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COUNCIL LEANING TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT ON HASTINGS DRIVE

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Norfolk County Staff made it clear: No new development should be allowed on Hastings Drive, including RV's, and they will not be permitted to spend a night on the hazard lands even if the vacant area is owned by the RV user.

According to staff and the consultant, this sticks with Norfolk County's Official Plan as well the Provincial Policy regarding these lands, yet when it came to voting on staff recommendation.



Councillors heard on Tuesday night from 20 different people, four people agreeing with staffs recommendations, two on the fence, and 14 opposed.

Almost all opposed were asking our elected officials to make Hastings Drive like the rest of Long Point, wanting to build detached dwellings on the land.

Those words struck a cord with our elected officials who agreed with the landowners who felt they have been unfairly treated ever since a major storm hit the area back in the 1980's.



Councillor Harold Sonnenburg wanted the bylaw changed right then and there to allow buildings to be erected, but staff said it wasn't that simple as they would need justification to go against Provincial policy and Norfolk's Official Plan.

Council decided to move forward asking for staff to come back with arguments to allow dwellings to be built and also look at justifying RV's to be used on the land seasonally should there be an issue with the homes.

Councillor Peter Black felt this was a step in the wrong direction.



A staff report will return to council in June.

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