

NEWS FROM THE HOWITT PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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GREETINGS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

An article appeared in the Guelph Mercury on September 13th that announced that Rosewater Management had reached a deal with Lafarge to purchase the property and that plans were underway to transform the old gravel pit into a major commercial centre. While this announcement concerns us, we do believe that there is still plenty of opportunity to have these lands developed in a way that enhances our community. We are continuing to work with city staff and to voice our concerns about increased traffic and access to the site. We want the developer to justify why the City and the Guelph community should support a shopping centre the size of Stone Road Mall within our neighbourhood. Incidentally, Stone Road Mall has seven access points and right now there is only one onto the Lafarge site. The implications of this for our neighbourhood are very worrisome.

One of the key issues in the upcoming November election is growth and how it is managed. Your Executive Committee is preparing a questionnaire to all candidates in each ward and all mayoral candidates to ask what their view is on the future development of the Lafarge lands. What steps will they take to ensure that the future development of this land will not impact on our quality of life? What role do they see the Howitt Park Neighbourhood Residents' Association playing in the development of this property? After the election, there will be 13 people sitting around the horseshoe making decisions that will affect us. We need to know that we will be fairly represented when the time comes and that our concerns will finally be addressed.

SPECIFIC TO WARD 3

We have teamed up with the Exhibition Park Neighbourhood Association and Onward Willow to co-host a **Ward 3 All Candidates debate on Wednesday October 18. This event will take place at Guelph CVI (155 Paisley Road) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the auditorium.** This is your opportunity to come out and ask the candidates how they will represent you and our community at city council.

As well, Rogers TV will be hosting a televised **Ward 3 Candidates debate on Thursday October 19th** in Council Chambers. The program airs live beginning at 6 p.m. on Channel 20.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE
YOU CAN PLAY IS TO VOTE ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.**

Advance Polls are also being held at Dublin Street United Church on November 4th at from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on November 6th from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

UPCOMING MEMBERS MEETING

We expect to have a Members meeting towards the end of November. A notice of meeting, with the date, time a location will be circulated around the middle of the month so please keep an eye out for future correspondences from us.

**Please pass this newsletter along to your
neighbours and friends and
encourage them to become members.**