



The Elms' Leaflet



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PRESENTATION CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING!

The upcoming edition of the Springwater News, to be published on September 15th, will have an announcement describing the “Official Opening” of The Elms Presentation Centre (see page 4). We wanted to let you know about this milestone event in advance of the general public because you have demonstrated an active support of our project over the months (and years!). All three levels of local government were represented and each elected official spoke at the event. The following remarks were made by Springwater Mayor, Don Allen.



“Good morning, everyone. On behalf of Springwater, I would like to thank you all for being here today as we celebrate the grand opening of the Elmvale Active Seniors’ Residence Presentation Centre.

Today is a very big day for Elmvale, for its residents, and for our seniors. It represents the culmination of a significant amount of work by the dedicated Board you were just introduced to. They have worked tirelessly and passionately to get this much needed project off the ground.

We are very sorry that Sam Langman, who was the driving force behind this initiative, is not physically with us today to see his original idea take shape. His legacy will live on through all the people he will help to stay in the community they know and love.

The proposal for the Elmvale Active Seniors’ Residence was first put forth to Springwater Council by Sam Langman and Dan McLean and Sid Tjeerdsma in 2019. Council was immediately receptive to the idea for creating an affordable retirement residence in Elmvale, that would allow seniors to remain active and engaged members of their community. The following year, the EASR Board submitted a letter to Council requesting the

Township’s support in obtaining an MZO for the project. Council unanimously approved the request and was pleased to work with MPP Doug Downey and Minister Steve Clark to see the MZO passed.

The Township of Springwater remains committed to supporting the development of housing that responds to the needs of our community. The shortage of affordable housing for seniors is a key concern, and the municipality will continue to push to increase the diversity and supply of local options.



I am confident the Elmvale Active Seniors' Residence will be of great benefit to the town of Elmvale and beyond. My congratulations and best wishes to the EASR team as they step into their critical role in providing safe, quality homes for our seniors to age in place. Thank you."

The ceremonies began with welcoming remarks from EASR Chair Dan McLean who then introduced the additional Board members. Springwater Township Mayor Don Allen introduced the Council members in attendance and then made the comments printed above. MP Doug Shipley congratulated the volunteer Board of Directors and presented the group with a certificate of acknowledgement. Keeragh Robertson, representing the office of MPP Doug Downey, also made comments. The official "Ribbon Cutting" was followed by a tour of the Presentation Centre and each guest was given a package of information for their perusal. Refreshments were served and a great deal of information-sharing happened during this informal mixing and mingling opportunity.





We are pleased that quite a few people from our Contact List have either 'dropped by' or scheduled an appointment to visit the Presentation Centre since we first opened the doors a few weeks ago. Our Centre is staffed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday by Betty Cook. The hours of opening are from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on those three days. Now that the initial "curiosity" about the Presentation Centre is over, we encourage you to schedule an appointment to visit the Centre, get a package of information, examine the visual displays and ask questions. As you know from consulting the website, we have a growing section entitled "Frequently Asked Questions". Betty makes careful notes about questions from visitors and passes them on to our Project Manager, Sid Tjeerdsma. We urge you to consult the website frequently and watch for the newest updates. (www.The-Elms.ca)

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!

We anticipate having a booth at the Elmvale Fall Fair, so if you would like to meet some of us on an informal basis, drop by for a visit. We will have a video display, some architect's drawings and a tri-fold brochure to share. Encourage your friends and neighbours to join us on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. We hope to see many of you there!

Elmvale Active Seniors Residence Official Opening of the Presentation Centre



Representatives from three levels of government gathered at the site of the Presentation Centre for **The Elms Retirement Village** for the Official Opening. The Chairman of the “Elmvale Active Seniors Residence”, Dan McLean, welcomed everyone, introduced the EASR Board of Directors and gave a brief summary of the evolution and progress of the project. Springwater Mayor Don Allen introduced attendees from Council and Administration and reminded everyone of the strong support Council has shown to the project. The speakers from the Provincial and Federal governments both thanked the volunteer Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment. In the photo above, Deputy Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Councillor Anita Moore, CAO Jeff Schmidt, Councillors Wanda Maw-Chapman, George Cabral, Perry Ritchie, Mayor Don Allen, MP Doug Shipley and Keeragh Robertson from MPP Doug Downey’s office are preparing to cut the ribbon to officially open the Presentation Centre. 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 at 24 Yonge St., 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.