

Public Comments

From: Jan Driver

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:02 PM

Further to my meeting with Mr. Charles on Thursday October 5th, I would like to suggest the following items pertaining to this re-zoning proposal.

- 1) A clearer definition of the actual properties being zoned for residential developments (Listed as RL-3 xxx and RM1-xxx).
 - in order for local residents to be able to best understand what is proposed, I would like to see the definitions of these lots (for RL3 xxx –detached) and their building definitions shown in a diagram or chart, laid out alongside a typical existing property in the area on a 50 x 150ft lot. (those currently defined as being in zone RL3-0-10). In doing so, a layperson or interested party would be able to ascertain if they indeed are proposed to mirror the properties and size of the dwellings currently existing in the adjacent area.
 - It would be beneficial to see these lots plotted out on the proposed lands- again for ease of interpretation of those interested.
 - For the area proposed as townhouse development, also a suggested lot division and orientation.
 - show the exact proposed road that will become necessary to accommodate these townhouses- will it sit in the CU lands or RM1 and RL3?
- 2) As local residents, we have specific concerns over the location, and the intended use of the added roadway for this area (which by the way is not even defined in your re-zoning schedule A, which I believe is misleading.) Although we recognize that it may be required to serve as access to the townhouse properties and for service access to the community center (fire/emergency and maintenance); we would like to be assured that this will NOT be a public through street, and NOT be a drop off route for community center, or access away from the garage....since Allan Street and Reynolds streets have more direct access to exterior thoroughfares, we believe they should continue to be the egress and access routes to the community center and its parking facilities. We believe that the new road could be restricted to one-way traffic going south (and east), and not allow traffic access to the parking lot (only the townhouses or Allan Street).

We wish for our concerns to be noted on this project, and be notified of all upcoming consultations of decisions.

Respectfully,

Jan Driver and Gordon Saray

From: Jason Jia

Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:46 PM

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please accept this email as a formal request to be notified of the decision of the Town of Oakville on the proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendment.

I reviewed the "Master Plan - Former Oakville-Trafalga Memorial Hospital Lands" dated on June 21, 2017 by Planning Services Department. I generally agree the plan. However, please notice me if there is any change on the plan.

Thank you,

Jingmin Jia

From: marlene thompson
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7:13 PM
To: Michael Brennan

Further to my discussion with Gabe Charles on October 12th and his subsequent email to you on October 16th I would like to submit my comments to you and Town Council.

First of all, I would like to say that the Town of Oakville has a wonderful opportunity and a great responsibility to turn the former Hospital Lands into a Project that would service ALL residents of Oakville NOT just the special interest groups that have emerged in great strength during the public hearings.

My understanding of the plans for the Former Hospital Land would include; Low density and senior housing, Park Land, Recreation Centre for all ages that provide safe spaces for older adult programs and services.

Having taken part in these Public Hearings it became very apparent that you have been greatly influenced by the SE Residents Association with their "Wants and Needs". The opening statement and the Three Recreation Plans presented on September 28th at the 5:30 p.m. said it all. " We have listened to you" and believe we have included what you consider important in the following Three Plans.

What was presented were three plans that wasted space but met all the requests of the SE Residents Association but, only included One General Programming Room in a Recreation Building that I believe is around 54,000 sq. ft. One plan even included a large outdoor deck that only the Yoga and Ti Chi classes could access and an extra large 2 storey Glassed area to give an "open feeling". Both these areas should be redesigned for Programming Rooms.

Meanwhile,

- No dedicated program space is planned to provide a safe space for older adult programs and service. There are many seniors in the SE general area including homes close to Oakville

Town Hall that would be in a position to access these facilities. Does the Town expect seniors in this area to use the Arena Site even if they have health restrictions?

The Oakville Age-friendly Baseline Study of January 2017 certainly was not taken into account when the Architect and your Department put together the criteria for the Former Hospital Lands.

When I brought this up at the September 28th meeting. I was told by Town Staff that seniors could use the Cafe for their coffee and there was a sitting area also that could be used. What wasn't taken into account was the fact that many Older Adults have hearing aids and walkers or canes therefore, having coffee in a multi aged Cafe just wouldn't work or sitting in the area suggested which is by the stairs would be an accident waiting to happen. Easy to make assumptions when you're not a senior and want the space for your age group.

- As many Canadian studies have shown the number of Seniors or Older Adults as we like to be called will more than double in the next couple of years. Not decrease as suggested. Programming will change but the space needs will still remain the same.

Children - It should also be noted that in the plans that were presented No dedicated program space was planned that would provide space for children when they have a PD Day, Spring Break, Summer Vacation etc.

The one program room that is planned will certainly not accommodate the variety of age groups that require program space during off school hours.

During the Park Planning part of the September 28th meeting another grandmother suggested a splash pool be placed in the Park. This was shot down very quickly by the SE Residents Association member. Obviously they haven't reached the grandparent stage in life.

As one SE association member stated again at the September 28th meeting " The large program room will make a great large group meeting room". To me that comment sounded like it would be a real "Party Room".

Of course that's my interpretation of her comment.

I left the September 28th meeting feeling that the Old Oakville - New Oakville divide still exists as it did when I moved here in 1957. Apparently, Oakville does start south of the QE between Winston Churchill and 16 Mile Creek .

"Livable Oakville", that's the biggest fabel of all time.

Marlene Thompson
