

Builder turning school into senior-friendly dwelling

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Corey Trottier, owner of Sudbury Construction, is taking steps to meet a need in the Valley. He is converting a derelict school at 1547 Dominion Dr. in Val Therese into a four unit dwelling.

Tuesday night the planning committee of city council approved his zoning application from institutional to medium density.

Trottier is a framer by trade and is familiar with renovating. He wants to rent his units to the elderly and handicapped, especially those who require ground-floor access. His school redevelopment is perfect for both groups.

“The Valley has a lot of families with grandmas. There are few apartments available, and if there are, they are in a basement or second story. That is hard for them to get up and down stairs,” said Trottier.

He will also reserve a 3,000 sq. foot unit for himself, meaning the maintenance of the building will be easier than if he was an absent landlord.

That, and the fact the site has been vandalized with a lot of graffiti attacks, appealed to city staff, councillors and citizen Ron Arnold who made a supportive presentation.

Art Potvin, manager of developmental services said there had been vandalism taking place at the closed school and that the zoning change conformed with the Official Plan of the city.

“..the plan states that in the event a school property is declared surplus and no municipal or community need is identified, the property may be converted or redeveloped to the same uses as permitted on adjacent lands,” stated the city staff report.

Specifically, staff stated that there was sufficient sewer and water capacities, adequate parking, and the proposed use is compatible with surrounding land uses.

“School buildings are generally well-suited to residential conversion. In this case there is sufficient floor area to accommodate four dwelling units.”

“This is an extremely appropriate use. I hope more applications like this come before us to alleviate the shortage of rental units,” said Ward 1 councillor Joe Cimino.



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Ward 6 Councillor Andre Rivest said he was pleased the redevelopment meant it was still a low density project and asked if there had been an application for more units.

Potvin said there had not been, but if the applicant wanted to add more he would have to come before the planning committee again.

“Future expansion would be appropriate as long as he comes back before us first for approval,” said Potvin.

Ron Arnold, owner of Dalron Construction, said he knew Trottier personally and supported the project.

“Corey Trottier is a first rate person. His efforts will enhance this building and the neighbourhood. Small guys like him are looking after the needs of the elderly,” he said.

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