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OLT shreds Grimsby planning principles

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The Ontario Land Tribunal made a mockery of Grimsby's planning principles in allowing an oversized home at 30 Viking Drive in its Jan. 29 finding of an appeal.

Builder Mario Glavina of St. Joseph Homes appealed council's Sept. 23 rejection of the two-storey

home, which neighbours say should never been started.

Despite many variances being required - front yard setback, rear yard setback, rear yard encroachment for a chimney breast, and; maximum lot coverage - none of them were applied for prior to work being done.

"I totally believe that this is the

relevant Town department's fault. If they had of acted on the neighborhood's concerns this would have been stopped dead in its tracks. No effort was made to verify compliance with the permits. The relevant departments can say what they want but it doesn't change the fact that they blew it," said neighbourhood resident Kevin Humston.

"It wasn't one complaint from one person. It was numerous complaints from numerous people and, in my opinion, they were either too lazy to check on the complaints or they didn't care to check out the site. They blew it."

OLT member Yasna Faghani did not see it that way.

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When hope leads

What started as a delivery run of 10 boxes of healthy food to local residents has grown to help thousands of families through Village of Hope Niagara. Founder Cheryl Keddy-Scott is transitioning from her role as CEO to a board position and handing the administration duties to current Executive Director Joe McCarthy. For details, please turn to Page 4. McDonald - Photo