

Housing proposal pleases committee

It's not easy to put a smile on the faces of Planning Committee members these days, but Richmond Hill's newest proposed developer did it last week.

The Coventry Group and their planner, John Curtis, presented planning committee with a proposal for 214 units, to be built next year (if approval is forthcoming), on the property south of Crosby Avenue and lining Pugsley Avenue — formally known as the Mills Roses property.

Land owners would like to proceed next year and told the committee members they would

be willing to either present an amendment to the existing plan or wait for the new official plan — whichever was best for both.

Planning Committee asked the developers to wait for a time, as all amendments and objections delay passing of the new plan, but did advise the group to work closely with the planning staff to come up with the best procedure.

The Coventry Group proposes single family dwellings, categorized as "affordable housing" (suggested in the mid \$60,000 bracket), built on 30 by 105 foot lots and compatible with existing homes.

A retirement home for seniors with 120 units, next to the existing senior citizen housing on Dunlop Street, is also part of the plan. The building is to have central facilities and will be privately operated.

Planning Committee appeared to be pleased with the plan, saying it would definitely clean up the area, considered an "eyesore", and the planner had included good buffering in the way of roads and landscaping to protect future residents from possible problems with the abutting CNR tracks.

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