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Isles Inc. gets OK for Mill One urban village in Bromley

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HAMILTON — Public discussion on a proposed 921-acre arts and culture district will continue at the Township Council's next meeting April 6, but the council late last night voted to approve the related redevelopment plan for Isles Inc.'s **Mill One project**.

Isles, a community development nonprofit, has partnered with Ewing-based Modern Recycled Spaces to turn a 115-year-old, 240,000-square-foot dilapidated building into a commercial and residential urban village at the corner of North Johnston Avenue and Nottingham Way.

Isles co-founder and president Marty Johnson pitched the redevelopment plan as an environmentally friendly venture that would create hundreds of jobs and bring in millions of dollars of annual enterprise to Hamilton in terms of consumer spending and tax revenues.

The council members passed the Isles plan by a 4-0 vote after praising it as a "spectacular project." That measure had wide public support, unlike the proposed arts and culture district that raised residents' concerns over the potential impact it might have on their neighborhoods.

With large numbers of Hamiltonians coming to the meeting at the Nottingham firehouse with questions about the proposed district that would stretch from Bromley to the Hamilton Train Station, the council voted to continue the discussion at its next meeting.

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