

# Residents fight to keep character of community

Erindale Village residents and Mississauga City Council have reiterated their concern for keeping the village free of inappropriate land uses.

The city's planning committee and council have rejected a rezoning application which could have permitted restaurants, fast-food restaurants, a bakery goods shop, a drug store, a food store, or a pharmaceutical agency on commercial lands at the southwest corner of Proudfoot St. and Dundas St. W.

The application by Glenarin Acres Limited is for property now occupied by a single-family home. The land was zoned for specific retail uses in 1981, but because of the objection of residents, certain uses, such as restaurants and food stores, were ruled out. Residents were concerned about loitering, litter, and noise caused by restaurants and wanted to make sure that the well-established Bell's Red and White store on the north side of Dundas St. remained a successful operation.

A report by city planning staff suggested the restrictions on the commercial uses were too stringent and said some specialty gourmet food stores and pharmaceutical uses, if limited in size, could be allowed.

In a letter to the City, the Old Erindale Homeowners' Association said they had already compromised significantly in allowing any commercial use on the property. The ratepayers said they want to ensure the "uniqueness and quality of family life which originally attracted us to the village."

Ward 6 councillor David Culham, in a memorandum to planning committee members, said the community does not oppose the commercial redevelopment of the Proudfoot St. property. But residents are anxious to make sure any changes are in keeping with the atmosphere of the village. "Erindale Village is one of the oldest settlements in Mississauga retaining a vibrant neighborhood spirit much like that which existed in 1815," Culham remarked.

The uses contemplated by Glenarin "would be detrimental to the village," claimed Culham.

There is already sufficient food shopping within easy access of village residents, argued Culham.