Committee pans condo plan, at least for now

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Challinor.

"The Town of Milton was offered the lands, but it was beyond our means," he said. "There was no discussion. Maybe if we won the lottery."

Despite not knowing the exact price of the land, Mr. Chudleigh said he was under the impression it had been reasonable.

Due to an all-candidates meeting held the same night, Mr. Chudleigh was unable to attend the public session.

Despite this, he earned a long round of applause at the meeting when a letter he wrote opposing the residential side of the proposed development was read aloud by Mayor Gord Krantz.

"I would conclude he is not in support of what is being proposed here," said Mr. Krantz, through the cheering.

Yesterday, Mr. Chudleigh clarified his position, commenting that he opposed residential development of the site unless it could be guaranteed for the use of seniors only in perpetuity.

Presently, the land is in the control of the Ontario Realty Corporation, which has entered a binding contract with H.D. Investments.

The final sale is expected to go through in November.

Two interpreters were on hand at the public meeting for the sake of the deaf community, many of whom were strident in their opposition to the development.

"I think it's absolutely shameful that the gov-

rnment decided to sell this property on its own. They had absolutely no business doing that," said Chris Kenopic, the executive director of the Ontario Association of the Deaf, through an interpreter. "This property belongs to the deaf community. We grew up here. We made this property what it is today."

During the course of the meeting, delegation after delegation approached committee to refuse the developer's application.

"Don't think that we who oppose this development are just resisting change," said resident Mel Cutler. "We are not. This is just the wrong place to build any residential housing."

E.C. Drury student Mike McVety noted that fellow students had expressed their opinion on the matter earlier in the day by wrapping 300

ribbons around the trees on the site.

His statement inspired a standing ovation from the crowd.

Though the eventual committee decision was met with applause, at least one attendee will be saddened at the verdict.

Jessica Staples, a Milton resident and university student studying environmental science, commented that appealing to the OMB is just what the developers want.

Going directly to the OMB could save them both time and money, she said.

"Everyone is saying 'don't do it, don't do it', but that's really what we don't want," said Ms Staples. "We want to make it as long a process as possible. We want to draw it out and make (the developers) spend a lot of money."

Party time

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According to Staff Sgt. Hodgson, the main goals of the day are to have fun and promote a better understanding between the special friends and the community at large.

"The main goal is that every child leaves with a smile on their face," said Staff Sgt. Hodgson. "It is very much a family day."

The Special Friends concept was developed in 1993 by Halton Regional Police Sgt. Grant Wilkinson, whose daughter Stephanie — now 13 — has Downs Syndrome. Sgt. Wilkinson had been searching for a way to give something back to the many individuals and local organizations who had given so much support to his family, and Special Friends Day was the result.

There has been an event every year since with the exception of 1998, when most of the organizers were occupied with the Ontario Special Olympics Provincial Games.

Appleby College is allowing the use of its facilities at no cost. Other major sponsors include TD Banking Group (TD Bank and Trust, Evergreen and Green Line) Halton Police Services Board, both Halton school boards and Maxi and Co.

Ways of the Woods camp

Youngsters may learn an appreciation of nature that lasts a lifetime during day camps run by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

The Ways of the Woods day camp, available to children eight through 12 years old, is held in both one and two week sessions during July and August.

Children discover nature through a series of games and activities held at various Halton conservation areas. Pond exploration, insect hunts and bird hikes are but a few of them. Outdoor recreational skills such as archery and canoeing are also part of the package.

Additionally, the camp is accepting applications from 15 and 16-year-olds looking to become counsellors. Training will be held later this spring and only 20 teens will be invited to one of two preparatory sessions.

To inquire about joining the camp or becoming a counsellor, call Mountsberg Wildlife Centre at 854-2276.

Fax your sports reports to Steve LeBlanc at 878-4943.

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