

SIR JOHN'S HOMESTEAD MAILING Feb 20, 2009

an update from your review committee

- **Email Only:** Our last mailing (Feb 2), was a special one which was hand delivered to residents who had not provided us with an email address. We asked for their email addresses so we could communicate in future by email only. At present we have 96 out of 135 homes on our list. We also suggested that any resident who does not use email and would like to keep informed, to ask their neighbour to print and give them any messages or attachments.
- **Legal Fees:** Our second last mailing (Jan 14) was distributed by hand and email. We asked everyone to contribute \$50 to hire a lawyer (Virginia MacLean) to act on our behalf regarding the proposed by-laws to define and control lodging houses. 72 out of 135 homes provided funding towards hiring the lawyer - a total of \$4,200 has been raised by our community so far.
- **Legal Work:** This retainer has been received by Ms. MacLean and she has agreed to act on our behalf to provide legal advice and representation in dealing with the City of Mississauga on its proposed zoning and licensing by-laws to regulate lodging Houses/Student Housing. Legal services include giving advice, reviewing and drafting by-laws, attending meetings and the preparation of all necessary letters and other materials.
- **Association Constitution:** The draft constitution for our residents' association is now in its third version – stay tuned for more information.
- **Website:** We have produced a website www.sjhra.ca which contains useful web links, an introduction, a news/upcoming meetings section, an archive of documents distributed to residents, and a committee listing with email addresses so we can be contacted. This review committee initiated website will be converted to a Sir John's Homestead Association website once an official association is formed and becomes recognized by the City of Mississauga. Because this website is live on the web, we are replacing all personal email addresses by sjhra.ca aliases, in some cases reflecting the volunteer positions assumed within the committee. These volunteer positions and associated aliases will be changed to reflect the results of the meeting to form the association and elect the executive committee.
- **Timelines:**
Feb 20 – proposed zoning bylaw and Mar 2 agenda now public(see website for links)
Mar 2 – Public Planning and Development Committee meeting *
Mar-Apr – City and Review Committee meet to discuss licensing

* *We strongly encourage you to attend! The City needs to be reminded of the depth and intensity of our support for bylaws which protect our property values and quality of life.*
- **Email List Additions:** If you know someone in our area who is not receiving this update electronically and would like to be added to our electronic distribution list, please email their name, address and email address to: webmaster@sjhra.ca. Electronic distribution is the most effective and timely manner to alert homeowners to relevant issues that affect our neighbourhood.
- **Other Community News:** Sheridan Branch Library is under imminent threat of closure. A strong community voice is needed to avoid closure – if you are interested, please read the letter from the Director of Library Services posted on our website.

We thank you for your support and will keep you apprised of all developments.

Sir John's Homestead Area Review Committee (alphabetical)

(Note: if you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact any one of the committee members)

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Special Feature: John Fleming, City of London Department of Planning and Development, made a 100 slide presentation to the London "Town and Gown Committee" with the title "Closing the Gap – New partnerships for Great Neighbourhoods Surrounding Our University and Colleges". The premise is that there is a gap between our collective vision for our near campus neighbourhoods and the current state of affairs in these neighbourhoods. The full presentation is available on our website (one of the information links on the left side). Here are a couple of the slides...

