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ishments, created after a short-lived one was established within the urban area about a decade ago. But there are no rules relating to adult video outlets as such, Town planner John Fior told councillors.

Ms Parke told councillors adult video stores "are popping up all over" and that "somehow, some way, young individuals are getting ahold of this stuff."

"Hard core pornography is available in your local variety store," Ms Ganton added. And sometimes, "variety store owners let our children have these videos."

Also, "there are clear links between sexual assault and pornography," she warned. On top of the video presence, the commercial sex industry is rampant in phone and escort services, she said, noting that the latter is usually a thinly disguised "front for prostitution."

The phone sex services are easily accessible to "any child who knows

how to dial '976' (the common exchange used by such enterprises)," Ms Ganton warned. "They can hear completely explicit confrontations. We as a group are really trying to stand up for the rights of women and children in our community."

"If we do nothing, we're going to promote the acceptance of pornography," she continued. "The message we will be sending to our children is that pornography is okay, tolerable, and that it's very visible for your 12-year-old to see."

Ward 2 councillor John Challinor endorsed the women's efforts. "I'm quite supportive of the work you are doing." He suggested they contact the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, two umbrella lobbying organizations for municipal government, with a view to having them exert influence on upper-tier legislators.

"If you can get people working for you in umbrella organizations,

you're probably going to reach your objectives faster," he said.

Ward 1 councillor Rick Day said the controversy was "such a complicated issue," and while the women insisted they weren't advocating censorship, "it is in a way."

Earlier the two women had made reference to a magazine article on sexual harassment in the workplace circulated to councillors, coincidentally in front of them when the duo spoke. They had indicated they were pleased to see elected officials were taking notice of such matters. But Mr. Day, gesturing to the article, said, "you guys are a long jump from where this is coming from."

"Where are we drawing the line?" Mr. Day. "Are we saying hard core pornography cannot be rented by adults?"

The councillor added that he was "not so sure I'd agree" that "life would be safer for women and children" if events went wholly according to the two women's agenda.

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