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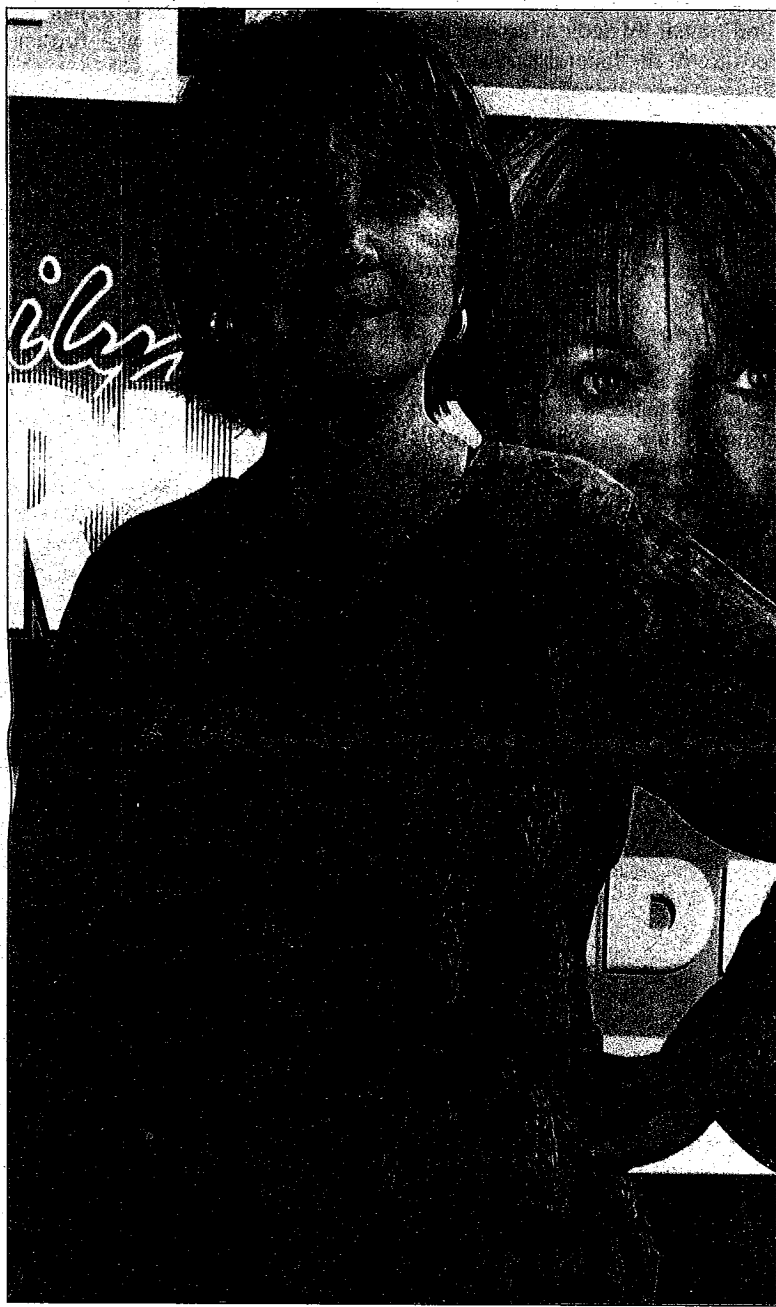


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Ready to Rumble



THE CHALLENGER VS. THE CHAMP: Former MPP and federal NDP candidate Marilyn Churley is prepared for the rematch with current Liberal MP Maria Minna who looks to be in fighting shape for the election. In 2006 Minna won by only 5.4 percent of the vote and experts say that Beaches-East York will be a riding to watch on Oct. 14.

Minna, Churley ready for round number two

KRIS SCHEUER
News

The political rematch between Liberal Maria Minna and the New Democratic Party's Marilyn Churley makes the riding of Beaches-East York a hot one to watch.

These two faced off in the 2006 federal campaign with incumbent Minna winning a tight race with 40.3 percent — only 5.4 percent

more than Churley. The Conservatives took 18 percent and the Greens had six.

It's quiet possible this time the riding could shift from red to orange says U of T political science professor Nelson Wiseman.

Wiseman said he thought Churley had "a reasonable chance last time".

"It's still early (but) that will be one of the more interesting races to watch," he said. "I saw an Angus-Reid poll (Sept. 10) nationally

that had the NDP up and the Liberals down."

That poll showed the Liberals down by four points at 24 percent while the NDP was up by three at 21 percent.

Wiseman said while Minna has name recognition, Beaches-East York was NDP territory when it was called Beaches-Woodbine. MP Neil Young represented the riding from 1980 to 1993 before losing to Minna.

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Thumbs down on building

Community Council says no to apartment

KRIS SCHEUER
News

If a residential project in the Beach is allowed to proceed it will forever change the face of the neighbourhood says city planning staff, some residents and now Toronto East York Community Council, which voted against the proposal.

Architect and property owner Dermot Sweeny tried unsuccessfully to convince them his proposal for a 10-unit, four-storey apartment building and a three-storey home are a good fit for the community.

Presently the site at 2 and 4 Neville Park Blvd. and 438 and 440 Lakefront Ln. is home to three single-family dwellings and a vacant lot.

Ward 32 councillor Sandra Bussin was impressed by all the local involvement.

"I have never seen the community so united together in opposition to this," she told the *Town Crier* before community council voted unanimously against the project on Sept. 9. "I think this is where the line is drawn in the sand."

For Leanne Rapley, a Neville Park Blvd. resident, agrees.

"It's a lovely building. It doesn't belong in our neighbourhood where single family dwellings are all there is," she said.

Steve Ottaway, who lives nine doors away from the proposed development, is vice chair of the Beach Lakefront Neighbourhood Association, which formed in response to the project.

"The heart of the matter is this will change the character of the Beach and set a precedent," he said. "Once condos are allowed

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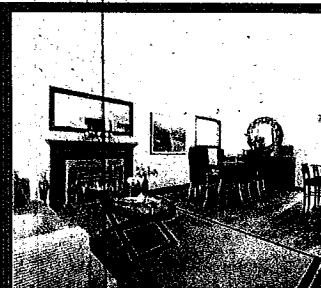
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Project finds support

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to go up in an area where predominantly they are not allowed, it opens up the flood gates to amass land and put up condos."

Sweeny disagreed with the conclusions of a city report, and said not all residents are against the project.

"After 21 years in the city the first refusal I got was 18 months ago and the second was this," he told community council a day after the vote. "We need adaptive, innovative ways to put in reasonable types of housing other than single family."

A petition with 65 names in support of the project was submitted to the city clerk.

However, calls to Sweeny were not returned at press time.

The petition's signatures caught Ottawa by surprise.

"I am shocked they found anyone in favour of it unless they found

someone who wants to live in the building," he said. "Finding people who want to live in a condo overlooking the lake wouldn't be that hard."

Those in opposition are also circulating a petition although the number of names on it was not available.

City council will vote on the project in late September. If the project is denied, the owner could appeal to the OMB, which Bussin said was something that is likely to happen.

"The (city) planner and solicitor will fight this at the OMB. The community has decided to retain it's own lawyer," she said.

The proposal was originally for a 16-unit building and has been reduced to 11-units, and at present eight units could be built with no planning approvals necessary.