

Residents respond to mayor on Kennedy Road subdivisions

Dear Editor:
 Re: Our letters to you regarding the subdivision on Kennedy Road and Mayor Sainsbury's recent comments.

In our letters (Ann Belanger Feb. 18 edition and Louise Ogrzylo Feb. 25 edition) we expressed the dismay and anger of local residents at having yet another unwanted subdivision approved for our immediate neighborhood. We feel this type of spot planning is creating a rural hamlet where now there is none. This is not in keeping with the principles of good modern planning.

On March 4, you published an article which said: Claims by the Whitchurch Rural Ratepayers Association that council is creating a 'hamlet' in the Kennedy Road-Aurora Sideroad area of Whitchurch-Stouffville, has been flatly denied by Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

While admitting four separate subdivisions will bring up to 500 people to the area, Mayor Sainsbury states each is an individual entity that except for an entrance, you won't know exists. "They're not even near one another."

We would like to make the following comments since Mayor Sainsbury's remarks seem to imply we and all the other local residents who have opposed these subdivisions (including some who have "put their money where their mouth is" to appear before the OMB) are creating a tempest in a teapot.

1. We are well aware council is not consciously creating a hamlet. Like so much of the other planning currently being engaged in Whitchurch-Stouffville, it's just going to happen. A hamlet exists where there are 1,000 people or more in an area. We will be very close to (if not more than) that when these subdivisions are completed.

2. The fact the subdivisions will or will not be visible is totally irrelevant. They still require water, fire protection and school space as well as increasing rural area, especially since some of the houses are to be on lots as small as ¼ acres.

3. The fact each subdivision is an 'individual entity' is only further proof no integrated plan for the area exists. There will be no connecting roads from one subdivision to the next. Even if long term aesthetics are ignored, we believe, in the event of a fire in one subdivision, this could prove to be a disaster since all the subdivi-

sions are being built in heavily wooded areas.

4. The subdivisions ARE near one another. In fact, they are in pairs. Two are adjoining on the north east corner of Aurora and Kennedy. They will provide almost 120 houses between them. The other two (located almost 1600 feet or less away from our houses) are south on Kennedy Road side by side. They will provide approximately 60 houses. The balance of the new houses are mainly from the continued development of Jesse Thompson Road. The entrance to one of the Kennedy Road subdivisions will be directly opposite Jesse Thompson's extension to Kennedy Road.

When we made a presentation to council on Nov. 10, we opposed the new subdivisions. At that time, a map was displayed using an overhead projector. It clearly showed how close all of these subdivisions are. Mayor Sainsbury was there.

In summary, we know council is not planning a hamlet — but even their own planner has warned them that they ARE creating one. We realize the subdivisions are not integrated as far as roads, etc. and may well be totally invisible. The people in these subdivisions will not be invisible — they will still draw on the economic and environmental resources of the community. The fact the subdivisions ARE totally separate proves proper planning is not being employed. Finally, these subdivisions are all within a five minute easy walk of our houses. In the country — that's right next door!

Ann's letter asked who was council listening to. It becomes increasingly obvious, when the mayor insists the work of council be done only in the council chambers and not in the IGA or with special interest groups, she does not want them listening to us, the people they represent. She has lost sight of the fact WE, not council, are the community; they have been entrusted to represent our opinions. Unless they seek those opinions wherever they can find them, they cannot possibly do their jobs. For those councillors who do take the time and seek the opinions of their local residents, thank you. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely
 Ann Belanger,
 Louise Ogrzylo,
 Whitchurch-Stouffville

Letters to the Editor

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Alcohol causes grief

Dear Editor:
 'Perspectives' in the March 11 Tribune caused me some distress. Perhaps when you wrote it you were more concerned with supporting a new business venture in town than upholding the goddess, Alcohol.

I take exception to the statement that you: "Have the right to do as you please." Too many people have that attitude today. The result is they "please to" act in a most unacceptable manner.

I believe that drinking (alcoholic beverages) then using public roads is one of these. So many families in our town of Stouffville have suffered bereavement caused by impaired motorists.

In our other adjacent town, Uxbridge, a never-to-be-erased memory lingers. Picture it with me; the setting is the funeral parlours; a little white coffin. On one side of it sits another coffin, her mother's. On the other side is that of her daddy's.

Alcohol in the blood of the drivers of the motor vehicles that caused these deaths was responsible for these tragedies.

We have a love and concern for our young citizens and are sad to realize that it is our older generation that has and still is promoting alcoholic drink to its present popularity.

Sincerely
 Marjorie Woodland,
 Conc. 4, Uxbridge Twp.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Chris Shanahan's 'Perspectives' column actually stated: "To me, the whole matter boils down to an individual's right to do what he pleases, as long as it's within the limits of the law." This in no way suggests an acceptance of drinking and driving, which is illegal!

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Living in Oak Ridges with her husband and three children, Margo is presently restoring their older home. She is an avid antique furniture collector and an accomplished quilter.

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FORM 1 PLANNING ACT, 1983 NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF GENERAL ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville passed By-Law Number 87-34 on the 10th day of March, 1987, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1983.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-Law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville not later than the 13TH day of APRIL, 1987 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-Law and the reasons in support of the objection. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-Law, describing the lands to which the By-Law applies, is below. As the By-Law affects almost all lands in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, no key map is provided. The complete By-Law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 18TH day of MARCH, 1987.

Patricia G. Oakes,
 Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville,
 19 Civic Avenue, Box 419, Stouffville, Ontario.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE BY-LAW NO. 87-34

By-Law No. 87-34 is the new General Zoning By-Law for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, replacing By-Law No. 72-7 with respect to all lands within the Town except for:

(a) Lands within the Westerly Approach Area, as shown on Map 14 in Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 87-34 (being lands in the vicinity of Ringwood), and

(b) Lands shown or described in Schedules "A" and "B" to By-Law No. 87-35. These are lands affected by all by-laws amending By-Law No. 72-7 that have not already been included in By-Law No. 87-34, lands affected by Committee of Adjustment decisions rendered since the beginning of 1986 for which building permits have not yet been issued, and lands affected by decisions of Council resulting from concerns expressed about the General Zoning By-Law.

The purpose of By-Law No. 87-34 is to replace the previous general zoning by-law, which was passed in 1972. By-Law No. 87-34 will regulate the use of land in the Town, as provided for the Town's Official Plan, pursuant to the Planning Act, 1983.

With respect to the lands described in (b) above, the Town is compiling an amending by-law which will implement certain changes to By-Law No. 87-34 that will affect those lands. Notice of this amending by-law will be given, and a Public Meeting will be held to inform the public of its effect.