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Boughton shaves his head for charity

Town Councillor and long-time barber Mike Boughton gets a kiss from his wife Leeni after having his head shaved Saturday as a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society and Milton District Hospital. Looking on is Janet Cunneyworth, the first woman barber to work in his well-known Main Street shop. Inset, three barbers including Claudette Bomans, shave off his hair. Mr. Boughton will soon undergo surgery to remove a brain tumour, and, in line with his kind-hearted nature, decided to turn the inevitable head-shaving into a charity event.

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Bylaw change delays house closings

By **MELANIE HENNESSEY**
The Champion

Closing dates for almost 200 new south Milton homes have been thrown into jeopardy now that a developer has learned its garage widths don't comply with a new zoning bylaw, leaving future residents angry and uncertain about when they can move in.

The issue was the subject of a committee of adjustment meeting Thursday when Sundial Homes appealed to the Town to make an exception to the bylaw and allow the garage door openings to go forward at 2.29 metres for about 180 homes.

The new minimum standard that came into effect last year — after the subdivision had already

received draft approval — is 2.5 metres.

While the committee ultimately deferred the issue to a meeting scheduled for February 16, Sundial's consultant Ron Starr made his case at the meeting as to why the developer's applications for minor variances from the bylaw should be granted.

"The variances, in my mind, really aren't that great," he told the committee members.

Mr. Starr added he would prefer not deferring the matter, pointing out there are some mortgage deals for these homes that are supposed to close in May.

In speaking with *The Champion*, he noted timelines for completing the homes are going to be "tight," pointing out that even if the committee gives Sundial the go-ahead at its next meeting, there would still be a 20-day appeal process after

that, followed by the issuance of building permits.

If the variances aren't approved, he said he anticipates nobody would be able to move into their new homes until late summer, since the developer would be forced to change its design, which could take two to four months to complete.

"We wouldn't have much choice but to start the process over," he said.

The looming possibility of delays upset Oakville resident Dinesh Sharma, who planned to move his family to Milton in May.

"Now, I don't know the closing date. I'm really pissed," he told *The Champion* after the meeting.

"If it's a safety issue, that's another story, but it's not. They might as well go into phase one (of the Sundial subdivision) and tear it down."

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