

Traffic, water concerns with 467-home plan

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Another large subdivision is planned for the north-west quadrant of Stouffville.

Area residents are not, however, laying out the welcome mat for the project proposed by Stoufcon Eight Developments Ltd. and Geranium Corp.

If the plan is given the go-ahead, the development, made up of 467 homes, will be built on 201 acres east of Hwy. 48 and north of Main Street.

Pending approval, access will be provided from the future extensions of Ringwood Drive, Sandale Road and Millard Street.

Residents took turns expressing concerns at a public hearing Tuesday. About 50 people attended the meeting hosted by Whitchurch-Stouffville council.

SCHOOL, BUSINESS PARK

The plan includes a 47-acre site for employment/business park uses. Blocks will also be created for an elementary school site, storm detention facility, open space systems and park facilities.

Concerns expressed ranged from traffic problems, especially during construction, to the possibility of water shortages.

The loss of prime agricultural land was another complaint.

Some residents took issue with lot sizes, suggesting they will be too narrow. The plan is to have 360 lots with 39.4-foot frontage, 82 lots with 36-foot frontage and 25 lots with 50-foot frontage.

WATER SUPPLY PROBLEM

The subdivision plan and comments from the public are being studied by town staff.

Councillors said the proposal would not be given further consideration until the issue of sufficient water capacity was ironed out.

Mayor awaits ministry report on 'doctor shortage'

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with all age groups fascinating. "I always knew I would do family medicine," the 29-year-old said.

Dr. Barclay lives in Markham with her husband, Todd, and their son.

Mayor Sue Sherban vowed to work on attracting doctors to town when she was elected. Before setting up a doctors' task force, however, she is awaiting a report from the Health Ministry to determine whether there is indeed a shortage of doctors in the municipality.

The mayor has also consulted with a task force in Uxbridge and Markham Stouffville Hospital.

While the town isn't recruiting, local landlords are. They are actively advertising for physicians to move into their offices.

The local business development office provides information to doctors looking to relocate. It's promoting rural areas such as Ballantrae, Musselman's Lake and Vandorf, manager Eric Lismanis said.



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However, Mrs. Sherban has found most doctors approaching Whitchurch-Stouffville "want to be in (Stouffville). They want to find ready-made professional offices."

Most of the physicians expressing an interest in moving to the municipality are general practitioners.

The addition of more doctors means economic benefits for the town, Mrs. Sherban said. Where doctors go, pharmacies and laboratories usually follow.

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 Township of Whitchurch-Stouffville
 Stouffville (outdoor area)

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