

# Riverview woman looks to open day-care centre

## ■ Council refers zoning changes to Greater Moncton Planning District Commission

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An application by a Riverview woman for a "textural change of zone," to permit her to open a day-care centre, was referred this week by Riverview town council to the Greater Moncton Planning District Commission for study and recommendation.

The change in text, if eventually approved by council, would permit her to accommodate a day-care centre as a secondary use within a TD zone. The facility would be at her property at 153 Whitepine Rd.

Brenda Orchard, the town's director of corporate services and economic development, said she discussed the matter with the GMPDC staff and they felt an application for a textural zone change was the "appropriate route" for Renee Ann Giggie to take.

"She (Giggie) talked with some of her neighbours about the idea and they support it," said Orchard.

Coun.-at-large Charles Broderick wondered if there is anything in the zoning proposal determining the size of the day-care facility she would be opening. He

said there is a significant difference between a very large and small day-care operation, with parking and safety being among the concerns.

Where the business would be designated as a "secondary use" for the property, Orchard said that would eliminate the idea of it being a "big day care."

She reminded that Giggie not only has to comply with the zoning regulations, but also provincial standards in order to get her day-care licence for the facility. "There are specific regulations for operating a day care out of your home," she said.

"Does that mean she would be able to put 15 children in the day care," said Ward 2 Coun. Bill McBeath, noting that would be the allowed number in accordance with a secondary use day care.

"That is the maximum number," replied Orchard. She noted that provincial regulations determine the exact number of children she can accommodate at her day care, based on the size of the facility.

"A day-care centre could be very helpful to the community (where the property is located), as there are a lot of children in that area," said Coun.-at-large Sherry Wilson.

On a motion by Coun.-at-large Ann Seamans, council voted unanimously to refer Giggie's application to the planning district commission for recommendation.