

Neighbours allege 'preferential treatment' for Halton Place

Allegations equestrian centre defies and ignores regulations and requirements without penalty

By Frances Niblock

In what the Mayor described as a 'huge' statement, Town councillors voted to prevent any scheduled events this year at the Halton Place equestrian centre on 15 Side Road, west of the Fourth Line, until a number of site plan issues are resolved.

The tough stance follows a history of Halton Place violating site plan conditions imposed by the Town and Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).

At a recent council meeting, neighbours of Halton Place complained that it was receiving "preferential treatment" from council, despite not completing several requested studies including traffic impacts, tree preservation and stormwater management.

Halton Place lawyer Thomas Arnold admitted that the studies were overdue but said that a site plan agreement with the Town could be complete within three months, if the Town granted the additional time.

That suggestion did not sit well with neighbour Jack Pemberton who said it appeared Halton Place was getting preferential treatment as it continued to defy and ignore regulations and requirements without penalty.

"We question whether that is effective municipal governance," Pemberton said, adding Halton Place is still in default with the 2008 and 2009 site plans.

Another neighbour, Mike Shantz, passed around photos of a new

show ring on the property that he said involved bringing in more than 50 trucks loads of fill without the required permits. He also alleged that Halton Place buried 200-tonnes of manure near the headwaters of 16 Mile Creek.

Town planning director Bruce MacLean said while Halton Place had not met the target

dates required, it was being co-operative with a complicated issue that involved several jurisdictions including the Town, NEC, Halton Region and Conservation Halton. He said staff's first approach is to work with an applicant, but said there are penalties that could be imposed on Halton Place under the Planning Act,

but also said they are "close" to resolving outstanding issues.

The on-going dispute with the equestrian centre has annoyed several councillors including Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson who accused Halton Place of a pattern of "violating every rule laid down."

The planning staff rec-

ommendation was to allow Halton Place an additional three months to submit the required reports to finalize the site plan, but that was amended by Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville who wants council to ask the NEC not to issue a permit for any horse events this year until the site plan agreement is complete.

Describing the Town's tough stance as a "huge statement" – Mayor Bonnette said it was unfortunate they had to use a "hammer", but it was a necessary hammer to "try to get some peace in the neighbourhood."

Bonnette wants a progress report on the issue at the March 8 council meeting.

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RFT#1000083833	Concrete Pump Truck(s) complete with Operator	Monday, March 8, 2010 4:00:00 PM EST	Monday, March 15, 2010 4:00:00 PM EST
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