

Solmar presents development proposal to council

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Staff Reporter

Solmar Development Corp. wants to work with Caledon council over the next many months in considering its Humber Station Villages proposal in southwest Bolton.

The developer made a presentation to council recently with its team of consultants on hand to answer any questions.

Lyn Townsend, lawyer with Townsend Rogers LLP, told council the consulting team has been working for a year on this project. Solmar doesn't own all of the lands, but it is the controlling

interest, she explained.

She added Solmar came to town in 2002 and committed to building an industrial park. To date, 180,000 square feet of building space has been built.

Townsend said they need to feed the employment lands with residential growth, and Solmar's plan would complement the employment uses.

The Solmar development would encompass 700 hectares bordering Mayfield Road, Coleraine Drive, Healey Road and The Gore Road. Known as Humber Station Villages, it would

include 8,500 housing units and 10,700 jobs and be within walking distance of existing employment uses. It can be easily and economically serviced, can accommodate future transit service and promotes other modes of travel such as walking and cycling.

Townsend noted in 2004 council authorized its consultants to do the South Albion/Bolton Community Plan and her client was encouraged by the growth projected, however, in 2005 the plan turned into a Town-wide population project.

"We were disappointed the study took a right turn," she said.

She explained the outcome of the population study was to freeze development in Bolton, allowing only 1,500 more people by 2021.

Townsend said businesses are concerned about this.

"We believe there's an opportunity to grow now," she said.

She explained Solmar initially appealed the official

plan amendment for Mayfield West, but later withdrew the appeal because councillors gave them two chances to talk to council - this meeting and again in the fall.

"We're very grateful for these two opportunities to come forward," she said.

Her client believes South Albion/Bolton and Mayfield West can grow together simultaneously. Mayfield West is estimated to grow by 14,000 people by 2021.

James Kennedy, president of KLM Planning Partners Inc., explained their development would include a full range of housing types and densities. It would also include nine elementary schools, two secondary schools, nine neighbourhood parks, a 35-acre community park, walking trails and a mixed use village centre.

Kelly Darnley, president and chief executive officer with the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, told council businesses would like to reopen the discussion on putting population into the South Albion/Bolton plan.

They favour allowing phased-in residential growth to support businesses.

Kennedy told Councillor Richard Whitehead they haven't developed a formal phasing strategy, but it would likely be done in two phases. The first phase would be at the southern

part of the plan and would include 1,500 to 2,000 housing units.

"We need enough units to kick-start it," he said.

Whitehead asked Kennedy to give council a starting time and how long it will take to build.

Student volunteers for Dominican program

Local resident Christine Gallois is one of 20 students from Holy Name of Mary school in Mississauga, who will be participating this spring in the Dominican Exposure Program. Students are expected to raise the necessary funds and will spend 14 days living and working among Haitian migrant worker families who are harvesting sugar

cane in the Dominican Republic.

The purpose of this program is to help the students develop a more informed view of the world and a better sense of social responsibility.

After graduation, Christine will take the fifth year chaplaincy co-op before continuing on to university. The Bolton Knights of Columbus are proud to support Christine with a donation of \$300.



Christine Gallois

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GTA West Corridor - Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference

THE STUDY
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is working to provide for the efficient movement of people and goods within the context of the province's *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. To support the policy directions in the *Growth Plan*, MTO has commenced the formal environmental assessment (EA) process for the GTA West Corridor. The purpose of this study is to examine long-term transportation problems and opportunities and consider alternative solutions to provide better linkages between *Urban Growth Centres* within the GTA West Corridor.

THE PROCESS
This study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step of the process requires that a Terms of Reference (ToR) be prepared and submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval. The ToR outlines how the EA study will be undertaken. A **draft Terms of Reference is now available for review on the GTA West website (www.gta-west.com) and at local libraries**. Interested persons are encouraged to review and comment on the draft ToR by **May 18, 2007**.

Once comments are received, the ToR will be revised and submitted to the Minister of the Environment for an approval decision. As part of the legislated approval process, the Minister of the Environment will initiate a formal public review of the ToR to assist in making an approval decision. During this formal review process, there will be a second opportunity to comment on the ToR.

Review Locations of the Draft Terms of Reference:

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION
The first round of Public Information Centres (PICs) has been arranged to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the draft ToR. The PICs will be conducted as a drop-in format with members of the Project Team available to discuss the study and to respond to questions.

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COMMENTS
Comments and information regarding this project will be collected to assist the Project Team. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Comment forms and study information are available on the project website: www.gta-west.com. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please visit the project website or contact:

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