

Residents upset about marijuana production going on in their area

By Bill Rea

Residents are upset about a marijuana growing operation near Caledon village and they want Town councillors to do something about it.

Area resident Vicki Wolf appeared before councillors last week, complaining about the operation at 2 Heather St., which runs west off Highway 10, north of the village. Last Tuesday's agenda package also contained a petition bearing 28 signatures, asking that the licence for the operation be revoked.

'This is a residential neighbourhood and an operation of this kind should not be located here,' the petition statement read. 'We have young families with small children. We should not be subjected to this type of environment.'

It also expressed concerns about the odour coming from the house as 'horrendous,' as well as worries about possible criminal activity.

In her letter to the Town, Wolf said the operation has been going on, but under new regulations, it's expected to cease operation as of March 31. She also stated she's been told that a new application has been submitted to continue the operation, but she argued it should not be allowed in a residential area.

In addressing council, Wolf said the operation is an 'open invitation for criminal activity,' adding no one is living at the house on a daily basis. 'We want the operation shut down.'

Mayor Marolyn Morrison told her Town staff will soon be sending a report to council on where such operations should go, and she stressed the importance of hearing how the community feels.

There was a public information meeting on the possible zoning of these operations for the production of medicinal marijuana. Wolf told Councillor Richard Paterak she hadn't known about the meeting.

Councillor Doug Beffort told her they have to work with the federal government, which is putting forth the new rules. He admitted they are vague when it comes to allowing these operations in residential areas.

Wolf also told Councillor Allan Thompson she has been in contact with Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson's office.