## Residents voice concerns over car dealership

Noise and traffic among fears of potential neighbours

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Residents concerned with everything from noise to traffic turned out for a public meeting on Honda's proposed car dealership earlier this week.

The business has been planned for the southwest corner of Steeles Avenue and Martin Street, but in order for it to go ahead, the Town would have to approve a zoning amendment for the property.

Town council heard from those neighbouring the proposed dealership site during its session Monday evening.

Kings Court Crescent resident Alicia Butson said she hopes the dealership won't have an entrance from Martin Street, noting that it's a residential area.

"It's already become very busy with the expansion of the

town," she said of the street.

She also asked what the noise levels and light coming from the property would be like.

Town Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio said entrances have been proposed for both Steeles Avenue and Martin Street. He noted the dealership would have to comply with Milton's noise bylaw, while the zoning bylaw requires any lighting to be shielded.

Martin Street resident George Spiegelhalter also raised concerns about noise coming from the auto shop component of the business.

"I really don't think, if the dealership does go through, that the garages should face our houses," he said.

He questioned whether there would be noise from loud speakers, but Iovio told him they're not allowed.

Fellow Martin Street resident Melody Robinson also spoke, voicing her worries with the close proximity of the dealership's parking area to her property.

"The biggest concern is the safety of my children," she

Iovio said there should be at least 20 feet between her

property's edge and where the parking area would be.

Nearby business Meritor Suspension Systems also shared its thoughts with the Town through a letter, expressing concern with the land use compatibility of its business with the proposed dealership.

The letter says, "In particular, the outdoor storage of vehicles for this sales establishment may result in potential nuisance complaints associated with dust emanating from the Meritor facility and isn't consistent with the types of uses envisioned for the Steeles Avenue frontage."

A few councillors went on to express their opinions on the plans, like Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day who said he's skeptical about putting an "intense use in those people's backyards."

Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau pointed out the dealership would result in more vehicles being parked at the "gateway" to the community and asked whether that's being taken into consideration when it comes to site design.

Town Senior Planner of Development Review Maria Smith told her staff has made the land owner aware that the property is in a gateway location.

Staff will bring a recommendation on whether to approve or deny the dealership to a future meeting.

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## Halton has representation on AMO

A regional councillor has been elected to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) board of directors.

Oakville Councillor Janice Wright was selected for the position at the recent AMO annual conference.

As a member of the board, Wright will help set policy for the association residents on a daily basis." and serve as a key municipal leader in

the province.

"I am pleased and honoured to be elected to the AMO board of directors by my peers from across the province," said Wright. "It is exciting to represent Halton Region on this board as the work of municipal governments touch

Halton Regional Chairman Joyce

Savoline, City of Burlington Mayor Robert MacIsaac and Town of Oakville Mayor Anne Mulvale have all served as long-time members of the AMO board.

Wright has been a member of regional council since 2003 and serves on many regional committees. She has also sat on several Oakville community committees and boards.



## Which Costly Mistakes Will You, Dorset Park & Old Milton, Home Owners Make?

HALTON - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale, or, worse turn prospective buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable preinspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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