

# Brookville golf course on Guelph Line is approved

Course to be built on land of which 30% is top farmland

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Plans for the Brookville Golf Course are driving ahead.

The development, which had been deferred until the Province issued the necessary water-taking permit, was approved by town council at its meeting last week.

The 18-hole course is slated for a property on Guelph Line, south of No. 20 Sideroad. Work is expected to get underway this year, with the course opening in 2008.

The Town's administration and planning committee also supported the plans at its meeting last week. But before

doing so, the committee first heard from Elizabeth Norrington, who operates a farm beside the course property and had previously raised concerns with the impact the development could have on her water supply.

She said she and her husband are prepared to work in cooperation with the golf course provided the Town, Region, Conservation Halton, the Ministry of Environment and developer Rob Stevens acknowledge that their farm can continue to operate unimpeded by the course.

Norrington was assured by Town Senior Manager of Development Review Anne Dawkins that there's no way staff would recommend the approval of one land use that would cause the loss of another.

Stevens noted he will continue to monitor all ground water systems and will improve the water drainage problems Norrington is having.

The committee also heard from local farmer Peter Lambrick, who said he farmed the subject property for five years.

He highlighted the fact that 30 per cent of the workable area on the property is considered class one farmland.

"Class one farmland is becoming a very scarce commodity in Ontario," he said.

Lambrick went on to encourage the Town to be more holistic when reviewing such plans.

"You need to be looking at the bigger picture, and I can only hope in the future you will also be a little more cognizant of this bigger picture and not plunk a golf course in an area that it does not belong," he said.

A few councillors also weighed in on the golf course, like Ward 4 Councillor Paul Scherer.

He agreed that class one farmland needs to be protected, but also said he thinks the developer has done everything he has been asked to do.

"I believe we should support this application," he said.

Fellow Ward 3 Councillor Jan Mowbray said she thinks the golf course has a lot of benefits, such as bringing more tourists to Nassagaweya.

Stevens shared similar sentiments, noting he feels the golf course — which he described as an affordable family course — will be a positive addition to the town. He also said the course will support and encourage charitable events.

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