

NEWS FROM THE HOWITT PARK NEIGHBOURS GROUP

Update on the Lafarge Property

September 2005

GREETINGS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

This is our second newsletter and a lot has happened since our first newsletter back in July.

We held a community gathering on July 17, 2005 and we would like to thank all those who attended. Although the weather wasn't great, a number of neighbours came out to show their support and to find out what was happening on the Lafarge property. We would like to thank the Optimist Club for the use of their facilities, Maxi Variety for their donation of food and drinks and Sam Turton for his great music. We raised \$208.00 in donations, which will help to cover our costs.

COMMERCIAL POLICY REVIEW PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 25, 2005

City Council passed the Commercial Policy Review (CPR) and as many of you know, the Lafarge property was not included in the CPR. **This does not mean that Rosewater Management does not intend to develop the property.** While no official proposal has been received by the city we do know that Rosewater Management is going ahead with its plans to re-zone the property for commercial use and this includes at least two large-scale commercial stores despite the concerns expressed by the community. We also know that Rosewater Management has been meeting with individual Councillors and lobbying for their support. We need to continue to hold our elected officials accountable to make certain that any future

development in our neighbourhood does not have a negative impact on the surrounding area. We must ensure that our voices and concerns are heard too.

The Howitt Park Neighbours group has been meeting weekly to look at all the various issues related to this property including access to the site; the impact that increased traffic will have on our neighbourhood; environmental issues, etc. We have had two meetings with City Planning staff. We have also proposed to the City that a Ward meeting be held in the fall.

If you want to ensure that a development of this type is not built in your neighbourhood, we need you to make your voice known to Council. Our group alone will not be enough. You need to write or call each City Councillor and the Mayor. You can also send letters to the editor of both the Guelph Mercury and the Guelph Tribune.

WE SURE COULD USE YOUR HELP

We are committed to keeping the community informed and one tool that we have found to be very helpful is circulating a newsletter or flyers. If you would like to help with this, please e-mail us or give us a call.

If you would like to donate money to help cover the cost of photo copying flyers, announcements, etc. it would be greatly appreciated.

You can contact the Howitt Park Neighbours Group either by e-mail h_p_n_g@yahoo.ca or by phone at 821-8165.

Please pass this newsletter along and share with others.

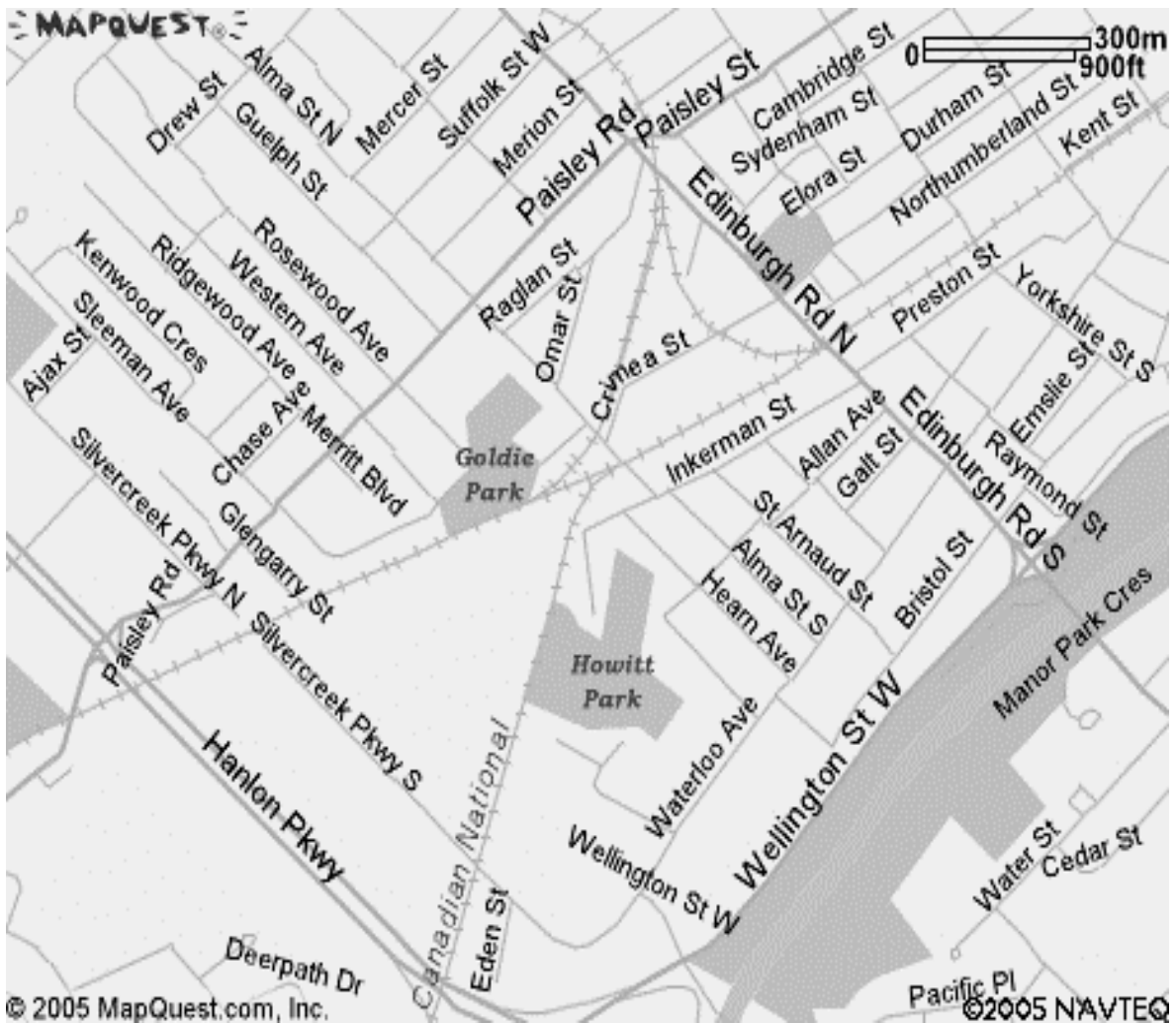
VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We are looking for a representative from each street or block within our distribution area, (see attached map) to **HELP** us spread the word about upcoming community meetings, new developments in the process and any other news as it arises.

You will NOT be asked to attend weekly meetings; this will NOT be a large time commitment. It WILL be a good way to talk with your neighbours and to have your input into this process.

If you are willing to become a representative in your neighbourhood or help us in any other way please email or call us; we look forward to hearing from you.

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The area includes both sides of, Paisley Road, Edinburgh Road and Waterloo Ave.

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