

# WESTON RESIDENTS and RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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## SALE OF 2000 WESTON ROAD

Several members represented the W.R.&R.A. at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing on July 7, 1977. They presented a brief opposing the lease back conditions of the sale. Notification of the O.M.B.'s approval came late in the summer. A special meeting was called to see if further appeal was worthwhile. After much discussion a motion not to appeal further was carried by a scant majority. The transaction meant that the property was sold for \$475,000.00 to Pamcrest Enterprises with leaseback agreements for the basement and six parking spaces for \$17,000.00 per annum for five years and \$17,100.00 for the Firehall for twenty years in five year periods.

## COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

This Sub-Committee was established in the fall of 1977 in response to the attack on a Rosemount Avenue home. The purpose of the Committee is to become aware of the problems facing some of our residents and to work with the police to give support to a person or family who is being victimized in our community.

## WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This active group would appreciate receiving any old books, documents, photographs, and envelopes with stamps dealing with early Weston. The Historical Society is anxious to collect this material in a form which can be enjoyed by all the residents in our community which goes back before the 1800's. Contact M. Campbell 241-3855.

## LEVY SITE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Committee was established as a Sub-committee in 1976. The appropriate municipal offices were contacted, and have kept the committee informed. Several members of our executive attended the public meeting at Bala School on November 22, 1977. Its main purpose was to clarify how Levy proposes to develop the site and to receive input as to resident concern. The fears expressed by our members in the south end regarding an access road on to Edmund Avenue seem to be unfounded as it would appear the existing right of way from the site is only for the use of utility vehicles.

The area in question has been changed in the official plan from study area to R 2. The proposed Levy development will mean a new residential area of medium density housing with approximately 1500 new units, including town houses, terraced apartments and low and high rise structures. The next step is to finalize plans for the complete project so that Levy can continue with their well planned moving arrangements.

It appears to the committee that most municipal officials and elected persons, realizing that 1978 is an election year are intent on deferring any positive action on what appears to be a worthwhile project. Mayor White and Alderman Sainsbury apparently are finding it difficult to make any decisive moves. The Committee hopes that the municipal record improves in the coming months.

NEW WESTON LIBRARY

Since the middle of 1976 it was generally understood by our residents that the old Federal building site would be replaced by a new Weston Library or refurbished to house the facility. However the Library Board passed a resolution on January 11, 1978 to present an offer to purchase to Metro for the ground floor of Eagle Manor at the North East corner of Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue. This would provide 11,200 square feet of space for the library at reasonable cost.

We are extremely disappointed that the Library Board's decision-making process did not include more direct input from our residents, who after all are the ones who will be using the facility!

WESTON BUSINESSMENS' ASSOCIATION

B. Zvanitajs is acting as our liason with the Weston Businessmens' Association. B. Jafelice enhanced their Christmas promotion by providing some local "elves" and choirsingers. We look forward to further opportunities for cooperative action with this Association for the betterment of our community.

LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee, set up by the York Council, is to advise and assist Council on all matters relating to the conservation of buildings of historic or architectural value. On the recommendation of the Weston Historical Society, the present library building on King Street is currently being considered as a possible historic site. The former Tyrell home on the North East corner of Rosemount and King Street has already been designated an historic site.

OUR THANKS

Our Association greatly thanks York Council and the Board of Education for providing accomodation for our general and executive meetings.

We also acknowledge with thanks Mayor White's 1977 Year End Report and 1978 Forecast. While we are often concerned with problems in our community we must appreciate too the many benefits received from living in our community and borough, which were discribed in this report.

WE NEED YOU

These are some of the issues which our Association has dealt with in this past year. One of the major purposes of our group is to monitor government on a local level, convey this information to our members, and promote the interests of our community. However our effectiveness depends upon our membership. We need to know the issues that matter to the community at large and our members in particular. please list the issues which are important to you on the membership form or phone any member of the executive to voice your opinion. To further facilitate participation there is time allotted at each general meeting for open discussion.

GENERAL MEETING IN THE SPRING

The main topic is "Our Educational System - Are We Getting Our Money's Worth?". Topics for discussion include "Going Back to Basics", and "Educational Spending".

ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY

The election of the 78-79 Executive will take place at this meeting. Would you like to be a member? Do you know of someone who would? Contact the present Executive or submit the name on your membership form and we will contact you!

REMEMBER YOUR EXECUTIVE IS AS CLOSE AS THE PHONE!