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East Gara resident fumes over weeds

By WES KELLER
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An East Garafraxa resident is wondering why the township has been unable to enforce a clean-up of "an eyesore" in a small estate residential subdivision, and Mayor Allen Taylor is in total agreement that something needs to be done.

But the township does not have a property standards bylaw — although it does have a nuisance bylaw — and neither its laws nor Dufferin County's would apply to the source of the complaints.

Ian Rasmussen, who has lived on Brookhaven Road for the last three years, says the weeds at No. 18 on his crescent off B Line had grown so tall this summer that "you could have grown marijuana plants in there and no one would have known" and "so high that visibility was impaired."

Mr. Rasmussen says he and some of his neighbours called the township offices and the deputy mayor but they had no success in getting the township to take action.

Humber special lecture on police readiness today

Humber college's Orangeville campus will be the scene at noon today of a special lecture on police readiness and terrorism.

As part of the Humber Orangeville Campus Fall Lecture Series, Karl Barnhart will present a lecture entitled 'Police readiness in an Emergency — Behind the Thin Blue Line' at the Orangeville Public Library Mill Street location from noon to 1 p.m.

This lecture will highlight how law enforcement nationwide is increasingly called upon to deal with the issues of terrorism.

They were left with the impression that neither the council nor the staff had any interest in the situation.

Not so, says Mayor Taylor. Lacking a bylaw, he said, the township urged the developer of Brookhaven to exert pressure on the builder to clean up the yard and complete construction of the house.

"The weeds did get cut once," he said. When told that Mr. Rasmussen himself had done the cutting, the mayor seemed taken by surprise. "We were kind of patting ourselves on the back for getting action," he said.

Mr. Rasmussen said he and his neighbours are paying anywhere from \$6,000 to \$9,000 in taxes annually. Given that burden, "it's pretty sad when you have to pay someone to look after someone else's property."

Yes, it is a sad situation, said the mayor. "I feel bad for the people who have to look at it every day." If there were derelict vehicles or rubbish scattered about, or the house were falling down, there would be a law. But with the provincial ban on pesti-

cides, the township could act only if there were noxious weeds or a threat to agriculture.

Neither Mr. Rasmussen nor the mayor could understand why the house in question has sat unfinished for several years.

"It's gonna be a nice house but it's just not completed. It looks abandoned," said Mr. Rasmussen.

"I don't understand someone putting a couple of hundred thousand into it and just leaving it," said the mayor. "If it were

mine, I would either complete it or sell it to someone who would."

Well, then, if there's no progress on construction, surely the township can cancel the development permits? No, he said, so long as there's an effort (however small) to complete the construction, he said, the township's hands are more or less tied.

Possibly. But Mr. Rasmussen says, to his knowledge, there is no work whatever going on at No. 18, and hasn't been for some time.



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A RELAXING BOUQUET: Kathi Elliott, left, an educator for Bach Original Floral Remedies, delivered a seminar at Harmony Whole Foods Tuesday night. She was talking about plant and flower-based formulas that can help manage the demands of everyday life by bringing negative attitudes and feelings back into balance and perspective. She is seen here with Harmony manager Nicky French.



TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR BUDGET 2010 NOTICE

The Township of Mulmur is holding 2 public meetings in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Council meetings in November to discuss the 2010 proposed operating and capital budgets. Budget discussion will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to submit comments or suggestions in writing to the undersigned prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself. The 2010 proposed budget is available for viewing on the Township of Mulmur website, <http://www.mulmurtownship.ca>

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