be available for the residents who will have

an average age of 85.

A licensed archaeologist will be on site when the property is cleared for development to watch for human remains. The former McCullough Cemetery was located on the property in the 1880s and seven known graves have been identified and will be preserved, at the relief of some local residents and the Esquesing Historical Society.

Local residents were also concerned that a woodlot on the property would be cleared and while some trees will be

removed, the developer must agree to a tree compensation and landscaping plan.

The facility will have full municipal services and a pre-construction well survey will be done to protect local homeowners who have wells and septic systems.

Extencicare has a site plan before staff and expects a building permit will be issued within two months. Occupancy is planned for 2002.

A holding provision remains on the property until all of the Town's conditions have been met.



IT'S GROWING: The Chafe family on MacDonald Boulevard like their location so much they decided to put an addition to their home instead of moving. Since the wartime house only had a crawl space rather than a real basement they jacked the house up to put in a full basement to match the basement for their addition. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

CONE concerned over Milton expanding

The Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE) has expressed concern with the August 10 decision of the Consolidated Hearings Board which will pave the way for the expansion of the Milton urban area onto Escarpment lands.

The decision comes after several weeks of hearings which began in February of this year and concluded in the middle of April. Two landowners, Central Milton Holdings and Joseph Cucuruto, had applied to either remove their lands from the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area completely, or failing that, to redesignate them as Escarpment Urban Area. A third landowner, Jannock Limited, withdrew their application at the start of the hearing and will have their own separate hearing before the Board in September.

All of the lands in question lie at the base of the Escarpment west of Milton and south of Kelso Conservation Area.

In their decision, the Board denied the application of Mr. Cucuruto, but left the door open for Central Milton Holdings to change the designation of their lands to allow for urban expansion, pending preparation and approval of a detailed concept plan for the

site. Both landowners were denied permission to pull their lands out of the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area completely.

The full environmental impacts of opening up the Central Milton holdings lands for development will not be known until they produce a detailed concept plan for the Board's consideration. They have one year to do so. In their decision, the Board lists several guidelines which the plan must meet and seems to preclude the development of a typical subdivision.

In their report, the Board states that it "does not find on the evidence that an ordinary subdivision would meet the objectives of the NEP and the NEPDA."

"We applaud the Board's decision to limit the expansion of Milton by maintaining the Escarpment Protection Area designation or Mr. Cucuruto's property," commented CONE Manager Jason Thorne. "But the end result of the overall decision is that Milton's urban area will be allowed to encroach a little further on to the Escarpment and that is cause for concern. This despite the fact that the need for Milton's urban area to expand westward toward and onto the Escarpment has not been estab-

lished."

CONE agreed with the position of the Niagara Escarpment Commission in arguing that all of the subject lands are essential to maintaining the open landscape character of the area and providing a buffer for the sensitive natural areas on the Escarpment face itself.

"The current Plan designations provide the minimum buffer needed to protect the landforms and the biodiversity of the Escarpment environment," states Thorne. "We simply can't afford compromise solutions which further nibble away at the edges."

CONE, founded in 1978, is an umbrella of 24 environmental organizations and community groups, including the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Sierra Club of Canada - Eastern Canada Chapter, the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group, the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, the Halton-North Peel Field Naturalists, Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER), and the Beaver Valley Heritage Society.

CONE monitors development up and down the Niagara Escarpment and is a strong supporter of the pro-

visions of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Cabinet-approved land use plan that controls development on the Escarpment.

No police investigation as yet

Until Ron Hudson files the proper papers, Halton Regional Police are not conducting any investigation on his complaint.

Hudson is complaining that police in the Acton office ignored his plea for help when he arrived at their door in the throes of a heart attack in the early hours of July 22.

Det. Larry Masson of the force's Professional Standards Bureau says another bureau member did talk to Hudson, but no action is being taken at this point.

"Mr. Hudson was given some instructions (about filing papers for the complaint) and until he follows them, there won't be any investigation," Masson says.

The Police Services Act gives the public six months after an incident to file a complaint, Masson points out.

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