

Council clears way for Beaufort development

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Sidney's politicians took it on the chin again Monday night from two area residents vehemently opposed to the proposed subdivision of 2445 Beaufort Road.

But in the end, council's decision to approve the development application was marked by approval from the owners of the property and the half-dozen people who turned out in their support.

Making his first appearance before council since the proposal was put forward was Merville Britten, owner of the property.

Responding to those against the development of his 1.44-acre lot and their request that council table the decision for further consideration, the 83-year old Britten defended his plans for the site.

"(They) have known since February that we were going to sell the property, and they've done nothing all summer to prepare and make applications for a park or anything else. What have

they been doing all that time? Why leave it until now?"

While council approved the development application, there are numerous conditions that must be met by both the developer and the residents' association which has been lobbying council to turn a portion of the property into park land.

Council held firm on its motion that at least 75 per cent (19 of 25 properties) of Beaufort residents must agree to placing restrictive covenants on their properties before council will pay for half of the property. Members of the association were also presented a new option, giving them the choice of acquiring either Lot F for \$200,000 or Lots E and F for \$300,000.

The association has until Jan. 31 to decide how much property they want to help purchase, and how they will go about buying it