

More affordable housing types needed, says Schau

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existing development areas will be built out by 2012.

And if the Town doesn't get the new secondary plan approved by the end of 2009, it will be in contravention of the Provincial Policy Statement that dictates the need for a 10-year housing supply, a report from Iovio states.

When it comes to residential development this time around, Mann said the Town is looking to be more restrictive in its rules for high-density development.

That means if an area is designated for high-density development in the Boyne Survey, such as condominiums, developers wouldn't be able to lower the density to build single family homes instead.

"We have to demonstrate to the Province

that we're serious about introducing high-density residential development," Mann said.

Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau said there's definitely a need for a wide variety of more affordable housing types in Milton.

Fellow Ward 4 Councillor Paul Scherer questioned why staff is forging ahead with the new secondary plan now, since an Official Plan review is already underway, along with the Sustainable Halton planning process.

"Why do we want to push this forward now, as opposed to waiting six months and taking into consideration all the other work being done?" he asked.

Iovio explained that the Official Plan is a high-level policy, while the secondary plan provides a more detailed analysis on things

like traffic, parks, etc.

"We think it is the right time," he said. "When we deal with a secondary plan, we need to get well ahead of the growth. If we don't, we will be under pressure from the development community."

Scherer urged staff to make infrastructure a key part of the secondary plan process.

Council also heard from planner Glen Schnarr, who represented the majority of the landowners in the Boyne Survey area.

He said he believes the developers and the Town can come together to create a plan that provides the essential ingredients for a successful community.

In the end, council passed a motion that endorses issuing a request for proposals for the development of the secondary plan for the Boyne Survey and Milton Education

Village areas.

Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Colin Best put forward an amendment to the motion that asks staff to consider the concepts of complete communities and alternative development standards when creating the secondary plan.

"The complete communities concept is the design of a community which includes the provision of all services, not just water and waste water, to start a development," he explained.

Among the alternative development standards Best is suggesting are using traffic circles instead of stop signs and providing two parking spots at each single family home.

Council endorsed his amendment.

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Resident concerned about safety

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A resident of Stonebrook Estates, a subdivision of 31 homes at the end of the 12th Concession, questioned the safety of the testing.

Nadia Hoganson, who has lived in the subdivision for the past four years, said she learned late last week from the condominium board that oversees Stonebrook that the two primary water wells serving the housing area will be taken off-line for seven days while the testing is done.

During the shut-off, St. Marys is providing water to the subdivision from a regulated water plant.

"Why do we have to take steps if there is no reason for caution?" Hoganson asked.

She said she believes the wells were taken off-line at the request of the condominium board because members couldn't get the assurances about water safety that they wanted from St. Marys or the MOE.

When contacted Monday, a member of the board wouldn't confirm whether the request came from the condominium group.

The water tests are being done to collect information about groundwater and surface water resources in the area. The information, which will be posted daily at www.flamboroughquarry.ca, will be used by the MOE and the City of Hamilton to evaluate the proposed quarry's potential impacts on local water resources.

The pumping test is being conducted on the central west area of the 158-hectare (390-acre) site. There are 82 wells on the property that will be monitored throughout the testing, as well as five private wells owned by three nearby residents.

Dennis German, a hydrogeologist with Gartner Lee Ltd., hired by St. Marys to conduct the testing, said an estimated 50,000 pieces of data about groundwater and surface water will be released daily during the tests.

After each round of testing, there will be a break of several weeks as representatives of various groups analyze the data.

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