

Nobleton development given another extension

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A Nobleton development has been given a six-month extension, while the applicants catch up on needed site work.

Councillor David Boyd recommended that Edgecore Investments (Fandor Homes) be given the six-month extension for the Via Moto subdivision on King Road. This project, formerly known as Tomlinson Gardens, has stalled and changed owners over the years.

Planning director Stephen Kitchen stressed that progress is being made on the site, despite the fact it's been delayed for the fourth time. His department is satisfied the work will be done and 'it's getting very close.' The applicant, he said, has submitted a remedial action plan and he's confident the project will move forward.

A total of 38 units have been allocated to the site, and will continue to be reserved until at least May 2017.

Council supported the initial plan in June 2014, subject to a number of conditions. Outstanding matters at the time included engineering matters, an assessment of species at risk, servicing and the environmental condition of the site (which was a former wrecking yard).

Last August, the MOECC issued a record of site condition and in October of 2015, Fandor Homes purchased the lands, notifying the Township they are continuing with the draft plan of subdivision.

Then in December, MOECC decided to conduct a review of the site condition, noting it did not meet requirements. They want guarantees of the soil's condition, groundwater, sediment, etc. meet the standards for residential development.

Kitchen noted the owner, consultant and previous owner's consultant have been working with MOECC to address the outstanding issues.

The developers are moving quickly.

Township staff see this as a 'priority project' for unallocated servicing capacity for Nobleton, adding it will 'provide many benefits to the community.'