

Public meeting discusses Yates Dr. subdivision development

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Mattamy Ltd. has submitted to the Town of Milton a draft plan to de-

velop a subdivision on Yates Drive. The 23.07 ha piece of land, which is currently on lands zoned for future development, is in a neighbourhood that's almost fully built out,

councillors and residents heard from Town staff at a public meeting recently.

Susan O'Brien, the Town's senior manager of development review,

explained the area —just east of Regional Road 25, south of Derry Road West, west of Thompson Road and north of Louis St. Laurent Avenue — already has residential homes to the north and east of it, as well as two elementary schools and a farming operation to the south and west of it.

The developer has proposed to create 28 residential blocks of mostly single detached and semi-detached homes, according to a staff report on Mattamy's application.

Out of the total 250 units, three would be townhouses. The subdivision would also have a village square, a linear park and two open spaces. A heritage home that currently sits on the edge of Sixteen Mile Creek bank property may move to a lot adjacent to the village square.

"The whole notion of moving this is still something we have to look into, but the intent is to preserve the house," said O'Brien when asked by a councillor what the plans are for the heritage home.

"If we can't preserve it, we'll move it slightly and maintain it or retain

it on lands that are not Town owned and refurbish the property so that it can in turn be sold in the open market."

During discussion, two residents asked how the development would affect their homes.

Mark Yorke, who lives just south of the area, expressed concern about the linear park proposed, and whether a fence or some kind of buffer would be put in place to separate his home from the public space.

Staff responded the area has yet to be planned fully, but when it is, Yorke would be consulted and given the opportunity to provide his input.

Another resident asked about whether the homes close to him would be similar to the size of his, to which staff assured him that the proposal shows the single homes would be consistent with the same type of development that exists in his neighbourhood.

Councillors and residents also heard from Terry Korsiak, a planner who spoke on behalf of Mattamy.

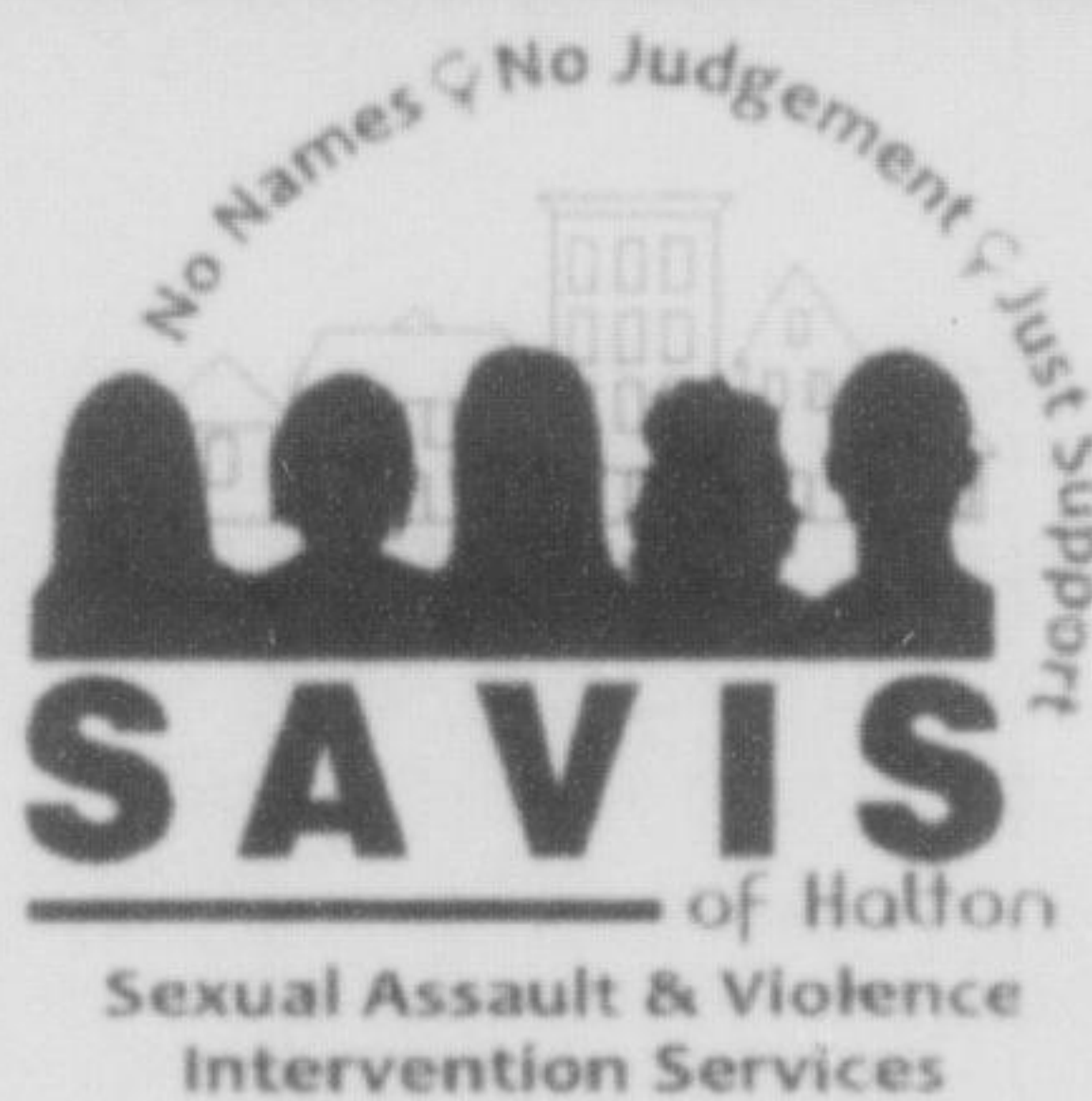
Korsiak, the owner of Korsiak & Company Ltd., described how Mattamy is taking the appropriate steps to complete the Coates neighbourhood.

In addressing some of the councillors concerns about how the farming operation next to the proposed development would affect residents, Korsiak noted Mattamy has been in discussions with the Town and Sargent Farms to discuss how to move forward.

Town staff will now be preparing a technical report with recommendations for council and responses to any issues that came out of the consultation and review process.

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