

Country Hill Estates Community Association Meeting: Sunday April 3rd, 2011

Attendance: 17 residents

Item 1(of 1): Update on Construction and Progress (Darryl Wilton)

- Darryl noted that the Community Association should always make sure that there is representation from all sections of the subdivision, and that the last meeting (Jan 9) was good for that.
- The first newsletter had come out with most of the present information (See Attached). Items re-iterated:
 - Speed limits – request for 40km/hr speed limit signs will be submitted to the city.
 - Cornwall Sand and Gravel (CSG) is progressing with part of Phase III development by working on the roadway of Iveson and its connection to Loney
 - Finishing the ditches with soil so that they can be maintained – This was not on the city's radar and they were surprised by the current condition of the ditches in Phase II.
 - Phase II was considered incomplete by the city because the official plans included lots on Loney. After consultation with the association, the city was made aware that the Loney lots were unserviced, and the level of completion was upgraded in their calculations.
 - Cornwall Sand and Gravel is operating in this development without a holdback by the city (acknowledged by Councillor Thompson) on work valued at \$2 million dollars (according to information on CSG website). There was some indication that there was no push from the city because they did not want to “scare” them away from the project. The city does not want to be in the position of being responsible for completion of the subdivision
- It was noted by a resident that there is a possibility that John Quinn has a “No Trucks” limit. This would negate the desire of residents to have construction traffic use John Quinn as an entry point to Phase III, instead of 8th Line. The desire was to eliminate construction traffic in an area that has children and pedestrians.
- The March meeting with Councillor Thompson had to be postponed due to delays by various city departments providing his office with updates. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5.
- Councillor Thompson is aware that there is interest from other developers for this area.
- Councillor Thompson suggested that to have the “ear” of the city departments, we would need to have an official organization.
 - To that end Darryl has done a name search, and registered the “URL” www.countryhillestates.ca for the future building of a webpage. A contact list for city departments has been created and a constitution has been drawn up.
 - Darryl has had experience in setting up organizations before.
- Councillor Thompson also said that if you want results CALL the city. Lots of calling this winter by a number of residents got plowing of both sides of the road completed.
- Councillor Thompson is still looking for information on development's timeline for completion.

Open Floor Questions/Concerns:

- Information: Note that residents may have been taxed at the full Phase III completed rates for some time apparently. Not just for our own property values, but at a completed community level. Will Phase III completion come with a tax increase? (Higher value homes?)
- Ditches and Drainage Problem:
 - There is a drainage problem in some areas, particularly raised in Phase I.
 - There was a question of who decides where drainage ditches are carved out since they are not on the plan and in some cases are quite ugly.
 - Action Taken: The Community Association will act to find out if there is a drainage plan. Assumedly there is one submitted for all subdivisions/developments. If the city were to take action on drainage, they could then consult the community organization.
- Action Taken: Find out if there are other community associations in the area.
- Action Taken: Find out if we can get some children at play signs to slow down traffic, since there are no sidewalks for walkers.
- Action Taken: See if we can put up a community bulletin board by the mail box
- Open Question: What is the development's impact on our wells?
- Information: City of Ottawa public workshop on the Official Plan – Rural Land Use Review, April 9, 2011 (as detailed in newsletter)
- Information: (as noted in the newsletter) If anyone is interested in participation on the executive for the Country Hill Estates Association (CHEA), please contact Cathy Webb at (613)821-5492 or cwebb@CountryHillEstates.ca

Meeting adjourned.