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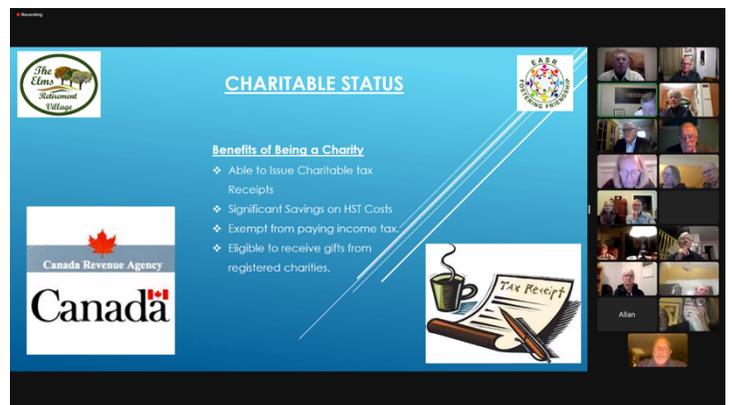
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MORE POSITIVE REACTIONS!

In the one-month time period since the last Leaflet, some very positive developments have taken place, which tells me that you are reading these newsletters and responding to them. At Christmas time, I shared the serpentine design of the entire Retirement Village and you responded with emails and phone calls praising the “rural flavour” of the design. Last month, I shared the floor plans of the twelve garden homes that are included in the overall design in order to gauge interest in whether they should be built in phases or all at once. Again, you responded in a positive way. Obviously, the garden homes appeal to those of you who are downsizing gradually. A strong suggestion to get on the “Wait List” for a unit in the complex was met with enthusiasm, because we had nine more people reserve their place in the queue. That is a 10% increase in just one month! We have been encouraging you to join the membership of the Elmvale Active Seniors Residence. At the previous AGM, we had 20 members on the roll call, while at the AGM held on February 17th, we had 49 members eligible to tune in to the ZOOM meeting.

At the recent AGM (Annual General Meeting), the Managing Director, Sid Tjeerdsma, presented an excellent illustrated summary of the progress of the project to date and outlined the benefits of seeking charitable status for **The Elms**. It was nice to see future residents of the Village participating in the events of the evening by voting on a variety of resolutions and reports. We strongly encourage all of you to join the membership and be part of the team.



People on the ‘Wait list’ are particularly urged to join as members, since you have indicated your interest in being a future resident of **The Elms** and we will be interested in feedback and suggestions as we get closer to the construction phase of the project.

Last month, I indicated that we would be contacting, by postal letter, all of the people on the “Wait List” to update their contact information and to clarify their anticipated move-in time frame. As of today, I have received 67 responses from the 87 letters mailed out. Thanks to all of you who responded in such a timely manner! A separate page was included in the letter whereby folks could pose questions which will be helpful as we update our website and correspond with our members, our waitlist people and to the general public. Thanks to all of you who have such a sincere and passionate interest in *The Elms* that you have taken the time to give us your input!

We are planning to open the Presentation Centre as soon as possible. It will be located in the village of Elmvale, at 24 Yonge St. S., Unit L. Local people will know it as the north end of the former Currie building and visitors to the village will recognize it as the building with McDonald’s! Regardless, renovation work is underway, with front door replacement, wall reconfiguration, painting, carpet replacement and furnishing on the “to do list”. We will be contacting those people on the “Wait List” for opportunities to visit our Presentation Centre for personalized and individualized information. We are also planning an **official opening** where members of the different levels of government who have assisted with our project will be invited and then members of the general public will be welcomed to visit. The photo to the right shows the current appearance of the building, but it will soon look quite different, with a new door and window treatment. The next Leaflet will provide more details about things you will be able to see in the Presentation Centre.

As always, we encourage you to check the website at www.The-Elms.ca to apply for our Wait List for a suite or a Garden Home, to join



the EASR Membership List or to refer some of your friends or neighbours to get on our Contact List to receive this newsletter and other correspondence. Exploring some of the drop-down menus on the website is certainly encouraged. We love the “sense of community” that has been escalating since this project was first announced in late 2018. Comments that reinforce the feeling that, “I love the Springwater community and I want to live my retirement years here”, encourage our team and strengthen our resolve to bring the *The Elms* to Elmvale. The last page of this Leaflet is the article that I hope will be published in the March 3rd edition of the Springwater News. You folks on the Contact List already know this information, but this will be going to the public.

People who are on our Waitlist already know that we have a post office box in Elmvale, so now there are several ways to get in touch with us. By mail at: EASR, PO Box 3066, Elmvale, L0L 1P0, by email at: elmsvillage@gmail.com, and, until our presentation centre opens, you are certainly welcome to contact me, Doug Jackson, personally at 705-527-3097 or via email at sjackson@csolve.net.

Elmvale Active Seniors Residence

Announce the Latest Schematic Drawings



The directors of the Not-for-Profit group, EASR, are pleased to share the most recent schematic drawings of *The Elms Retirement Village* in Elmvalle. The complex will be constructed in three or four phases and plans are well underway for the development of the first phase which will consist of sixty-six apartment style suites and twelve garden homes. The suites in Elm Flats, the first four-story-building, will be offered in fifteen different configurations of one and two bedrooms with either one, 1.5 or two bathrooms. The garden homes, with six end-units and six centre-units, will have two bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. The goal of creating a community of active seniors will be advanced by the inclusion of numerous shared amenity spaces, both inside the complex and on the grounds surrounding it. Some of the amenity spaces will be constructed in Phase One and the others will be completed in future phases. The team has been meeting regularly, most often by ZOOM, with the architects and their team of landscape, engineering and energy consultants, as well as other professional consultants. Plans are well underway for the Site Plan Approval process with Springwater Township. A Presentation Centre will be opening in the near future where people on our “Wait List” can come in to see detailed schematic drawings and members of the general public can drop by to get information about this very exciting facility. For additional information about this much-needed project, please go to the website <https://the-elms.ca> . Here you will find links to the ongoing and upcoming events plus opportunities to get on the contact list for newsletter updates, getting on the “Wait List” for a unit in *The Elms* and becoming an active member in the organization.