

Public meeting is set for Jan. 8

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the joint board during a hearing three years ago when Central Milton was first looking for approval for the development.

The board determined a public meeting will be held January 8 at Town Hall, and Central Milton is to re-submit a revised concept plan to the joint board, the Town, Halton and the NEC by January 30.

In an interview, Bert Arnold, a lawyer representing Central Milton, said the concept plan took into account comments made to the Town at a July public meeting regarding the Sherwood Survey draft plan.

"The detailed concept plan picks up on that and reflects that," he said.

But Jason Thorne, executive director of the Coalition on the

Niagara Escarpment (CONE), said because there was no direct public consultation on the concept plan, the proposal should be dismissed.

Should development ultimately occur, though, Mr. Best said the land must be used wisely to act as a buffer between the downtown core and the escarpment.

If it's allowed to become a housing development, he fears that, among other things, traffic will worsen along Main Street and storm water run-off will pick up things like oil on driveways and eventually find its way into nearby Sixteen Mile Creek.

"We have a unique aspect with the escarpment - let's do it right," Mr. Best said.

But Mr. Thorne said he's skeptical of how much Central Milton's concept plan will change.

He said he thinks there could be some minor concessions made, but nothing of major consequence.

"All we have is a fait a compli proposal in front of us. We expected to be involved at the blank slate stage, working together to developing a plan."


Mr. Arnold, representing Central Milton, said the public meeting will be taken seriously.

"We will take into account the concerns they (Town, Halton and the NEC) have, as well as the public, and we will document those concerns for the board."

Residents can call the planning department at Town Hall at (905) 878-7211 to view the concept plan.

Jason Misner can be reached at jmisner@miltoncanadianchampion.com.

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was being planned, Robarts Drive was aligned with the west school entrance. Then the traffic light could have been shared.

"They designed the subdivision so it doesn't line up. I feel someone made a mistake," she said.

Ms Minkhorst said she was told the soonest town council could discuss Mr. Linn's report is January, because of the municipal election.

Ward 4 Councillor John Challinor said putting a traffic light in front of the school would have

little impact on reducing dangerous traffic situations there.

He said collisions happened before the October 14 accident and will continue to happen every once in a while no matter what's done.

"I don't think it's good planning to have another light on Main Street," he said.

One of the solutions proposed by the Town was to make the rear of the school parking lot accessible to a road that could be built behind the school, Mr. Challinor said. That way, students could exit via the

side road and exiting traffic would be controlled by the already existing light at Pearson Way/Harris Boulevard and Main Street.

"I personally favour constructing a roadway behind the school," Mr. Challinor said.

Mr. Corradetti said that would take too long and the road would be located behind a track and sports field, making it a long and inconvenient drive out of the lot.

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