Medical building is proposed

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Only a few residents turned out for a public meeting to discuss a proposed two-storey mixed-used commercial office at Derry Road and Farmstead Drive Monday night.

The meeting, held before town council's administration and planning committee, reviewed a related staff report outlining a request made by Miltonbrook Land Holding Corporation to rezone a piece of vacant land currently zoned for future development.

The applicant has asked the Town to designate it a residential office zone to allow a commercial office building to be built. It's expected to house health professionals and medical clinics and other local commercial uses.

Staff planner Aaron Raymond said the proposed medical building would be built on a 2.14 acre piece of vacant land located near Birkdale Place and Milton District Hospital.

He continued the remainder of the land, about 2.93 acres, would be merged with the hospital lands to accommodate future hospital expansion.

Speaking on behalf of the applicant, Glenn Wellings, owner of Wellings Planning Consultants Inc., said his client believes the medical building will be beneficial to the existing hos-

pital and surrounding community.

He said his client has been continuously working with Town planning staff on the use of the land.

Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau said she would like to see the building have a direct walkway to the hospital.

"Clearly an office medical complex would be advantageous both for the clients as well as medical staff to have access to and forth to the hospital itself," she said. "I think it's quite likely there will be referrals back and forth."

Meanwhile, Ward 7 Councillor Rick Di Lorenzo asked whether any neighbouring properties like Birkdale Place had expressed any concern or had any questions about the proposed development.

"As of yet, we haven't heard anything," answered Raymond, adding that they were notified and are aware of what's being proposed. There were no delegates.

Staff will now review the site design and landscaping, the land use compatibility and traffic. A technical report will be prepared and presented to the administration and planning committee when it's complete, responding to any issues that came out of the public meeting.

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Long-term strategy for Allendale in works

Milton Local and Regional Councillor Colin Best believes a long-term strategy needs to be developed for Allendale, Halton Region's long-term care facility in Milton.

He told members of the Region's health and social services committee recently there's potential to grow the facility on the 20-acre property to accommodate some of the community's housing needs for "decades to come."

Best, who doesn't sit on the committee, said continued planning would ensure concerns raised recently by residents through the Milton Older Adult Strategy will be addressed.

His motion was moved by Oakville Councillor Alan Johnston as well as supported by the committee as a whole, and was approved by regional council last week.

Regional staff will prepare a long-term strategy for the facility.



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