

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Regarding an Amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Region of Halton Official Plan by Central Milton Holdings Limited and 665497 Ontario Limited (CMHL)

You are invited to a Public Information Meeting held by the applicant, Central Milton Holdings Limited and 665497 Ontario Limited (CMHL), on:

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2004
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton

Background

The proposed amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Region of Halton Official Plan is to include approximately 63 hectares of land owned by CMHL in the Milton Urban Area. These lands are generally located between Steeles Avenue and Main Street immediately west of the CN Railway.

The applicant's proposal was considered by the Joint Board in 1999 and early 2000. On August 10, 2000, the Joint Board issued a Decision, which was confirmed by Cabinet on August 28, 2002, that the CMHL property, excluding the woodlot, could be considered for Urban designation but that an ordinary subdivision would not meet the objectives of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

The Joint Board decided that a spacious, well landscaped plan would:

- respect views to the Escarpment;
- provide scenic walkways;
- access the Escarpment directly or indirectly;
- reflect densities existing on nearby Escarpment lands;
- be reflective of the open landscape character;
- evaluate the woodlot for its environmental sensitivity with proper setbacks; and
- dedicate the woodlot to the public.

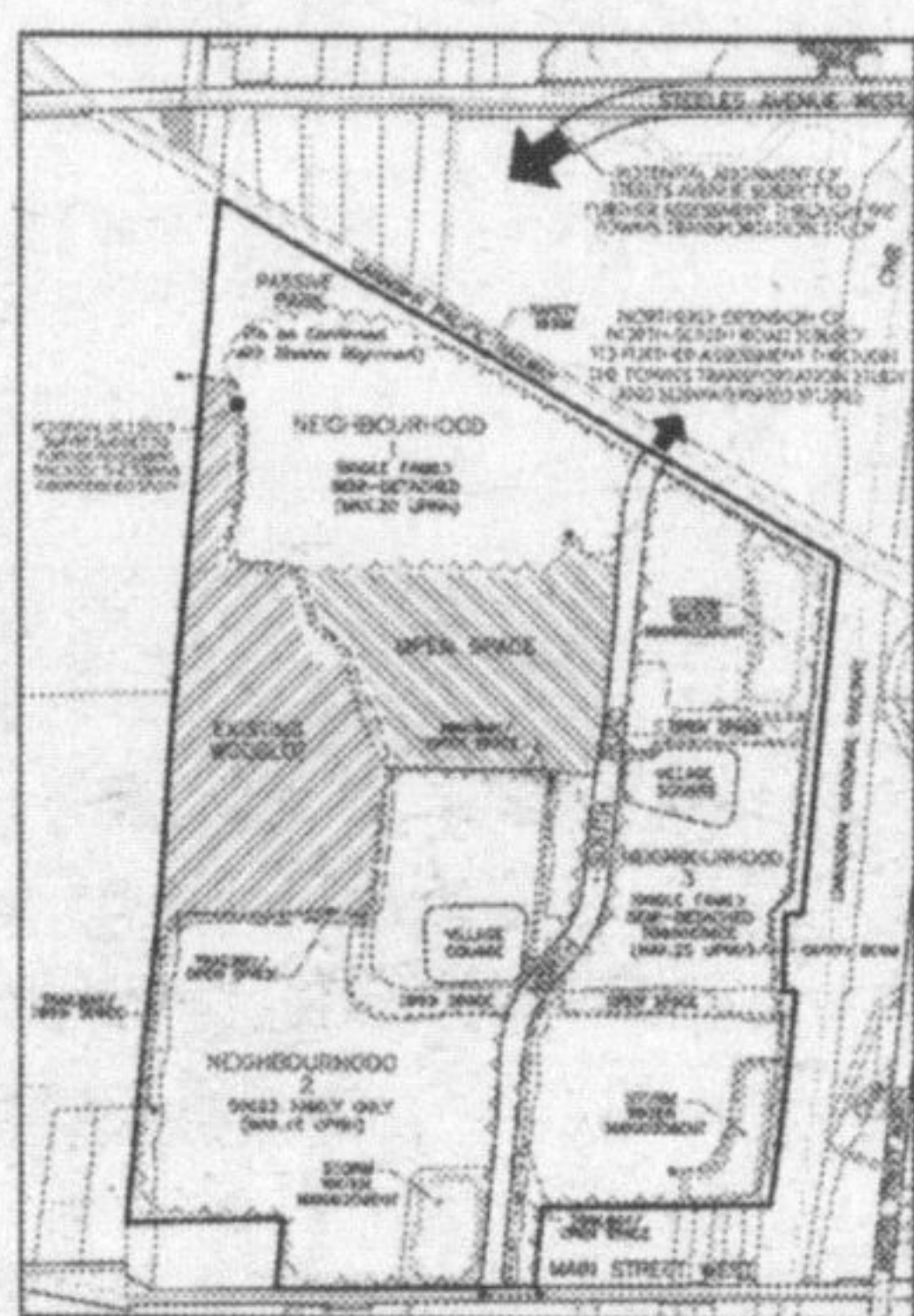
The Joint Board directed that a detailed concept plan be prepared to address these issues and to guide development on the CMHL property. The Joint Board deferred its decision to amend the respective plans pending the completion of a detailed concept plan process.

On November 20, 2003, the Joint Board ordered that a Public Information Meeting be held on January 8, 2004 to review the detailed concept plan with members of the public.

The Joint Board intends to consider the approval of the concept plan at a hearing scheduled for April 1, 2004. The Joint Board may approve the proposed amendments if it is satisfied with the concept plan or the CMHL application will be dismissed.

Purpose of the Public Information Meeting

The purpose of the public information meeting is to provide an opportunity for public input on the Detailed Concept Plan prepared by the applicant (reduction shown below) pursuant to the Order by the Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act.



In developing a spacious, well landscaped concept plan, the following development principles are also proposed by the applicant:

- Unlike the ordinary urban development in Milton, the CMHL property will be planned as upscale executive housing community, which will provide predominantly low density forms of housing characterized by high quality homes on large lots with enhanced streetscape designs, open space and community features;
- the woodlot, the former clay extraction pit, prominent hedgerows and stormwater management ponds, shall be integrated into the overall neighbourhood design;
- a strong, identifiable and appropriate edge treatment to the community in relation to the Niagara Escarpment Area will be provided through opportunities to integrate hedgerows and public open spaces;
- a high quality urban design, architectural treatment and streetscape will be incorporated into the fabric of the community, which will be expressed through individual dwellings, landscaped medians and boulevards, village squares, open space, natural features, public walkways and other public realms;
- a strong community identity and neighbourhood character will be established through the design and placement of public amenity space, pedestrian walkways and trail systems and community entry features;
- the neighbourhoods closest to the Niagara Escarpment Area shall permit single family detached housing with a minimum lot frontage of 15 metres (50 feet) and up to 26-metre (85-foot) lot widths at a maximum density of 15 to 20 units per net hectare compared to the Town's standard of 30 to 35 units per net hectare;
- the neighbourhoods along the north-south road and near the railway shall permit appropriate mix of housing types at a maximum density of 25 units per hectare.

Written Submissions & Attendance at the Public Information Meeting

A copy of the Detailed Concept Plan relating to the CMHL property will be made available at the Planning and Development Department Counter (located on the upper floor of the Annex Building next to Town Hall).

Any interested person may make a written submission, prior to the Public Information Meeting, and should direct the submission to the attention of Colin Chung, Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc., 10 Kingsbridge Garden Circle, Suite 700, Mississauga, Ontario L5R 3K6. Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. can also be contacted by dialing 905-568-8888.

Any person may attend the Public Information Meeting to obtain information and make a verbal presentation and/or written submission, to identify issues of concern and/or express views in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Detailed Concept Plan.

It is the intent of the applicant to consider public input in refining the Detailed Concept Plan for further submission to the Joint Board at a hearing scheduled to commence April 1, 2004.

Co-workers win big in lottery

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Marilyn Hodgett, Corky Childes, Craig Hamill, Keith Urch, Val Horney, Bob Felstein, Joe Paiero and Don Williams.

Mr. Churchill waited until he was at work the Monday after the draw to tell most of his fellow ticket-holders the good news but again, no one believed him.

"We were all in shock and we thought Russell was joking with us," said Ms Horney. "Russell's always a kidder so we didn't believe him."

Added Mr. Hamill: "The general consensus was, 'That's nice, now let's get back to work.'"

According to Ms Horney, the group has been buying tickets that benefit a host of worthwhile charities for four years, including Heart

and Stroke, Princess Margaret hospital and Cash For Cancer.

The most the group has ever won in the past was \$150 and a cell phone. Even so, she added, the group was always happy their ticket money was going to worthy causes.

Not on hand last Friday was Mr. Urch, who recently suffered a stroke but is expected to return to work. Mr. Churchill said the win is especially sweet for him.

"It's going to help," he said. "It will put some extra cash in everyone's pocket."

To top it all off, said Mr. Churchill, there was no jealousy among those co-workers not in on the win.

"They were just so glad people they know won something," he

said. Added Mr. Hamill: "I'm fortunate I work with really decent people."

Proceeds from the 2003 lottery will go toward purchasing equipment not funded by the government for Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital; a van with a hydraulic lift for the Lions Foundation of Canada Special Skills Dog Guides program; furniture and equipment for the children's playroom, and the children's and women's quiet lounge at Halton Women's Place; and to help fund kids' and teens' programs in Oakville and Halton Region through the CFO Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation.

Food and toy donations needed

Why not pick up some extra non-perishable food items or a toy when you're out shopping this holiday season?

Tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Halton's

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