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Town councillors deny Durante's re-zoning request; he may appeal decision at OMB

By RICHARD VIVIAN
The Champion

Town council refused to move forward in the process to re-zone an Ontario Street property for a car rental business Monday, with several councillors saying it was a waste of staff time.

"I don't see that this particular application has merit," said Councillor Cindy Lunau.

"I really don't believe that asking our staff to bring forward a technical report at

this time, given the serious concerns about the use of that property, is a good use of our staff time."

M. Durante Enterprises Ltd. was seeking to re-zone its 0.2-acre property on the corner of Ontario and George streets from residential type four to highway commercial in order to allow for the establishment of a car rental agency. The property is listed as employment lands under the Town's official plan.

Last week at the Milton administration

and planning committee meeting, the proposal was received for information and forwarded to staff for a technical report — which is the standard procedure.

"I'm in shock," Denis Durante of Durante Enterprises told The Champion following the council meeting.

"I will consider appealing (the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board), considering the fact we went through this process last week and it got approved to go to a technical report."

The re-zoning application included access from both George and Ontario streets — the main issue of conflict for councillors and several neighbourhood residents.

"The concern I have is the access proposed off George Street. I'm opposed to that," said George Street resident Cheryl Roberts, adding she canvassed the neighbourhood and was speaking on behalf of the majority of area residents.

"I have a seven-year-old child and I'm concerned about the safety of the street and added traffic with a commercial business."

Agreed Councillor Rick Malboeuf: "I don't think we should be looking to pursue looking to put a car rental agency in a residential area, that close to people's homes. There are a lot of other areas that M. Durante Enterprises could locate their business."

But not everyone on council felt the issue should have been dropped so soon. Some councillors suggested delving into the technical report to find answers to traffic concerns before taking a position on the matter.

"The problem is we don't have a chance to look into it (concerns) or answer it before it (application) is here — that's why we ask for a technical report," Councillor Rick Day told council. "Whether the council will eventually approve putting that car rental agency in there or not, we will need the evidence of the staff report. Even if we say 'no' we need that full report (to support our position)."

JUNIOR/SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2002

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Registration for those children who will be attending Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills (Georgetown/Acton) will be held at all schools on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2002

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2002

9:00 a.m. - noon 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS

Junior Kindergarten

Senior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2002

Children are required to be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2002

- Roman or Eastern Rite Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required
- proof of age is required
- before registration is finalized, a child will have completed the prescribed program of immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella
- families registering for the first time at a school are requested to provide the child's medical card at the time of registration
- For further information or alternative registration date, please contact the principal of your nearest Catholic School

Please Note: Children currently registered in their school's Junior Kindergarten program are not required to register for the Senior Kindergarten program. Placement in the Senior Kindergarten program will be processed by the school unless otherwise notified by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

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HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM REGISTRATION for September 2002

Registration for those children who are interested in the French Immersion Program in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown/Acton will be held at all designated schools listed below on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2002

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2002

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- students must be entering grade 5 in September 2002 in a Halton Catholic District;
- in person only - parent, guardian or other responsible adult with a letter indicating they are acting on the parent's behalf;
- registration to take place at the French Immersion school designated for your attendance area;
- enrolment for the French Immersion Program is limited;
- registration is on a first-come, first serve basis

LOCATION OF DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

Area

North Burlington
South Burlington
Georgetown/Acton
Oakville

Designated Schools

St. Gabriel School
Ascension School
Holy Cross School
St. Matthew, St. Bernadette,
St. Joseph, St. Marguerite D'Youville

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