



HOWITT PARK NEIGHBOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2008

GREETINGS

WOW

It has been close to 16 months since our last newsletter. Looking back we were talking about the upcoming local election of November 2006

What a night that was. Karen Farbridge was elected as Mayor and we now have close to a full new set of councillors.

Our own Past President, June Hofland was elected to represent Ward 3 along with incumbent Maggie Laidlaw

For our members in Ward 4, incumbent Gloria Kovach was returned along with newcomer Mike Salisbury.

Congratulations to all.

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Last spring (2007) the City of Guelph introduced an new process for planning applications.

The changes were intended to:

Increase Council's knowledge and awareness of the planning process and engage Council earlier in the review process;

Ensure that the process is transparent and following the City's Guiding Principles for public involvement.

Ensure that the process is timely and responds to the new legislative requirements contained in Bill 51 (Planning and Conservation Land Statutes Amendment Act (2006))

A copy of this new process can be found on our website. Please take a moment to review this as it has significantly changed from the previous process.

This new process is being used for the application for re-zoning for the former Lafarge property. It will be used to structure how this application will be reviewed by City of Guelph staff and Council, as well as public involvement.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR FORMER LAFARGE PROPERTY RE-DEVELOPMENT

As provided by the new city Public Review Process additional meetings will be scheduled as deemed necessary. Due to the high public interest in the re-development of the former Lafarge site there will be a meeting in addition to the Public Planning Meeting slated for early March.

The first public meeting will be held on **Thursday 31 January 2008** at 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the **River Run Centre** in the **Cooperators Hall**. The River Run Centre is located at **35 Woolwich Street**.

The Public Planning Meeting will be held on **Monday 3 March 2008** at 7:00 at **City Hall Council Chambers**. Those wishing to speak on the application can register by contacting **Lois Giles, City Clerk, City Hall**, 519-837-5603 no later than **Wednesday 27 February 2008**.

For further details, please see our website.

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MEMBERSHIP

HPNRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD PRE-HEARING

On December 18, 2007 the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) held a pre-hearing at City Hall Council Chambers. This hearing was to establish who will be involved in the OMB process regarding the application for re-zoning of the former Lafarge site.

Copy of the minutes from that pre-hearing can be found on our website.



FORMER LAFARGE COMPOUND (163 INKERMAN ST) NOW SITE FOR PORTA-POTTY BUSINESS.

In the spring of 2007 a company called Porta Plus Portables leased the site from Fieldgate Commercial (acting on behalf of Silvercreek Guelph Developments Limited). Porta Plus Potables is using the compound to store portable toilets.

Local resident Selby Steeves, whose property is adjacent to the site has circulated a petition asking the storage of portable toilets not be allowed on lands that abut residential properties.

Look for more information and the article that appeared in the Guelph Mercury on Oct 17th 2007 on our web site.

E-MAIL OF OUR NEWSLETTER AND OTHER UPDATES

Early in 2008, we plan to make your newsletter and other updates available by e-mail. For those who would like to receive this information by e-mail and would like to sign up for our e-account, please go to our website to register.

MEMBERSHIP

As always we appreciate your support.

Please pass this newsletter along to your friends and neighbours and encourage them to join the HPNRA.

If you think that your own membership has lapsed, please contact us at our website, and we will be happy to provide you with that information and help you to bring your membership to current status.

HPNRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Website:

www.hpng.ca

Our next membership meeting will be held on

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008

Address:

at 7:30 P.M.

P.O. Box 1857

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