

Wife of town councillor objects to plans for townhouse development

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Despite the objections of the wife of a town councillor, Halton Hills council approved an application by the Daniels Group to build a townhome development.

The development involves 32 townhomes located on River Dr. between Mountainview Rd. and the Credit River in Georgetown.

Neighbor Gretchen Day, wife of Councillor John Day, alleged in a speech to

council Monday night that the development's construction process is damaging her century home and she is holding both Daniels and the town responsible. She asked the town to defer the condominium application until her demands on fencing, lighting, trees, drainage and cracking of her home and driveway, were met by Daniels and approved by the town.

John Day declared a conflict of interest in the matter.

"My land has been devalued because of your decisions," Gretchen Day accused the town councillors.

Robert Shan, representing the Daniels

Group, was similarly unhappy with the town.

"I'm really concerned that it appears to be that we've been made out to be the bad guy, and not a community-based developer and not a neighbor," Shan told councillors. He pointed out, that in addition to trying to appease Day, his company also reduced the number of townhome units, dedicated free land to the River Run condominiums for parking and dedicated land to another neighbor for a portion of a driveway.

He, however, agreed to two further requests by the town— to have the fencing, drainage and grading on the lands separating the properties, done by the end

of 1996, and to have the structural drawings of the retaining wall approved by the town engineer before construction.

Labelling the dispute between Day and Daniels a civil litigation matter, all councillors, except for Robert Heaton, voted to approve the application. But the councillors' reasoning didn't satisfy Day who hollered after the vote, "I think you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"This is one (Gretchen Day) of our own ... and if the council votes in favor of this development, this will cause the public to understand... that this council is really here for the developers... and not here to represent the general public," said Heaton.

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