Developing A Collaborative Approach

By Kate Gilderdale Stouffville Free Press

When rapid growth development makes inevitable, a collaborative approach between town, developer and area residents can go a long way towards overcoming concerns and creating consensus. .

Earlier this year, Geranium Corporation presented a proposal to the Town to build 18 homes on 12 acres of land along Lakeshore Rd. In May, Musselman's Lake Residents Association (MLRA) president Rick Wigmore met with Bannon representing the special community, said Geranium president Mario town. Giampietri to discuss the impact of the plan on the existing community.

density, the effectiveness of the proposed septic system, potential problems resulting from water flow across the property and traffic congestion as four major concerns expressed by residents. Mr. Giampietri agreed to investigate and address those concerns, and asked if there was a stewardship plan in place at Musselman's Lake

have the money to execute it," said Mr. Wigmore. "Then he said, 'How would you like a limnologist?' (a specialist in the study of freshwater ponds and lakes). He asked if we'd like this number one guy, Neil Hutchinson. We said that would be really

In July, Ward 2 councillor Phil Bannon arranged a meeting between Cheryl Shindruk and Shauna Dudding of Geranium Homes, Neil Hutchinson of Hutchinson Environmental Sciences and the MLRA's Rick Wigmore, with Mr. Musselman's Lake a very

"Neil came up with a (stewardship) plan which community cleanup. We he priced at around \$40,000 Mr. Wigmore cited and Cheryl gave us the good news that Germanium was willing to proceed with this," said Mr. Bannon. Mr. Hutchinson's review will address weed control and provide an assessment of water quality at the lake.

"We are very impressed with the work that the community is doing," said Ms Shindruk, who is Geranium's vice-president of land development. "We "We said, yes, but we don't started building homes in

Ballantrae area a couple of years ago on the west side of Hwy 48, and the community and market interest was strong and positive."

An existing property on the proposed Lakeshore Rd. site, which is built to high environmental standards, will be integrated into the new development, said Ms Shindruk. "We designed the development to maintain that home. Each site is unique and you work with

dedication of residents makes Mr. Bannon. "Everyone works so hard at our annual also have a tremendous (town) staff who work with the developers and the community for the best outcome."

For more information and updates visit www. musselmanslake.ca.

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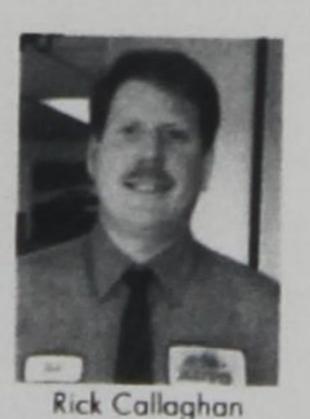
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