

Canadian Tire zoning order going to OMB

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There are few details to offer, apart from the fact that the Canadian Tire issue in Bolton has been referred to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Caledon council in June approved the development of a massive distribution facility for Canadian Tire at the coner of Healey Road and Coleraine Drive in Bolton. The following month, Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Linda Jeffrey approved a Municipal Zoning Order (MZO) for the development.

After a closed session of Caledon council Tuesday, Mayor Marolyn Morrison said the Ministry had apparently referred the matter to OMB. The Mayor said she didn't know why this has happened.

She added she understood it could be four to six months before there's a preliminary hearing on the issue.

Construction has already started on the development, and Morrison said that doesn't have to stop, since a building permit was legally issued once the MZO came down.

?They can continue to build until the decision is made by the OMB,? she said. ?The building permit stands until it's overturned.?

Mike Maka, senior communications advisor to Jeffrey, confirmed it was the Ministry that referred the matter to OMB. He was unable to comment further, since the matter is before the Board.

?We are pleased that the matter is moving forward for a resolution at the Ontario Municipal Board,? Robert Mongeau, senior vice-president of Real Estate for Canadian Tire Corporation, said in a statement. ?As you know, the Province, Town and Region completed a rigorous review of our application and granted the necessary approvals allowing construction of our new distribution centre to begin. We look forward to participating in the hearing at the OMB. In the meantime, it is business as usual for the project.?