

'Puny little' lot sizes anger south Stouffville residents

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Stouffville, with access from the Ninth Line, O'Brien Avenue, Hoover Park Drive and Thicketwood Boulevard.

Residents expressed anger with the fact that most of the lot sizes range from 20.3 to 39.4 feet wide, with only a small number of 49.2-foot lots. One resident called the large lots, "token 50s."

Stouffville lawyer Eric Button, president of the local Business Improvement Area said: "Lots are small. It will change the nature of Stouffville. This is a very dangerous precedent."

Jenny Cummings of Lori Avenue asked Mr. Lebovic why he wants to "cram these puny little houses on these little lots when he could be building big beautiful homes instead?"

The plan is a good deal for Mr. Lebovic, said real estate agent Ian Batt. "The developer's going to make between \$100-\$200 million," he said.

Jeanne Major of O'Brien Avenue urged councillors to preserve the character of old Stouffville.

"This density is not reflecting the character of our Stouffville," said Mrs. Major, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor two years ago. "We need a mix of everything. I don't want to see the townhouses in a cluster. If we get smaller and smaller, it will indicate higher density."

The only one in the audience speaking in favour of the development was a

Scarborough resident. "I applaud you for fighting for your town," said Harvey Mitro. "But I hope this development will change the face of your town and I hope it will do good things for your town. I am looking forward to moving here."

Others expressed concerns about traffic congestion, school plans, water quality and fire services.

Next Tuesday night, council will hold another public meeting on plans by three developers to build 866 homes on the north side of Stouffville:

- Greatland Properties Co. of Stouffville wants to build 268 homes on a 45-acre farm field across from the Stouffville Country Market and north of Geoffrey and Aspen crescents, Alderwood Street

- and Linden Lane.
- A 329-home subdivision is proposed by Madori Ltd. on 56 acres west of the Ninth Line and north of St. Mark school and church and Elm Road.

- Stouffville residents Frank and Aurora Mauro have submitted a plan to build a 269 homes on 47 acres north of Bramble Crescent and Bayberry Street.


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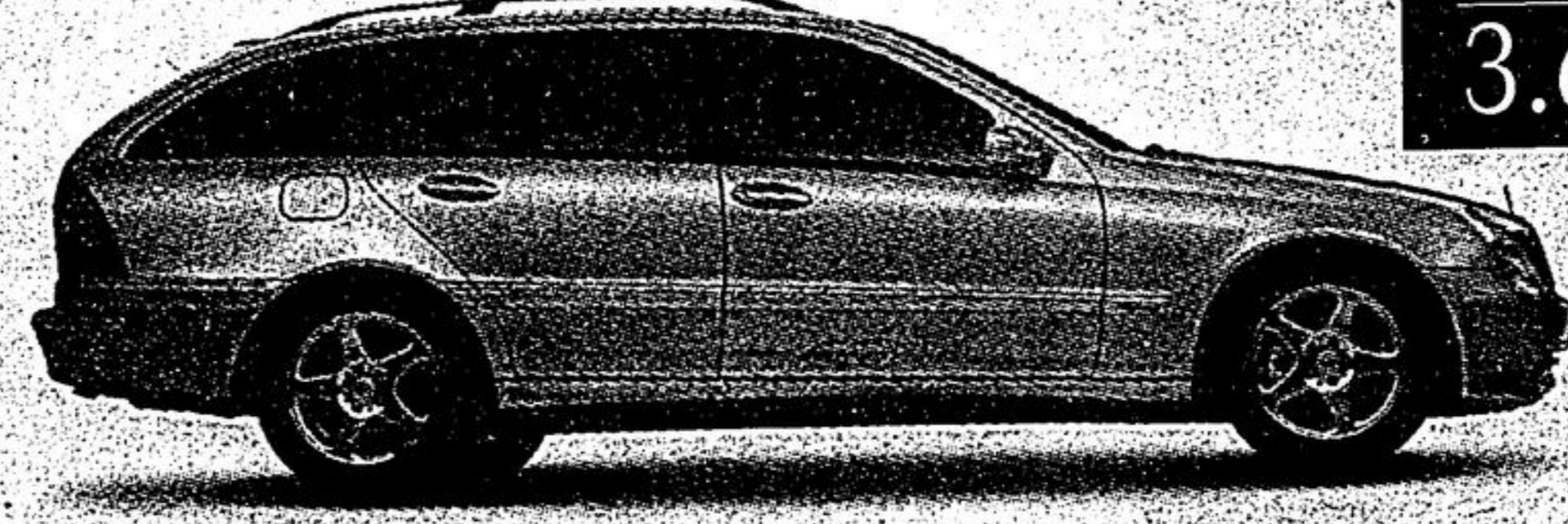
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