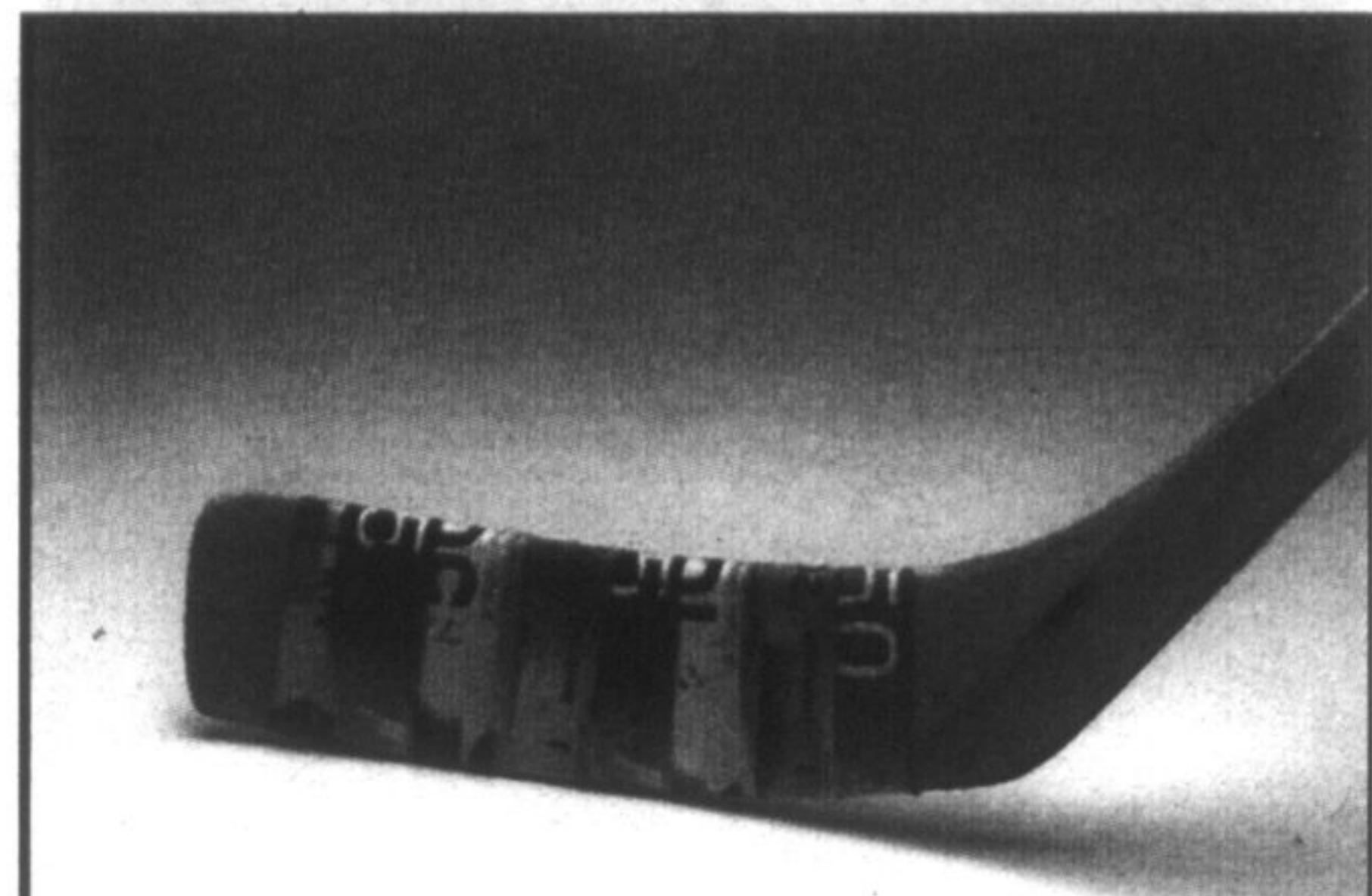


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Little growth but some concerns for Vandorf area

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There will be some development in the Vandorf-Preston Lake area in future, residents at Tuesday night's public meeting heard.

But it is far from a building boom.

Vandorf and Preston Lake are in the west-central area of the municipality.

About 40 residents attended the hearing, which hashed out details on an official plan to introduce land use policies for areas other than the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The original Vandorf-Pres-

ton Lake Secondary Plan was started in 2000 and focused mainly on lands in the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Councillor Clyde Smith, whose ward extends south from Vandorf Road, noted the plan does not permit any further development south of Vandorf Road.

That is what most of the residents he represents want to see, he said.

The plan protects many environmentally sensitive areas and recognizes existing communities and uses, Mr. Smith said.

In addition to protect-

ing natural areas under the Greenbelt Plan, all the remaining lands are designated to allow for development of a complete community.

That means limited infill development is possible on private services around existing residential, mixed use and commercial and employment areas.

A collector road may be built in the future running east and west, south of Aurora Road.

In future years, when full municipal servicing is anticipated to come to this community, additional areas can be developed.

The town's director of development services, Tom Parry, earlier projected the population of Vandorf will remain fairly stable for around the next decade.

Musselman's Lake resident Mark Carroll objected to the secondary plan amend-

ment, saying there are plenty of industrial and residential areas in nearby Newmarket and Aurora.

"Why do we want to build here when there is no infrastructure to support this community?" he said.

There is a 20-year timeline for the secondary plan, consultant Elizabeth Howson of Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., said.

It helps the town and school boards make decisions regarding infrastructure.

In the Preston Lake area, residents want only a bare minimum of development and are opposed to a potential trail system proposed to connect to the lake.

Local residents Dr. and Mrs. Peer VanNostrand and Richard Crowe objected to the trail system as shown on a map in regards to the official plan amendment since no consultation had taken place with landowners.

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