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POLITICS: *Mayors want more information on GTSB chairperson post*

Mayors reject selection process

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Mayors are threatening to thumb their noses at provincial legislation that orders them to select a Greater Toronto Services Board chairperson at the inaugural meeting in Richmond Hill tomorrow.

But whenever the vote comes, York Region mayors are expected to help put former Metro Toronto chairperson and GTSB co-ordinator Alan Tonks into the chairperson's seat.

Under the legislation, choosing a chairperson is one of the first orders of business for the board.

But at their monthly meeting in Mississauga Tuesday, mayors complained the province has failed to provide them with key information they need to make a decision.

For example, they have no idea what the chairperson's salary will be or what staff will be hired.

While the province is paying the GTSB's bills for the first six months, the mayors point out their taxpayers will be on the hook for any expenses after that.

"No business I know would hire a corporate manager or president without knowing how much they're going to pay him or her," Durham Region chairperson Roger Anderson said.

"I can't believe people are applying for a job (as chairperson) when they don't know the salary."

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion was furious the province

TAKE THAT



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Ethan Wiseman, a junior student at My First School Daycare on Montreal Street in Stouffville, throws a snowball at *The Stouffville Tribune* photographer while out on recess Wednesday morning.

Tennis plan puts town in spotlight

Growth plan recommended for Gormley

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Major change is likely to come to Gormley early in the new millennium.

If a plan to incorporate 1,000 upscale homes, an international tennis facility, hotel, conference centre, stores and restaurant with two existing golf courses continues to get the green light at council, the face of Gormley will be forever altered.

On Tuesday, despite an emotional appeal from Ward 2 Councillor Mark Carroll to reject the application on environmental grounds, council approved a major step in the lengthy and complex process.

"I have some real problems with 1,000 homes," Carroll said. "I'm worried about the impact on the environment. This is not managed growth. It's sporadic. This is being done in the middle of nowhere. If we allow this, I'll throw up my hands. I am against this, totally against this."

It's not just a facility for here, but a facility for the country.

The multi-faceted development, including Team Tennis, will be built by ClubLink Properties Ltd. on about 650 acres on Woodbine Avenue.

Tennis Canada spokesperson Bob Moffatt assured council an agreement in principle has been struck with ClubLink. "This is a unique situation," Moffatt said. "It's not just a facility for here, but a facility for the country."

ClubLink spokesperson Brian Moss said in developing this community, his company will be in partnership with the municipality, the region, the province "and the country."

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