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What's new with 900 LRW?

We are currently in a holding pattern which does not mean that we are sleeping on the job...

As we wait for the developers to complete the studies requested by the city, we continue to monitor the situation and we can report that no further submissions have been made by the developer. This is understandable given that the studies requested would require a significant amount of time to undertake and then present in the form of a report.

The Lorne Park Estates Association has completed their own arborist report to document the state of the wetlands commonly known as "Orient Creek". You will recall that the developer had assumed that this property belonged to the city and were going to use it as a conduit for the disposal of the vast amount of water drainage from this project (if you cover soil with concrete, the water cannot be absorbed and must be drained somewhere). They were put on notice by the LPEA lawyer that water cannot legally be drained on someone else's property and that they needed to find another way to address the issue. There was no reply to this letter. The arborist report can be used to provide a better understanding of the existing vegetation and the impact that wind and water might have on CVC- protected wetlands.

A letter was sent to the city regarding the due diligence that we feel our representatives (i.e. councillors, Mayor and city officials) need to bring to this matter. We all know by taking a cursory look at the news that the condo market is doing extremely poorly. Adding a luxury condo where residents are expected to use public transit due to a lack of parking does not seem like a fiscally responsible move. We have suggested that the city ask for some surety from the developer in order to cover the cost to the taxpayer of a potentially failed enterprise. The application process takes up a significant amount of city employee time and our tax money pays their wages. Our



voices are important and should therefore be listened to, as an employer of both councillors and city staff. No reply has been received from the city to this correspondence which occurred over a month ago. A follow-up letter will be sent.

What can you do?

We have to let the city know that we are still on top of this issue and letter writing, as well as speaking to the councillor and city staff are encouraged. We cannot be lulled into indifference due to the time delays! Let us not forget that 2026 is a municipal election year and that making the city and the councillors accountable has an immediate bearing on their ability to keep their jobs.

Any new information will be posted on the 900Lakeshore.ca website. Please visit it and leave us any comments or ideas you might have.

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