

Kaake Road residents don't want their street extended to Stupp property

By Bill Rea
There was not a lot of opposition raised Monday night to the subdivision

proposed in Nobleton by Dawsco (Cyrano) Capital Corp., except when it came to how to get into the

development.

The main access point, as things stand now, is to be through an proposed

extension of Kaake Road.

And Kaake residents don't like it.

That was the main point

made at Monday's public meeting held before Township councillors to get input on the proposed 86-lot subdivision being eyed for the west side of Lot 7, Concession 8, also known as the Stupp property.

The whole issue has been referred back to Township staff for further reports.

Planning Director Stephen Kitchen told councillors the development application was originally submitted in July 2005, but planners judged that supporting information was missing. A revised application was submitted in December, and planners proceeded with a detailed review.

Kitchen also stated the applicants hosted a public open house on their plans in February.

The property consists of about 100 acres, but only the western portion of 41 acres is being eyed for development. The property extends all the way to the 8th Concession, but there are valley lands at the east end.

The proposed 86 lots will all contain single detached homes. As well, Kitchen said there are provisions for open space and storm water management facilities.

He also said there are no provisions for parkland, and that the planners are waiting to hear from the Township's parks and recreation department to see if cash in lieu would be acceptable.

He said there are several departments and commenting agencies that they're still waiting to hear from. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has offered a number of comments, especially on ecological and

engineering matters.

Kitchen said the property slated for development is residential in the Nobleton Community Plan.

He also addressed broader planning issues within the village, coordinating them with other developments, including the massive one in the works to the north by Slokker Canada. Kitchen said there were some common issues between the two proposals.

He said there is a requirement to keep land available for a future connection with the 8th Concession, although there's no apparent need for that road now.

The current plan calls for 30 of the lots to have frontages of 65 feet, 28 are to be 75 feet wide and the remaining 28 will be 100 feet.

Kitchen said there are zoning standards for lots, and this proposal complies with almost all of them, and actually exceeds a couple.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti raised an issue about a parcel that might be landlocked. Kitchen explained that's a small strip next to the park at the end of Hollywood Crescent. It's near the valley lands, and they still have to determine if there's enough tableland for development.

Planning consultant Brent Clarkson told councillors the Stupp family has owned the property for about 34 years, adding the CEO of Dawsco is a relative. He added they plan to keep the eastern part of the property and remain part of the community.

He said the plan was the result of a lot of consultation with Township staff. They had originally been looking at 116 lots, but decided to limit the numbers. He added they wanted to make sure the development stayed out of the valley.

Clarkson also said they tried to be sensitive to the neighbouring developments. The larger lots are slated to go to the west, adjacent to the existing development. He also pointed out the lots proposed here are generally larger than the ones Slokker has planned.

The applicants are anxious to get on with their development, as Clarkson said they are hoping to catch up with Slokker. If portions of the two developments can be carried out together, he said it could save money and time, as well as sparing the neighbours some aggravation.

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Two Relay for Life events taking place locally this year

By Bill Rea

The annual Relay for Life has been so successful for the Holland River Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society that they're holding two versions this year.

King City resident Jane MacLennan reported the first event will be June 8 at Lambert Willson Park and Aurora Family Leisure Complex on Industrial Parkway North in Aurora. The other will be June 22 at Pickering College on Bayview Avenue in Newmarket. Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris will be the honorary chair June 8, and Pickering College Headmaster Peter Sturup will be honorary chair at the other event. As well, Doug Bowers will be the honorary survivor at Aurora, and York North MPP Julia Munro will handle similar honours at the college.

"It's all over Canada," MacLennan declared.

She said there were 306 Relays across the country last year, and they raised some \$37 million. There were 82 in Ontario, with about 61,000 people taking part to raise roughly \$15.1 million.

Both events will start at 5 p.m. with receptions for cancer survivors, and then they will lead the way on a Survivors' Victory Lap around the track, as a celebration of their courage and strength, as well as providing a source of hope and inspiration.

Candles will also be lit around the track at dusk, and MacLennan said they will provide illumination in honour of those still battling the disease, and in memory of those who have succumbed. She added a lot of the funds raised from

the Relay go toward supporting people in the community who are living with cancer. "We want the survivors to give hope and inspiration to those who are living with cancer," she said.

MacLennan, herself a 29-year cancer survivor, said she's trying to drum up participation in both of these events.

"Basically, what I'm trying to do is get the survivors out of the closet and the rest of them off the couch," she remarked.

There will be teams of 10 walking the track all night at both events, once the Victory Lap is complete. The nights will also feature entertainment, including music, dancing and karioke, and MacLennan said there will be food available.

The teams will set up tents, and there will be contests for costumes, best decorated tent, etc. "A lot of people just have their party at the tent," she observed.

MacLennan said they are still looking for teams for the Aurora Relay. they can be made up of colleagues from business, members of fitness groups, "or just a group of friends."

Teams can register on-line at www.cancer.ca/relay, or by calling the Holland River Unit at (905) 830-0447.

MacLennan said survivors wishing to take part are asked to register too, largely so organizers can make sure there's enough food and favours at the reception. they can do that on-line, by calling the unit, or by calling Survivor Chair Janice at (905) 898-8112.

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