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Oak Ridges Moraine homes stopped

But others proceeding

BY MIKE ADLER
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Although Dalton McGuinty has announced he will stop 6,600 approved homes on the Oak Ridges Moraine in Richmond Hill, dozens of developments on the moraine in York will go ahead.

The premier designate said Thursday he will keep his campaign promise to halt new homes on either side of Yonge Street near Stouffville Road, moraine areas already graded and stripped of vegetation.

PLANS PROCEED

But other plans that were in transition when construction on the moraine was frozen will proceed, some in areas that are specially protected by the moraine law.

In one case, York Region, Town of Aurora and the province stood by and did nothing to oppose a subdivision in a part of the town designated as "countryside" in the moraine plan.

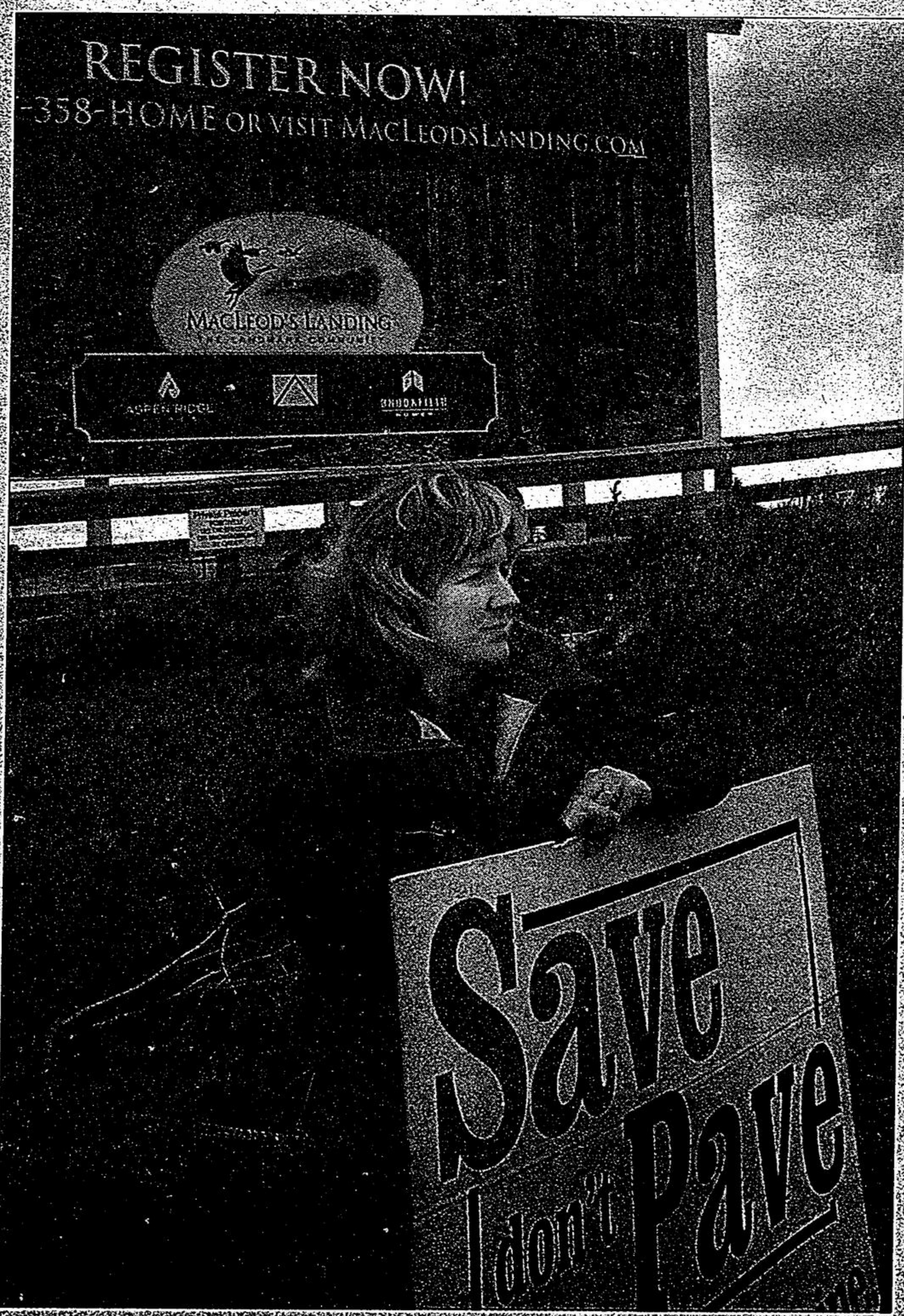
The 41-acre parcel southeast of Bayview Avenue and Vandorf Sideroad was approved for housing after an OMB hearing last month.

The area had been rezoned for housing by the town but the region, waiting for comments from the province, never approved the urban expansion.

Seeing the town, region and

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STANDING AGAINST DEVELOPMENT



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Carrie Hoffelner protests in front of developer signs on Yonge Street at Stouffville Road announcing this site as a new community. Developers plan to sell homes in the area this weekend despite plans by the province to stop construction.

Mayoral hopefuls want theatre

Sherban, Pliakes also 'support' building civic centre

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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Wind generators, lake cleaners, a town-owned civic centre, live theatre and evening council meetings were all promised at the Whitchurch-Stouffville mayoral debate at the Ballantrae Community Centre Wednesday evening.

Mayoralty candidates, Randy Mole, Steve Pliakes and Sue Sherban, pitched to a full house at the event hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. It was a good night for democracy, debate moderator and Sun-Tribune editor Jim Mason pointed out. Election day is Nov. 10.

Although all three candidates support a theatre for the performing arts, Mr. Pliakes took the most cautious approach.

"Yes, we need a theatre but we have to see the talent first," he said. "I haven't seen it. They have to show us. They have to show us they're a somebody. Let's see a play in the park."

The town rents space for its municipal offices in the Imperial Centre. A town-owned civic centre would be on the next council's agenda if Mrs. Sherban is elected. Mr. Pliakes supports the philosophy of owning over leasing, but would not build a centre "if we are going to have to spend a fortune."

A question on campaign contributions from developers drew the loudest response from the audience.

Mrs. Sherban said she is accepting campaign donations from individuals, businesses

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