

Varying views on whether Kaake Road was meant to be extended

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Between 30 and 40 people were at the open house in February.

Clarkson said concerns had been expressed about traffic, and he said studies had been conducted and it was determined the improvements proposed for the Slokker development should suffice.

There's disagreement in the community as to whether the connection should be built with the 8th Concession. Clarkson said they have a plan that meets with the intent of the community plan, in which the main east-west street could be extended, with the proposed storm water management pond being reconfigured.

The agenda package for the meeting included a letter from Ilona Kenedi, who owns a little more than 30

acres to the south of the property. She raised a number of concerns, citing the fact there were no provisions in the proposal for future access to the parts of her property that could be developed, which are also zoned residential.

"Failure to provide adequate road access will create a landlocked zoned residential area on my property," she wrote. "This indeed shows very poor and is definitely not acceptable to me."

Her letter also pointed to concerns about drainage.

Clarkson assured councillors drainage will not be a problem, adding they have a couple of ideas on how to address the access issues. One of them is to put one of the proposed lots on the south side of the main east-west street on the north side, thus opening up a possible access point.

Greenside Drive resident Doug McClure was concerned about the traffic data that was being presented. The report being cited, he said, was done for Slokker in January 2004, based on numbers obtained the previous February. "To me, that's a little out of date," he commented.

He also pointed out that multiple families living in single homes are known to occur in places like Vaughan and Brampton. If that happens here, he said there would be problems in terms of traffic, as well as for the local schools.

McClure said the only sure way to reduce traffic volumes is to open up the connection to the 8th Concession.

Kaake resident Elvy Zanette said he was representing his neighbours when he spoke in opposition to extending their street.

"You don't have the full picture," he told councillors, adding that after factoring in the Slokker homes and this development, half of Nobleton's population will be in the northeast quadrant of the village. He also observed these residents will be close to the 8th, so he wondered why the plan was to funnel traffic back to the west, toward Highway 27.

Zanette said there are seven homes on Kaake, and five of them are occupied by the original owners. The street currently ends with a cul-de-sac, and the fact that area has curbs and lighting has led residents to believe it would never be opened.

He added the street already has two turns; one of 90 degrees and the other about 45 degrees, and he said the increased traffic is going to present a hazard there. Zanette said there have already been some close calls, and he suggested councillors get some legal advice, because he warned there could be legal liabilities.

Kaake resident Charlie Wilson was also opposed to opening the street. He agreed this development has a right to exist, but it doesn't have to go along his street. "Find a creative solution," he urged.

"We're turning our neighbourhood into thoroughfares," remarked Mary Zanette, who has lived on Kaake for about 20 years.

She said children are able to play on the street, and that will change if it's extended.

"This is the environment that King has provided for us," she said. "We're taking it away."

Local resident Emil Alilovic also urged that the connection with the 8th go ahead. He said the village doesn't have a resilient road network, adding an emergency situation could develop where whole areas of Nobleton could be cut off. "Unfortunately, bad things happen," he remarked.

Alilovic also said Slokker had set aside \$3 million for traffic issues, and he suggested some of that could go toward the connection with the 8th. That \$3 million was news to several people in the room, including Director of Operations Jody LaPlante. Alilovic had served on the citizens' liaison committee that looked into the Slokker development a couple of years ago. Councillor Jeff Laidlaw was on the committee too, and he didn't recall such an allocation. LaPlante didn't recall it either, although he said the developer did pledge intersection improvements, traffic calming measures, etc.

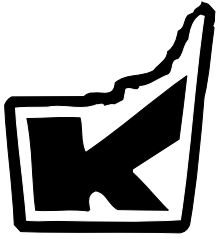
Clarkson said the community plan clearly

encourages the extension of Kaake as the traffic numbers justify it. "It has to be done in a safe manner," he said.

LaPlante commented that opening the connection to the 8th would involve an environmental assessment, and that would mean the need for the road would have to be identified. Since traffic experts have concluded the existing roads can handle the anticipated load, it would be hard to demonstrate that need.

Mortelliti said he would like to see some analysis of a possible connection with the 8th.

Councillor Linda Pabst wondered if there had been plans to extend Kaake when the street was built. Kitchen couldn't say what people were thinking then, since he wasn't working for the Township at the time. He did say the Official Plan from 1970 clearly indicated lands beyond the end of Hill Farm Road were designated for development, but that was not the case then for the areas beyond Kaake. It's extension was discussed in the 1999 community plan. On the other hand, he pointed out there are no houses at the end of the Kaake cul-de-sac, and that could mean people envisioned an extension.



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