

Proposal sealed down

WHITCHURCH — Originally envisioned as a 530-unit residential/recreational development, the Firefighters (Bethesda Group) now hope to proceed with a scaled-down version of the project.

In attendance at a meeting of the Town's planning advisory committee, May 21, planning consultant Donald Given presented revised plans for the integrated golf course and housing complex.

A total of 350 building lots are now proposed in the updated plan, down from the original 530-home figure, he said. Still included are 27 golf holes.

"The density is no different than an ordinary estate residential subdivision," explained Mr. Given, a partner in the firm Malone Given Parsons.

"We are no longer trying to do something that is new and different," he told committee members adding that the group is willing to work within the Town's Official Plan in order to get the project off the ground.

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The Firefighters originally proposed having their own sewage treatment plant on site, but have now changed this to a system of tile beds. The entire development would be serviced with piped water.

The subject 505-acre property, which is now home to Gormley Greens and Rolling Hills golf courses, is located between Warden Avenue and Don Mills Road, south of the Bethesda Sideroad.

When it was suggested the revamped plan be referred to the Town Planner for comment, Mayor Tom Wood argued that the firefighters' proposal has already been "studied to death" and should proceed directly to another public meeting (a first public meeting was held over a year ago).

However, the majority of committee members favored first going to the planner for comment.



The annual Whitchurch-Highlands Public School Fun Fair was held Saturday with a large crowd in attendance. Events included a ball game with parents, teachers, students and even ex-students taking part. Here, Phys. Ed. instructor Wolfe Buckholz establishes the ground rules for the benefit of Sandy Booth, R.R. 4, Stouffville and Gloria Hall, Preston Lake.



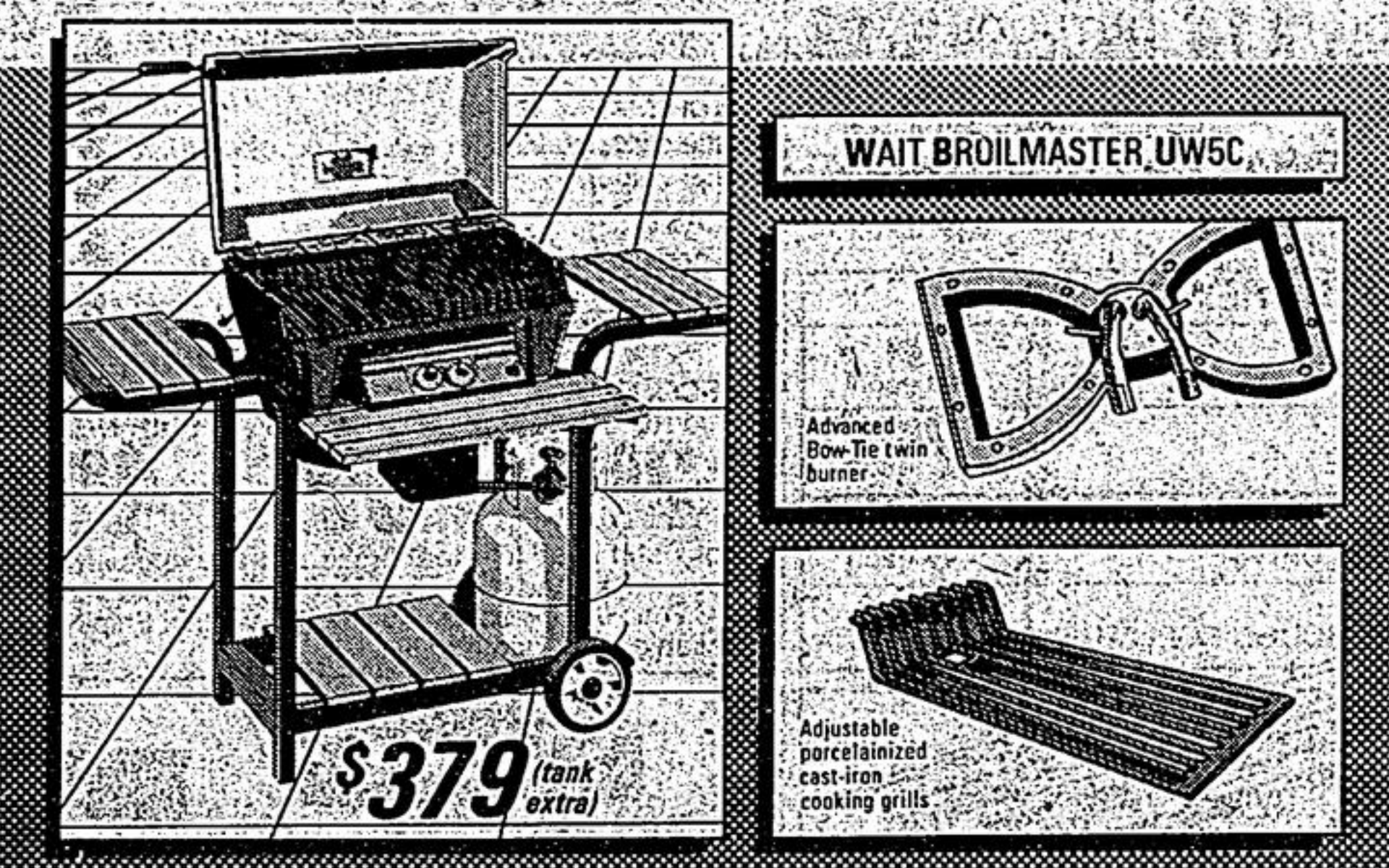
"Okay you guys which one wants to be first?"

"Who wants to be first," says three-year-old Andrew Waite as he prepares to toss a wet sponge into the waiting faces of (left to right) Sheri Preston, Robin Waite, Mike Empringham and Mike Groves, all students at Whitchurch-Highlands. — Jim Thomas

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