



The Elms' Leaflet



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PRESENTATION CENTRE OPENING SOON!

There will be an announcement in an upcoming edition of the Springwater News, (see page 3), informing readers that The Elms Presentation Centre will be opening very soon. We wanted to let you know this exciting news in advance of the general public because you have demonstrated an active support of our project over the months (and years!). We also want you to be the first to know that we have secured the assistance of a very knowledgeable and conscientious local resident to be on-site when the Presentation Centre is open.

Many of you know Betty Cook, since she has lived in Elmvale for the past twenty-five years and has been active in the community through her involvement with the Women's Institute. For thirty years, she worked in the legal offices of HGR Graham Partners LLP. Her team work, confidentiality, organizational skills and strong work ethic were appreciated by the staff and the public. We are pleased that she is coming out of semi-retirement to work with us! She will be working hard to ensure the office is properly functional and welcoming. As this is a new role for Betty, please be patient as she "learns the ropes".



All of us on the Board of Directors fully understand that you have been waiting for a long time to see some of the plans, to look at drawings, to talk in person and to meet some of the people who have



been working since late 2018 on this initiative. We know that there will be an initial "curiosity" when the Presentation Centre first opens, and that can be dealt with by showing people around the centre and giving them a package of information, much of which is already available on our website. We also know that many of you will want a more detailed "one-on-one" meeting, when your specific concerns and questions can be addressed. These much-more-personal meetings will be done by appointment with Betty and/or a member of the Board. A telephone and answering machine is now installed in the office and times for personal consultations can be arranged by calling in advance. Those of you who are on the "Wait List" will continue to be our highest priority. Those of you who have been following "The Elms" but have not yet decided to take the next step and get on the wait list will also be encouraged to make an appointment to come and visit our centre. Of course, we welcome "drop-ins" and will be encouraging those folks to become familiar with our project by taking one of our new tri-panel brochures and consulting our website.

As we mentioned in the last Leaflet, 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 further developed 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. The SPA documentation was submitted to Springwater Township on April 29th, and on June 6th we completed the “Design Development” stage with our architects.

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. Sid Tjeerdsma, our Project Manager, has put links to the most recent updates right on the home page!

With the opening of our Presentation Centre, there are now several ways to get in touch with us. By mail at: EASR, PO Box 3066, Elmvale, L0L 1P0; by email at: elmsvillage@gmail.com, by telephone at: 705-322-4004 and by visiting the presentation centre between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Additionally, 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.

Again, we encourage you to speak with your friends and neighbours to help spread the good news about The Elms Retirement Village. 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. Our major goal is to provide an active living complex in Elmvale that would attract local people to live their senior years in a community setting that reflects their rural cultural heritage. Our 2018 survey showed that people did not want to move away to an unfamiliar setting in their retirement. The Elms will help to alleviate this concern!

Elmvale Active Seniors Residence Announces the Presentation Centre Opening

The “Elmvale Active Seniors Residence”, which is a Not-for-Profit group working to bring a modern highly energy-efficient retirement village to Elmvale, is pleased to announce that the Presentation Centre will be open, beginning on Monday, July 4, 2022. The Centre will be open three days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Centre is located on the north end of the building more commonly recognized as the site of the McDonald’s restaurant. While drop-in visitors are welcome and encouraged, people who are already on the official “Wait List” will be the highest priority. There are now over a hundred people on the wait

list for one of the units in the complex; some of them are on the “active” list and others on the “inactive” list. *The Elms Retirement Village* will be constructed in three or four phases. The first phase 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 some others will be completed in future phases. 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.

