



# The Elms' Leaflet



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

All of us on the Board of Directors for the Elmvale Active Seniors Residence hope that all of you on our contact list have a happy and enjoyable new year. We hope that each of you can look more optimistically at 2023, since the pandemic, which has occupied so much of our attention for the past three years, seems to be less demanding of our time and resources. A year ago, we shared the design that our architects prepared for us and, since that time, we have been engaged in the long and involved Site Plan Approval process. Much of this year has been spent waiting for, and then engaging in consultations with, all of the AHJ (Authorities Having Jurisdiction). As residents and taxpayers in our own local municipalities, we should all be pleased that our municipal employees in the planning departments examine, scrutinize and question the multitude of reports and documents that are submitted in support of proposed developments. However, as a group of volunteers who are actively trying to bring a retirement village to Elmvale, the process is very long and requires multiple revisits to some of our submissions. Our request for SPA was undertaken in April and has not yet been finalized. Apparently, EASR is not alone. Many projects in many municipalities which began before or during the pandemic are faced with the difficulties associated with staff shortages and a backlog of work both in the municipal offices and in the offices of all of the myriad of consultants and engineers. Hopefully, we will see our SPA granted early in the new year!



We were pleased to welcome all of the current members of EASR to a "Meet and Greet" at the Elmvale Public Library on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This informal session allowed our group to mix and mingle and get to know one another. We hope that many more of you on our contact list will choose to join EASR and become more active in the project. During the meeting, our Chair, Dan McLean, summarized the highlights of the past year which included finalizing and submitting the site survey, site plan, fire safety plan, functional servicing report, stormwater management plan, environmental impact study, geotechnical study, hydrogeological study, traffic impact analysis, archaeology report, shadow study, lighting design study, landscaping plan, site grading and drainage plan, elevation plans, sediment and erosion control plans, etc. We also opened a Presentation Centre and hired Betty Cook to welcome visitors Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 am and 2 pm.

As always, we encourage you to frequently consult our website at [www.The-Elms.ca](http://www.The-Elms.ca) as the most recent developments are posted there. You can also call us at 705-322-4004 and arrange an appointment to visit the Presentation Centre.

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