

# Resident seeks public's support to put halt to proposed development

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Bert Zonneveld is angry pristine environmental land is going to be bulldozed for houses and wants the public's support to help stop it.

Zonneveld learned earlier this month that Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. (HHVHI) submitted plans to the Town of Halton Hills to build on a considerable portion of the ravine lands located on the east side of Eighth Line (Main St. South). The ravine land, which has Silver Creek running through it, borders homes on Rexway Dr., Chipper Ct., Sargent Rd., Heslop Ct., Dawson Ct. and Irwin Cres.

HHVHI has submitted two plans to the town to build 495 single-detached residential lots, 11 residential reserve lots, three neighborhood parks, and three open space blocks. The second application proposes the creation of 35 single-detached homes, 20 residential reserve blocks and one open space block.

A public meeting on the proposal will be held Monday, Nov. 30 in the council chambers of the Halton Hills Civic Centre, starting at 7 p.m.

Zonneveld, a Rexway Dr. resident, wants to see as many people as possible to speak in opposition to the proposal.

Zonneveld, who since learning of the proposal a week ago, has been knocking on doors informing his neighbors. He says the housing will destroy the valley. People are losing more than just the view, he said, they are losing the character of the town of Georgetown, the wildlife and the beauty of the area.

"My plan of action is to explain to the Georgetown people that there is more at stake than just the properties that are adjacent to this valley. I think it's a lot more than that," said Zonneveld. "Georgetown is losing a very precious piece of nature, a very precious view. How many towns can boast they have this kind of scenery right in the heart of town?"

Zonneveld is hoping people will contact him at 873-9263 before Monday's meeting so they can prepare a common front. He is hoping a lawyer or environmentalist will come forward to speak for the group "more eloquently" than he could. Zonneveld, however, does plan to speak at the public meeting.

"I truly believe in the power of the people,"

Zonneveld said. "And just because one person (the developer) has a lot of money doesn't mean they have the right to do whatever they like."

According to Steve Andrews, the town's Chief Administrative Officer, the town will be trying a new approach with this development application in an effort to avoid any turmoil, similar to what was created over the Georgetown Estates subdivision on the Norval hill. There, residents objected to the substantial tree-cutting as well as the placement of a sewage pumping station on environmentally-sensitive valley lands.

Everyone has to get their issues on the table right from the start so that there are no misunderstandings in the future, he said. The town is now placing a greater onus on the developers to disclose all information about their project including infrastructure works such as sanitary works and the subsequent impact on the environment.

Positive things have come out of the negativity of the Georgetown Estates situation, he said, and residents attending the NOV. 30 meeting will find that out first-hand.

Also on Nov. 30 there will be a public meeting on another housing subdivision application— across the road from the HHVHI proposal. This one, by Verdeux, on the west side of Eighth Line at the corner of 15 Sideroad is requesting permission to build 250 single family homes, a neighborhood park and two open space blocks.

## New town clerk starts job Dec. 14

Halton Hills council recently appointed Barbara McEwan as new town clerk.

McEwan is currently director of legislative services in the City of Toronto. Before that she was Scarborough's deputy clerk.

She has a Masters in Public Administration and a honors Bachelor of Environmental Science, specializing in urban and regional planning.

"Ms. McEwan will add a lot of strength to this corporation," said Steve Andrews, the town's chief administrative officer.

McEwan will start her new job on Dec. 14.

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Notice is hereby given, that the 41st Annual Meeting of Halton Community Credit Union Limited will be held at the Muddy Duck Banquet Hall, 360 Steeles Avenue, Milton, on the 2nd day of December 1998 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended September 30th, 1998. Also on the agenda will be the Appointment of Auditors, a resolution to extend the terms of two Directors and any other business of an annual meeting.

Signed at Milton, this 15th day of October, 1998.

P.J. Buwalda, Secretary



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