

Indoor pool in condo complex on former Parkview Home site

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A new upscale seniors condo on the site of the now-empty Parkview Home is closer to reality.

A bulldozer was preparing the ground for a sales trailer at 481 Rupert Ave. earlier this week.

The trailer should be at the west side of the property within the next two weeks.

Sales begin in January, sales representative Kirk B. Nice said.

However, you can call in for early priority registration. Prices start at \$199,900.

Known as Glengrove on the Park, the building will have 154 units.

The one bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom units will be up to 1,542 sq. ft. in size.

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Residents of the former Parkview Home were moved to a new building on Weldon Road behind Sobeyes in 2006.

The new complex will be four storeys nearest the street and

three and two storeys behind.

The back of the building will have only two storeys "so as not to overpower properties to the north", said Tom Parry, the town's director of development services.

The condo's website highlights the building's proximity to Stouffville's Main Street shopping and entertainment district, the heritage district, town hall and golf courses.

Whitchurch-Stouffville politicians have approved the site plan. Access to the building will continue to be off Rupert Avenue.

The seniors apartments between the old Parkview Home and Rupert Park will remain.

For more information, go to glengroveonthePark.com or call Mr. Nice at 905-640-7571.

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O'Connor said, "by putting this light industry out in a rural area and taking agricultural land out of production"

The project is "in contravention of the spirit of the Oak Ridges Moraine Act", he said.

Residents were worried about noise pollution from the works and parks vehicles. The consultants noted most of the vehicles would be going into the yard and coming out in a continuous route, to minimize the need to back up. Vehicles would drive right into buildings to pick up loads of salt and sand.

The property is much larger than the six acres needed for the yard, the audience was told by the consultants. The front of the property will be landscaped so the operations centre is largely shielded from view. Berms on either side will lessen noise and pollution. There will be greenspace for a large number of mini soccer pitches.

Oil, grit and grease will be taken out of the water by a filtration process before water goes into storm ponds on the property, consultant Troy Bauman noted.

The new centre will be used by the town's public works and leisure services staff. It will be the place snowplows leave from in the winter, where staff deploy to cut the grass in the town's parks in the summer and maintain the town's leisure facilities.

About 150 vehicle trips per day will be generated by the new facility.

The traffic was a worry for real estate broker Rita Chemilian, who felt the

new operations yard will only generate more traffic. She wasn't happy about the 'industrial use' going into a residential neighbourhood, where people pay up to \$14,000 year in property taxes.

"People on these estate properties do expect some quiet," she said.

The environmental assessment for the new operations centre was set in motion to meet the future demands of the town's rapidly-growing population.

The current works yard in on Main Street in west-end Stouffville. Sand and salt is stored outdoors at the yard, town CAO Dave Cash said.

At the new yard, sand and salt storage will be indoors.

The current works yard property will eventually be home to a new fire hall and arena.

The meeting was another step in the environmental assessment process begun by the town in July to choose the best site for this facility.

All comments are to be included in a report that has to be filed with the Environment Ministry.

The process isn't complete. The location of the new operations centre still has to be approved by council, likely at its Dec. 18 meeting.

Once the environmental assessment is complete, the environmental study report will be on public record for at least 30 days.

People living around the site area will be notified when the study is complete.

Members of the public, interest groups and review agencies may request the Ministry of the Environment review the project.

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