



A proposed addition to the General Concrete plant in Gormley, has brought complaints from nearby residents. The application was aired before a public meeting in Richmond Hill, Feb. 28. Jim Thomas.

Residents complain

But no solution found

GORMLEY — A public meeting to hear residents' complaints about a proposed addition to General Concrete in Gormley did little to bring the problem closer to a solution.

Richmond Hill Council listened to the residents' complaints and then put the matter over to the planning staff to work out a revised site plan agreement with the firm.

At an earlier meeting, General Concrete had asked council for permission to enclose a 14x20 foot extension of their building to house a cubing machine. At this meeting, Mrs. Anne Gold of Gormley had raised the objection that the site was a legal non-conforming use, and therefore an extension was illegal.

It has since been discovered that there is no zoning by-law for Gormley but instead there is a land use by-law.

Under the land use by-law the extension is completely legal as there is a 30 foot frontage, 6,000 square feet of land, a 40 foot setback and two thirds of the land is not occupied by buildings.

This information did little to appease the residents who asked for various measures such as putting a freeze on the area to halt all construction and zoning the area residential so it would be a non-conforming use.

Mrs. Gold complained, "The original by-law was passed in 1954 and we have repeatedly asked that the area be rezoned before General Concrete puts up another building with a retroactive building permit."

The companies' engineer, Louis Hoo, insisted they had a permit for every building they had erected.

The residents have had a running battle with General Concrete for some years complaining about extensions, noise and the condition of the yard.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe pointed out that the plant had started in 1948 and had employed people in the area ever since. He then asked how many of the dissent ratepayers lived in the area when the plant was built. No one replied.

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