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GREETINGS

There have been a number of events over the last few months, so we would like to bring the membership up to date with the developments

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

In June's newsletter we summarized the events from March 2008 to June 2008. Since June, we have been busy with preparation for both the mediation sessions held starting in September 2008 and preparation for the OMB hearing in January 2009.

ENGAGEMENT OF A PLANNER

In July we engaged the services of The Davidson Group. The principals of the firm Gary Davidson and Beate Brown have a very long history in civic planning and working with residents' associations appealing to the OMB.

Gary and Beate came highly recommended and have met every possible expectation. They have been working tirelessly on behalf of HPNRA and have provided very valuable direction through this process

MEDIATION

In September, HPNRA entered into mediation with Silvercreek Developments Inc (the applicant), the City of Guelph and Armel. The purpose of mediation was to attempt to avoid a full OMB hearing, which is scheduled for ten (10) weeks beginning in January 2009.

James McKenzie, of the OMB, chaired the process and worked with the "parties" to come to a consensus of opinion as to how the former Lafarge property could be developed while keeping in mind the best interests of all.

The mediation process has been held "without prejudice". All communications were to be kept confidential. Due to this, discussion of the process with the public, the press and the membership has not been permitted.

MEDIATION TIMELINE

Early August 2008

Review of issues regarding application in preparation for mediation

Early September 2008

Preparation of Mediation Brief materials

Mediation Timeline

(continued)

.26 September 2008

1st day of scheduled two-day mediation session

29 September 2008

2nd day of scheduled two-day mediation session

30 September 2008

Mediation extended to a 3rd day

4 November 2008

Mediation session

2 December 2008

Mediation session

3 December 2008

Mediation session

12 December 2008

Final round of mediation. Mediation commenced at 10:00 a.m. and completed at 9:00 p.m. The end result of this mediation session was a **proposed settlement** that HPNRA will bring to the **membership to ratify on Sunday 11 January 2009 at the Guelph Bible Chapel at 7:00 p.m.**

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To ratify proposed mediation settlement

DATE **Sunday 11 January 2009** TIME **7:00 P.M. SHARP**

PLACE

Guelph Bible Chapel

491 Waterloo Avenue (next to Guelph Bible Conference Grounds)

HPNRA will provide the proposal information in detail. HPNRA's lawyer and planners will be present to answer any questions. HPNRA members will be asked to vote on the acceptance or rejection of the settlement. This will be a Membership Meeting. ONLY members in **good standing** with the HPNRA will be permitted to attend

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The HPNRA needs your continued support.

Please renew your membership.

We have enclosed a membership renewal form and a notice indicating if your membership requires immediate renewal. Please note that the family membership is no longer available.

FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO NEED TO HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP RENEWED A TABLE WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. TO 6:50 P.M. ON JANUARY 11 IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH

ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL BE PERMITTED INTO THE MEETING

Take a few moments to complete the form and bring it with you to the meeting

— ALMA STREET TRAFFIC CALMING —

In 2003, the residents of Alma Street requested to put on the City of Guelph list for traffic calming measures consideration.

Due to the time that had elapsed since 2003, the City wanted to confirm that there was still sufficient interest by the residents to warrant a public meeting to discuss the request. In September 2008, a survey was sent out by the City to all residents of Alma Street. The deadline to respond was 10 October 2008.

The City required a 60% response in favour of holding a meeting in order to proceed. Unfortunately the response was only 27% and the City sent out a letter in November 2008 informing the residents that nothing further would be acted on in this matter.

However, due to a response to the letter in November, the deadline has now been extended to 12 January 2009.

We are asking for volunteers to take the survey door-to-door on Alma Street. Please contact us at (519) 826-5338 if you are interested in helping out