



Garbage monsters

These Sam Sherratt students created a garbage monster last Tuesday after collecting litter from the school yard. The Grade 5 students were taking part in

last week's Pitch-in campaign. They are from left (back) Pam Norman, Steve Kaufman, (front) Nicola Tinker and Jeff Hadar.

Housing project . . .

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However, councillor Art Melanson, long a supporter of geared-to-income housing, lamented the delay in land negotiations.

"I'm a little disappointed in the slowness," he said. "I hope the provincial government, in its wisdom, will not see fit to put this one off the rails. I urge the ministry of housing to get off their backsides."

Mr. Melanson asked when the bylaw formally creating the zoning amendment would come back to council.

Town planner Robin Kitchen said it depends on "how fast the Rotary Club can come to a resolution with the province."

"There's some urgency," councillor Melanson replied. "I can see the snow may be flying before the dirt is."

Bob Collins, a club member and director of the Milton Community Homes corporation, gave the club's presentation in support of the town staff report.

The project will entail 60 per cent subsidized housing, with the remainder at market value, he said. That decision was made by the provincial government, he noted.

Of the 60 per cent which is geared-to-income, rents will vary according to the tenant's ability to pay, Mr. Collins added.

Councillor Rose Harrison asked if the club could guarantee that 60 per cent of the housing in the 26-unit development would remain geared-to-income. In the past, she said, it has not been the case.

"We feel we have been short-changed in a couple of other projects that we have been involved in."

"Our personal integrity is at stake," Mr. Collins, a lawyer, replied. "We cannot give you anything stronger than our assurance."

One resident, Frank Martens, brought his queries to council. He lives next door to the project.

Mr. Martens was concerned about whether any individuals were making money on the project and about

how the development would affect his land. As well, he was curious as to how the club can obtain a zoning amendment while he cannot, because of a sewage capacity shortage.

Diedre Gibson, the project coordinator, said the group will be audited every year by the province and that the venture is strictly a non-profit one, with a 35-year agreement to that effect.

Councillor Harrison told Mr. Martens that sewage capacity for subsidized housing had been in place for the area since 1977, when the idea was originally proposed and then postponed.

If and when additional sewage capacity becomes available to urban Milton in the near term, town staff told Mr. Martens he will have the same access to it as everyone else, and could then apply for a zoning amendment.

It is possible that will happen, as the Milton sewage plant's capacity may be upgraded over the next two years.

Several town staff recommendations dealing with fencing, drainage and lighting, were incorporated in the report to council.

The project will contain 12 townhouse dwellings and 14 apartment units in a two-storey complex. A one-storey brick home currently sits on the site, and it may be destroyed, Mr. Collins said.

Youth . . .

From YOUTH page 1

Brian began CPR on his friend. He knew enough about the procedure to get his friend breathing, until an ambulance arrived moments later.

Mrs. Byers is thankful the youths at the scene were there to help her son. She says doctors have told her Mike may have not survived the fall if he hadn't been as big as he is. He stands over 6 feet tall, and weighs more than 220 pounds.

"If it hadn't been for the three boys I don't know if Mike would have made it."

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