

**MANOR PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

# Manor Park Estates re-development

## MPCA's Development Review Committee responds; seeks community input

**By Charl-Thom H. Bayer,  
Chair, MPCA Development  
Review Committee**

If we consider the words of Nelson Mandela who has said, "Our strength as a community lies in our differences, not in our similarities", then Manor Park should consider itself very lucky indeed. We have relied on our strength in diversity through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and its related social and economic headwinds. But, even amidst COVID-19, new opportunities and challenges are appearing on the horizons for our diverse community.

The re-development of the Manor Park Estates, as described by the developer, Mr. Aggarwal, in his article which runs on page 8 is going to have a significant impact on the Manor Park community. We will have the opportunity to, once again, come together as we have during the current pandemic and use this re-development to improve our neighbourhood.

The Manor Park community, through the Manor Park Community Association (MPCA), will have the opportunity to participate and provide input into the proposed development over the next few months. We are pleased that MPCA has been briefed by Mr. Aggarwal and his agents as well as the City of Ottawa, and thus opened a dialogue between community partners on the future development and its potential impact on Manor Park as a whole.

**MPCA's position**

Given the anticipated scale and scope of the redevelopment, MPCA has expressed to Mr. Aggarwal and his team of con-

sultants, that it is our opinion that the development should explicitly prioritize existing tenants and occupants and provide opportunities for sale and rental units in a variety of sizes and price-points.

This should create the starting point for a community that is 'socially just' and that provides a variety of safe and affordable housing opportunities to residents. The expected increased density brought about by the development should be an opportunity for diversified housing opportunities.

At the same time, MPCA would like to ensure that the future development in the Manor Park Estate community is sustainable with increased greenspace, community gardens and incorporating green design. We envisage increased and safer pedestrian and bicycle transport. Finally, providing spaces for social interaction, such as playgrounds for children, commercial/retail spaces for essentials including groceries, and other social infrastructure, will create the conditions for a prosperous street life in a safe and vibrant environment.

**Supporting a thriving community**

The design and arrangement of structures (the buildings and the spaces in between), through their form (how they look) and function (how they are used), create opportunities for the required social interaction that contributes to community resilience. Thus, social infrastructure may be considered as the set of investments into our social (parks and playgrounds), economic (shops), environmental (trees) and cultural (libraries and art instal-

lations) infrastructures, which MPCA believes are critical to support a thriving community.

We are pleased to advise that Mr. Aggarwal has also indicated that he embraces these principles for the proposed re-development, and we look forward to the next steps. MPCA expects that the re-develop-

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MPCA is encouraged by Mr. Aggarwal's plans to consult directly with residents including those currently living in the affected properties. The association intends to work cooperatively with Mr. Aggarwal and his consultants and, while we do not expect agreement on everything, we hope that the input of the community and MPCA

will signify our strength, and lead to better solutions.

The developer, the City of Ottawa and the MPCA have embraced the idea of the "fifteen-minute neighbourhood" as proposed in the draft New Official Plan for the City of Ottawa. Our goal is to be able to support a development based on the principles of the "fifteen-minute neighbourhood" that will be a flagship for Manor Park Estates, the City of Ottawa and the Manor Park community and leave a last-

ing legacy for all of us to look upon with pride.

**MPCA seeks community input**

MPCA needs to hear from you, and we encourage community members to reach out to us in connection with the Manor Park re-development at [development@manorparkcommunity.ca](mailto:development@manorparkcommunity.ca) and visit our website at [manorparkcommunity.ca/home/](http://manorparkcommunity.ca/home/)

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