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Group seeks council backing for large-scale development in south west Halton Hills

Halton Hills council has agreed to a local landowners group's request for a 90-minute hearing to explain its proposal to build on 1,000 acres of farmland.

The South West Georgetown Landowners Group, a collective of local property owners, own the block of land from Eighth Line to Trafalgar Rd. and from north of 10 Sideroad to 15 Sideroad. To develop the land, it must be included in Georgetown's urban boundary plan.

Solicitor Bert Arnold brought the request to council during a meeting earlier this month. He said the Group specifically wants to be considered as a special study area in the town's Official Plan review, which is currently under way. The Group wants a special 90-minute council meeting or workshop, open to the public, to explain its proposal.

Council agreed to a date: Wednesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

The plan may include an industrial area, affordable housing, seniors' housing, and something new, an environmental tech village, Arnold said.

The Group, he said, can demonstrate to council that the 1,000 acres can be developed with a mix of residential and industrial development with a well-based, stream-based, servicing. That's unlike other developers' plans for expansion, which are based on bringing piped water from Lake Ontario, he said.

"However, the Landowners Group believes that it can be demonstrated that incremental growth based on well-based, stream-based servicing is feasible and which could forestall consideration of the 'Big Pipe' solution," said Arnold.

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Rolling on the River...fest

The Credit River in Norval was the place to be Saturday as the annual Riverfest celebration took over the hamlet. Above, Halton Hills Fire Department member Joel Glaude and Chris Hyde (foreground) perform a mock river rescue exercise. (Right) Four-year-old Emma Ayers of Georgetown checks out the vendor's market. The annual bash to celebrate life on the Credit featured various nature displays and demonstrations, a wooden boat race and a variety of musicians.

Photos by Trish England

Man accosts teenage girls

Halton Police are looking for a man after an incident Thursday evening at the South Georgetown plaza on

Mountainview Rd. involving two 14-year-old girls.

Police report two girls were approached by a man who said he was a drug dealer and could get them drugs. Police said the man then attempted to grab one girl's arm after blocking their entry into Shoppers Drug Mart. The two girls went to leave the area and the man, who was speaking to someone in a white car, approached them again and made sexual comments.

The man is described as white, 5'10" to 6', skinny, muscular, with a shaved head, balding on the top and a bushy brown goatee. He was wearing light, faded blue jeans and a faded black or grey t-shirt with Associate 10:66 on the back of it.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2415.

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