

Town may okay home apartment registry

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In a potentially contentious vote, Halton Hills councillors could Lapprove an apartment registry for the town at tomorrow's (Monday) meeting.

Two councillors expressed dislike for a staff plan to require all homes which contain apartments be registered with the town to help enforce safety standards.

A new Ontario law, the Land Use Planning and Protection Act, gives municipalities the authority to set up the registry, charging a one-time fee to landlords. Halton Hills will charge \$625.

The plan was prompted by real estate agent Doug Penrice, as well many other enquiries from real estate lawyers, financial institutions, insurance companies, tenants and

homeowners.

Currently, there is no legal requirement for landlords to notify the municipality that they have an apartment in their home, and only the fire department has the authority to inspect apartments if requested.

The fee is intended to compensate for on-site inspections by fire and property standards officers as well administration costs.

Houses with apartments which have already been processed and found to be in compliance with the new Ontario law prior to the town's new registry will be labelled "grandfathered" and placed on the registry for \$75. Landlords not applying for registration could face a fine of up to \$5,000.

It was estimated by Henry Tse, director of Building, Zoning and Enforcement Services, that there are approximately 1,000 such units in

Halton Hills. But he doesn't expect that all homeowners will come forward in the first year to get registered, suggesting the figure would be closer to perhaps 50 per year.

Councillor John Day wondered whether landlords could hire private firms to conduct the inspections, rather than town staff. But Tse pointed out that just because a person has gone through consultants, doesn't make the town free of liability. Fire and bylaw inspectors still have to go through the house.

Tse said the end result is that with or without the registry, the town will still have to do the inspections.

Both Councillors Al Cook and Kevin Kuiack had no objection to the registry, but did have a problem with charging landlords for the town services.

But Councillor Moya Johnson argued that the landlord is getting rent and therefore should pay.

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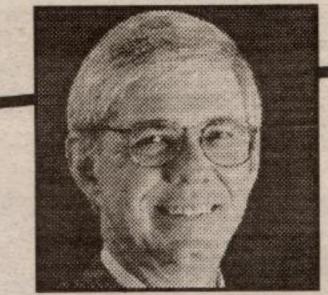
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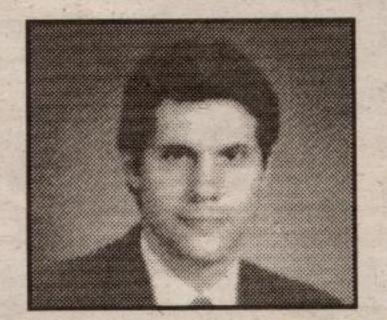
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