

GETTING THINGS DONE

By Mayor Tom Mrakas

Council last week
made a final decision that finally put in place protections to our stable
neighbourhoods.

My thoughts have always
been clear when it comes to stable neighbourhoods and that is that we as a
Council and Town needed to make changes to our zoning bylaw in order to align
our zoning with the intent of our Official Plan.

And this would only
happen through a three-prong approach:

- The addition of site plan controls (which has already been approved)

2. Changes to the zoning, and

3. Implementation of design guidelines.

This is what I have always stated that
Council would do and Council did just that by approving the changes to the
zoning that including a maximum GFA (Gross Floor Area) of 3,983 square feet.
The vote was 6-1 with Councillor Gaertner opposed.

These changes of the zoning bylaw along
with the site plan controls and design guidelines will mitigate the situation
that residents most take issue with ? where there is development for
development's sake; growth that is not within the character of the community or
compatible with our neighbourhoods.

Yes, our town will evolve and grow; but it
needs to be responsible and appropriate growth; growth that meets the needs of
and the vision for our community. And I believe that was achieved last week by
this Council.

I am proud that this Council has been able
to work together to move past politics and make a decision that seems to me to
be a common-sense approach to improving planning in our community.

It's a sensible way to ensure Aurora
remains the fantastic community we call home!

That is all for this week. As always, if you would like to get into
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