

Mayor calls for re-evaluation of growth targets

By Brock Weir

Mayor Geoff Dawe is calling on the Province to “press the pause button” on Ontario’s Places to Grow legislation and re-evaluate growth targets.

He made the call, along with the Mayor Rick Goldring of Burlington, at Queen’s Park on Tuesday morning.

“The Places to Grow Act has served as a valuable tool to guide provincially-mandated growth,” Mayor Dawe told Provincial lawmakers. “However, as our community approaches full build-out, demands on our municipal infrastructure and our natural and architectural heritage, are increasingly at risk. We are at a tipping point in our development, where growth will shortly exact an unacceptable cost on our environment, our services and the many qualities that make our community so attractive. The time is now for an objective

appraisal of the Places to Grow Act to ensure communities across the Province are given the tools they need to determine their own destinies by managing growth sustainably and in a manner consistent with the wishes of their residents.”

Speaking to The Auran following the session at Queen’s Park, the Mayor said there were many further reasons to bring this forward now. Among them, he said, was the Ministry of Transportation taking the proposed interchange at Highway 404 and St. John’s Sideroad out of the budget. This, he said, is an example of the “disconnect that goes on between various elements of the Provincial government on creating issues.”

Another issue, he added was the Upper York Sewage Solution.

“It is a critical piece of infrastructure that is needed to support the growth the Provincial government has given us,” he says. “You do all this investment up

front, the Region has spent hundreds of millions of dollars that is supposed to be paid off with development charges from this new infrastructure, that was submitted for approval four years ago and is still sitting somewhere in the Minister of the Environment’s office. There is a disconnect between the various elements and the various levels of government.”

While he says Provincial ministers are always “a little circumspect on these things,” he said he was encouraged by the reaction he and his fellow municipal lawmakers received in the Legislature.

“I think there is a willingness to listen,” he says. “At AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) this year, one of the events that goes on is referred to lovingly as ‘The Bear Pit’ where all ministers come in and you throw questions at them. Usually, quite frankly, it is not the most beneficial use of your time, although it is sometimes fun, but I got a distinct

impression this year that, first of all, they were actually there to listen. They were actually there to see what changes needed to be made, and I was quite impressed with how quickly most of the ministers had gotten up to speed on their portfolios. They have got the energy and the motivation to move on things, to change some of the elements.”

Briefly

FIRST ALL CANDIDATES MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY

The election is on and the first all-candidates meeting of the 2018 Municipal Election is set for this Sunday, September 30 at Town Hall. Running in Council chambers from 2 – 4.30 p.m., it is an opportunity to meet the candidates vying for your vote and be informed. All registered candidates for the offices of Mayor, Councillor and School Board Trustee have been invited to attend. The first Mayoral Debate, accompanied by a Councillor Meet & Greet will be hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at the Royal Venetian Mansion (400 Industrial Parkway South) next Wednesday, October 3 from 6 – 9 p.m. Both events are free and open to all residents.

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Experts Share How To Retire At Home and Not Outlive Your Savings



Sharon King-Todd is a Certified Professional Consultant on Aging and Lifestyle Coach. Founder and Senior Advisor Consultant of The Elder’s Advocate

prompted many residents to re-evaluate the feasibility of their original financial plan.

Reliance on the public healthcare system may not be a viable option. Sharon states, “The Senior Tsunami is fast approaching and is expected to double from 5 to 10 million in the next twenty years. The healthcare system is already in crisis with the current aging population. It lacks the needed budget, number of qualified physicians and nurses to meet today’s senior demands.” Ontario has the lowest number of acute care beds in Canada, with more than 4,500 people on waiting lists for publicly funded in-home personal support services.

There is great news ahead for this dilemma and local senior residents of Aurora are turning the health care deficit into an opportunity for a whole new lifestyle approach. They are freeing up cash in their home to help achieve a comfortable retirement, providing a steady income stream and the ability to stay in home when they retire. Sharon, who is a dedicated activist for Aging-at-Home and a specialist in creating living plans, also states that planning ahead can minimize the emotional trauma and cost of crisis care.

JOIN US for an educational evening and find out what you can do to safeguard a happy, healthy and financially bright retirement.

Event details:

Date: Tuesday, Oct 2, 2018 at 6:30pm

Where: 15140 Yonge Street, Unit 2, Aurora

Register Online Today - Limited seating, refreshments will be served.
<http://retireathome.eventbrite.ca>
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“Aging in home may be the best choice for our current senior population and their families, and for good reasons,” says Sharon King-Todd, founder of The Elder’s Advocate and Certified Professional Consultant on Aging. In a recent article Ipsos found that 93 per cent of homeowners aged 65+ felt it was important to stay in their present home throughout retirement.

Unless planned correctly, retirement living can put a significant strain on cash flow and can pose a risk of outliving retirement savings.

When the average life expectancy was around 75 years of age, private retirement residences were once an achievable option. With the advances of modern medicine and education, the average life expectancy is estimated to increase to 84 by 2030. In Ontario, depending on level of care, the cost for private retirement residences can range between \$4,000 and \$8,000 per month. Living another 9 years may require up to an additional \$864,000 of savings. This has



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Do you experience lower back pain, pain in the buttocks or leg that is worse when sitting, hip pain, burning or tingling down the leg, weakness, numbness, or difficulty moving the leg or foot, a constant pain on one side of the buttocks and/or a shooting pain that makes it difficult to stand up? You may be suffering with a condition known as sciatica.

Sciatica is defined as compression of a spinal nerve root in the lower back, often owing to degeneration of an intervertebral disc.

Sciatica most commonly occurs when a herniated disc, bone spur on the spine or narrowing of the spine (spinal stenosis) compresses part of the nerve. This causes inflammation, pain and often some numbness in the affected leg.

You go to the drug store or to your doctor and get pills to help relieve your symptoms. But you find the symptoms keep returning. Alternatively, the doctor may refer you to a specialist who may tell you that surgery is needed or is an option for you.

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