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## Yet another hearing for Spring Mills Estates

The ball is back in the Ontario Municipal Board's (OMB) park concerning the future of a proposed subdivision on Bayview Avenue, south of the Gormley-Stouffville Sideroad, to be developed by Spring Mills Estates Limited.

Friday a hearing was held in council chambers almost one year after the OMB handed down a decision not to approve a similar subdivision proposed by Spring Mills Estates.

Both the Town of Richmond Hill and the Region of York had changed their positions on the proposed development since that hearing and informed the OMB they no longer opposed the application to develop these lands as estate residential.

The original concerns of those opposed to the 105-acre subdivision included such technical concerns as the agricultural capabilities of the land, the availability of adequate water supply, the ability of the land to be appropriately serviced, the need for alternate access to Bayview Avenue, and the question of whether the lands were in the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Residents in the area expressed concerns at the first OMB hearing about the retention of the rural character of the area

and the fear of creating a whole new community.

The solicitor for Spring Mills Estates pointed out to the board the application in front of them was a modified plan containing 40 lots, rather than the original 55, each with an average size of 1.6 acres, and including three open spaces, totalling more than 17 acres.

Director of Planning for the region, Don Knight, gave the position of the region on this new plan.

The OMB report accompanying the decision, last February, stated concerns about the agricultural capabilities, the availability of adequate water supply and the location in the Oak Ridges Moraine, were considered and met, said Mr. Knight, so the region did not concern themselves with those problems.

He said the revised plan satisfied the concern for alternate access, by including an 86-foot road with median strip onto Bayview Avenue. He also said the medical officer of health for the region had no objections about waste disposal as long as soil tests were carried out.

As far as the rural character of the area, Mr. Knight said the region was satisfied the effect of reducing the density and spacing

out homes in the central area of the new plan had minimized the potential 'sea of roofs' from Bayview and 19th Avenues.

The new plan replaced five lots fronting on Bayview Avenue with one lot of 14 acres. Mr. Knight said the region felt this helped to maintain the rural character of the area.

Chairman for the OMB, S.S. Speigel mentioned some concern on this point regarding possibility of further severances of any owner of the large parcel.

The proposed subdivision together with the Trailwoods subdivision to the north would add about 300 new residents to the area but Mr. Knight said because these two subdivisions were not joined by a road pattern the region did not feel this would create a new community.

Regional Planning did however suggest although they would support Spring Mills Estates application they did so on the clear understanding there would be no further development in the area until studies were carried out to establish the needs.

The problem of including this need for a study in the board's report was also a matter of discussion between the solicitors present and the OMB members. Mr. Knight referred to at least

two other applications, already before the region, for estate residential subdivisions near Spring Mills Estates and recommended a study of the 1,000 acre area from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404 and from 19th Avenue north of Gormley-Stouffville Sideroad.

Three residents from the area testified at the hearing, each opposing the development and echoing the same concerns first studied.

One of these residents, Eric Baker, brought up new problems with the revised plan.

Mr. Baker pointed to one area

to the north east of the subdivision plan where he felt there were at least eight lots which could stand some scrutiny.

Lots in this area had frontages of only 50 feet, when Richmond Hill's bylaw asks for 150 feet. Mr. Baker suggested there would be

houses built there on lots as close as many in the southern part of the town.

The hearing lasted eight hours and the chairman finished by saying he would study the material, consider the matter carefully, and attempt to get the decision out quickly.



Students of the German language school, who meet Saturdays at Richmond Hill High School, perform a skit for their parents which included

the making of cookies. After the skit, parents got to taste the results. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

## HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Your community needs you</b></p> <p>... to think about volunteering some of your spare time after the holidays for one of the following worthy organizations:</p> <p><b>BROWNIES</b> — To assist with crafts instruction, group activities, or giving tests, as a Brownie leader.</p> <p>— To demonstrate a hobby or interest to a group of eager Brownies.</p> <p><b>YELLOW BRICK HOUSE</b> — To answer the phone and take care of the office at this emergency housing unit in Newmarket for women and children.</p> <p>— To take typing home.</p> <p>— To take one or two children to your home or to events, with your own children, on a professional activity day.</p> <p><b>Y.C.A.M.R.</b> — To act as a buddy for a retarded teenager, by teaching him or her how to use public transit in order to attend recreational programs, such as bowling or swimming.</p> <p><b>PROBATION AND PAROLE</b> — To become involved with someone who has been in trouble with the law, on a personal basis as an interested listener who can provide direction</p>	<p>and encouragement, after receiving appropriate training.</p> <p>If you are interested in using your spare time by contributing to your community, and wish to learn more about these or other volunteer openings, just call Lillian Silver at the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau, 883-2235.</p> <p><b>883-2234</b></p> <p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>January</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Annual Christmas Concert, St. John's Baptist Church School, 75 Oxford Street, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wheelhouse Club Euchre, 12 King Sideroad, Oak Ridges, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bayview Secondary School, Sounds of Christmas, at St. Mary Immaculate, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Hillcrest Jazz Festival, Metro Jazz, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Christmas Concert, Lake Wilcox School, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thornhill Radio Amateur Club, Thornlea, 8 p.m. 881-2891.</p> <p>St. John Ambulance Training session, Richvale Community Centre lounge 8 p.m. Info: 884-4204.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>B'Nai B'rith Meeting, Gallanough Library, 8 p.m. Info: 881-2027.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Lions meeting, 6:30, Centre St.</p> <p>Richmond Hill High 3rd annual Christmas Prelude with Gold and Silver Bands, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Richmond Hill Naturalists Club, Blue Flame Room, 8 p.m. Info: 884-2787.</p> <p>Wheelhouse Senior Citizens Club craft, work day, 12 King Sideroad, Oak Ridges, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Charles Dickens Madrigal Singers, Markham Place Mall, 7 and 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Christmas In Chinese, A Program for 6-12 year olds with Anne Peckover at 10:30 a.m. Thornhill Community Centre Library Auditorium. Pre-register 881-5668.</p> <p>York Choralists, Markham Place Mall, 7 and 8 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Group Run from York Region Family Y, 9 a.m. 884-0961.</p> <p>Richvale Lions Bingo, 31 Spruce Avenue, Richvale, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Richmond Hill United Church, Children's Christmas pageant, 11 a.m. Choir carol service — 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Carrville United Church candlelight service — 7:30 p.m. Info: 832-1403.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve Service, St. Paul's Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>St. Mathew's United Family Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m. &amp; 11 p.m.</p> <p>St. Mary's Anglican Christmas Eve Service 7:30; Christmas music, 10:30; First Eucharist of Christmas, 11 p.m.</p> <p>Richmond Hill United Church, Christmas Eve Children's Service, 7 p.m. Communion Service, 11:30 p.m.</p> <p>St. John's Baptist Church, Family Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b></p> <p>Christmas Day Service at St. Paul's Lutheran, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>St. Mary's Anglican Christmas Eucharist, 8 a.m., Family Christmas Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Register for Pre-School French, Thornhill Village Library, 881-8299. Ten sessions.</p> <p>St. John Ambulance Training session, Richvale Community Centre, lounge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-4204.</p> <p>Wheelhouse Senior Citizens Club Afternoon Euchre, 1:30 p.m. Info: 773-5394.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Wheelhouse Senior Citizens Club games and euchre, 7:30 p.m. 12 King Sideroad, Oak Ridges.</p> <p>Thornhill Community Centre Library, puppet show, ages 3 and up, 2 p.m. Register 881-5668.</p> <p>Richvale Writers Club, 79 Denham Drive, Richmond Hill. Info: 889-6703.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Singalong with Sharon Morley, Thornhill Community Centre Library, 2 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Register 881-5668.</p> <p>Wheelhouse Senior Citizens Club craft work day, 12 King Sideroad, Oak Ridges 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thornhill Community Centre Library, register now for January Story Hour. Register for pre-school French, ages 3-5. 889-5668.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Thornhill Community Centre Library program for children, in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. "Fantasy Films".</p> <p>Richvale Library, Fantastic Film Festival, 10:30 a.m. to noon.</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Group Run From Family Y, Richmond Hill. Everyone Welcome. 884-0961.</p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>New Year's Dance, Our Lady of the Annunciation School, Oak Ridges, 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 773-4103, 773-5873.</p> <p>Richvale Lions New Year's Dance, Richvale Community Centre, Tickets: 884-5097.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b></p> <p>New Year's Dance and Dinner, Heintzman House, 9 p.m. Tickets: 889-5043.</p> <p>Oak Ridges Lions New Year's Dance, Bond Lake Arena. Tickets: 773-4285.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Lions New Year's Ball, Richmond Hill Lions Hall, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>St. John Ambulance Training session, Richvale Community Centre, lounge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-4204.</p> <p>Wheelhouse Senior Citizens Club Afternoon Euchre, 1:30 p.m. Info: 773-5394.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>YCAMR Adult Coffee House, St. Mary Immaculate Church, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1784.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Lions Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Lions Hall, Centre Street, Richmond Hill. Info: 884-6775.</p> <p>Richvale Writers Club, 79 Denham Drive, Richmond Hill. Info: 889-6703.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Register for Creative Recreation, children aged 7-12. A 10-week program. Family Y — 884-4811.</p> <p>Richvale Writers Club, 79 Denham Drive, Richmond Hill. Info: 889-6703.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>One Parent Families Association Dance at Richvale Community Centre, 8:30 p.m. Info: 883-4516 or 884-2687. All Welcome.</p>	

## REGULAR EVENTS

May not apply during holiday season. Phone first

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Thornhill Barbershoppers, Highland Jr. Hi. School, Don Mills &amp; Cliffwood, 8 p.m. 663-5209.</p> <p>Cantabile Chorale, Gallanough Library, 8 p.m. 881-1105</p> <p>Lions Bingo, Centre St., R. Hill, 7:40 p.m. 884-4530.</p> <p>Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. 884-1689.</p> <p>York Philharmonic practice, R. Hill Baptist, 7:30 p.m. 884-3091.</p> <p>St. Paul's United crafts, 1:30 &amp; 7:30 p.m. 773-5603.</p> <p>Thornhill Lodge, B'nai B'rith bingo, Thornhill Comm. Ctre. 7:30 p.m. 881-3313.</p>	<p>RCSCC Patriot Sea Cadets, St. Mary's Anglican, 7:30 p.m. 884-3630.</p> <p>R. Hill Aquatic Club practice, Centennial Pool, 5:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. 884-8003.</p> <p>Navy League, R. Hill United, 6:30 p.m. 883-4182.</p> <p>R. Hill Library, pre-school story hour, 10-10:45 a.m. Pre-register. 884-9288.</p> <p>Thornhill Comm. Ctre Library story hour, aged 3-5, 1:30 p.m. Pre-register 881-5668.</p> <p>Legal Aid Clinic, 7-10 p.m. 884-9148.</p>	<p>Mothers Break, 9:30-11:15 a.m. R. Hill United. 884-4294.</p> <p>Yoga, R. Hill United: 7:15 p.m. beginners; 8:30 p.m. intermediates, 884-2671.</p> <p>Thornhill Community Band practice, Thornlea Sec. School, 7 p.m., beginners; 8 p.m. concert band. 889-9620.</p> <p>CGIT, R. Hill United, 7 p.m. 883-5971.</p> <p>York Choral Society rehearsal, Our Lady Help of Christians School, 8 p.m. 884-4532.</p> <p>YCAMR Floor Hockey League, Crosby Hts. School, 6:30 p.m. 884-9110.</p>	<p>Hilltop Operetta Society, St. Mary's Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. 884-4831.</p> <p>Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library story hour, 3-5 yrs. 10:30 a.m. Pre-register. 881-5668.</p> <p>Thornhill Lions Bingo, Thornhill Comm. Ctre. 7:30 p.m. 881-3313.</p> <p>Parent Concern meeting, 8 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503.</p> <p>Counterweight, R. Hill Library, 7:30 p.m. 255-4421.</p> <p>AMO at R. Hill United, 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. 884-9722.</p> <p>Seniors euchre, 1:30 p.m. 10149 Yonge. 884-3674.</p>	<p>Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 1 p.m. 884-1689.</p> <p>R. Hill Legion bingo, Legion Hall, 7:35 p.m.</p> <p>Pre-school story hour and French classes, R. Hill Library, 2 p.m. 884-9288.</p> <p>Thornhill Village Artists, Gallanough Library, 7 p.m. 889-5320.</p> <p>R. Hill Lions majorettes &amp; drum corps practice, Lions Hall, 7 p.m. 884-6745.</p> <p>Yoga, R. Hill United, 8 a.m. beginners; 10:15 a.m. intermediates, 884-2671.</p>	<p>Thornhill recycling depot, Bayview &amp; Green Lane, 7-8:30 p.m. 884-1355.</p> <p>Air Cadets, male &amp; female, 13-19 yrs. Legion Hall, R. Hill, 7 p.m. 884-4521.</p> <p>R. Hill Youth Concert rehearsals, 7 p.m. St. Joseph's School, 884-8873.</p> <p>Maple Leaf Accordion Band, MacKillop School, 7-9 p.m. 884-0899.</p> <p>Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge St. 8 p.m. 884-1689.</p>	<p>YCAMR Teen drop-in Thornhill Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m. 889-0536.</p> <p>R. Hill recycling depot, Elgin Mills &amp; Leslie, 10 a.m.-noon.</p> <p>Thornhill recycling depot, Bayview &amp; Green Lane, 10 a.m.-noon.</p> <p>Seniors euchre, 10149 Yonge, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>YCAMR bowling league, Newkirk Bowl, 2-4 p.m.</p>