



The Elms' Leaflet



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LANDSCAPE DRAWINGS WELL RECEIVED!

In the last Leaflet, I complimented the people receiving the newsletter on their positive messages and words of encouragement and appreciation. It has continued! And now we have another update on the landscape drawing to share with you. The previous drawing showed a single Storm Water Management pond in the north-east section of the property. Tatham Engineering Limited, our consulting engineers for all issues related to stormwater drainage and management, have recommended a two-pond system which will allow sediments, etc., to settle out in the first smaller pond, while the second and larger pond will hold and detain the water from rain and storm events. A system of scenic walking trails and a boardwalk will allow residents to enjoy the beauty of this environment. Benches and a lookout will appeal to the birdwatchers! Our landscape designer, Brad Smith, of Seferian Design Group, incorporated these elements in his updated drawing, which you see on the right. Of course, this drawing shows the Master Plan for the entire Elms Village, which will be built in phases. The landscape features in the north-east section of the property, as well as the landscape elements in the south-east corner, would not be impacted by the earthmoving and construction equipment that would be used in the building of additional phases. The drawing on the next page shows the proposed arrangement of landscape features for Phase One. We sincerely hope that the interest and enthusiasm for Elm Flats, our first building, will 'snowball' and the momentum will allow us to get started on Phase



Two without undue delay, because additional outdoor amenities and the hugely important Elm Court, the centrepiece of the entire Village, will be built at that time. The SPA (Site Plan Approval) process is for the entire complex, so when Phase One is approved for construction, future phases will not be delayed because all of the necessary studies, reports, consultations and planning will already have been done.

During the past month, a group of us have been updating the information we have gathered

about the 94 applicants who are on our current Wait List, as well as collating some of their questions. A number of great questions were asked and the answers to many of them can be found on our website at www.The-Elms.ca/Life-lease-FAQ Our Wait List has two sections; Active, for those who want to move in when the first building is finished, and Inactive, for those who intend to move in, but at some time in the future. Remember, the waitlist is date and time sensitive, so the earlier you apply to be on the list, the better. Once you have a number, you carry it with you, regardless of whether you are Active or Inactive. We will be contacting the folks on the Active List when the Presentation Centre opens to have some in-person meetings. We are looking forward to seeing you!

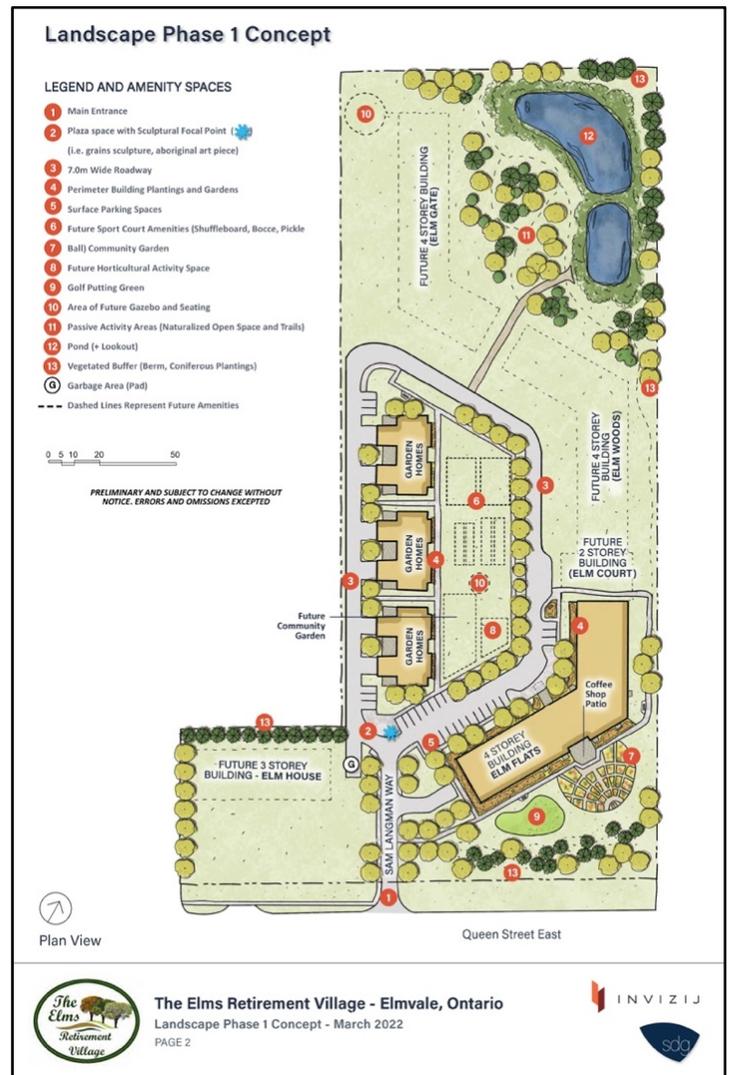
The drawing on the right shows the latest Phase One plans, incorporating the landscape elements which would be unaltered by the construction of future phases. The ponds, trees, plants and grasses will certainly add to the visual appeal of the property!

The current landscape drawings have evolved through a lengthy process involving consultation with the architects and their team of consulting engineers. Brad Smith, leader of the landscape team, has an extensive background and a summary of his experience is on the third page. His knowledge of trees, plants and grasses is extensive and his creativity will add to the attractiveness of The Elms!

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. As we move through the Site Plan Approval process, there will be more items

added to the website, so we urge you to consult it frequently.

People who are on our Waitlist 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, LOL 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 . All of the Board of Directors members are shown on the website under the “About Us” tab and would welcome the chance to speak with you.





BRAD SMITH, BLA, OALA, CSLA, APALA, ASLA

Senior Landscape Architect + Project Manager

Brad is a Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager and full member of the OALA, APALA, CSLA, and ASLA. As an award winning landscape architect, Brad has a passion for design and carries a fresh, forward-thinking, enthusiastic energy to every project. His collaborative approach to projects is focused on creating performance based landscapes that straddle related disciplines and bring together creative and strategic thinking.

Brad has worked across Canada, at a range of scales from large regional planning pieces through to small scale sites, and has been involved in projects from concept through to detailed design and implementation. Brad's clients have included municipal, provincial, and federal government, Canada's National Capital Commission, conservation authorities, non-profit organizations, land developers, and private industry. He is driven by the intimate relationship to memories of place, emotional connection to environments, and the understanding of how people interact with the landscape.

EDUCATION

2002 - 2006 BLA, School of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA)- Full Member (Seal/Certificate)

Atlantic Provinces Association of Landscape Architects (APALA)- Full Member (Seal/Certificate)

Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)- Full Member

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)- Full Member

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)- Full Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 - Present Seferian Design Group - Burlington, ON

2007 - 2012 Ecoplans Limited (A Member of the MMM Group) - Kitchener, ON

2006 - 2007 Lombard North Group/Golfplan Associates - Calgary, AB

CERTIFICATION + COURSES

2019 Standard First Aid CPR A and AED Training (St. John Ambulance, Burlington)

2018 Disney Institute Approach to Leadership Excellence (Disney Institute)

2016 Executive Education Certificate, DeGroote School of Business (McMaster University)

2014 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training

2013 Aquatic Renewal Workshop - Trout Unlimited, University of Guelph, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)

2011 Land Stewardship Training Workshop, Bruce Trail Conservancy

2008 Erosion and Sediment Control Course/ Certification, Conservation Halton & Hamilton Conservation Authority

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Sunrise of Ancaster Senior Living Centre - Ancaster, ON
- Sunrise of Etobicoke Senior Living Centre - Etobicoke, ON
- Niagara Retirement Living Centre - St. Catharines
- Maranatha Gardens Retirement Home - Burlington, Ontario
- Garth Trails Retirement Community - Hamilton, Ontario
- Chedoke Heights Community - Hamilton, Ontario
- McMaster University Campus Housing Landscape Master Plan - Hamilton
- City of Waterloo West Water Play Area (Splash Pad) - Waterloo, ON
- Rehabilitation of Silver Lake and Waterloo Park - Waterloo, ON
- Conservation Halton Administration Building Master Plan - Burlington
- Waterdown Rotary Memorial Park Skate Path & Pathway Improvements - Waterdown
- Appleby College Athletic Complex Design - Oakville
- Lethbridge Sports Complex Sports Field Master Plan - Lethbridge, AB*
- Civic Square (Burlington City Hall) Redevelopment - Burlington, ON
- Canadian Film Centre (former E.P. Taylor Estate) Campus Expansion Master Plan - Toronto*
- Somba K'e Civic Plaza Design - Yellowknife, NWT*
- Mackenzie King Estate, Master Plan - Gatineau, QC*
- Tett Centre for Learning Adaptive Reuse - Kingston*
- Gateway Landscape, Confederation Bridge Plaza, Borden, Prince Edward Island*
- Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park Campground M.P. - Elkwater, AB*

* Denotes projects completed with other firms