

# Sherwood Forrest

## neighbourhood news

# Hammond House *Update*

by Steve Blaney



By now most Sherwood Forrest residents know that the owners of 2625 Hammond Road have made an application to redevelop the site to allow 7 additional residential lots. The subject land is currently occupied by the Hammond House Heritage Property and a wood lot with a natural creek that passes across the site before being redirected into a drainage channel under King Forrest. If the development were to go ahead unaltered, there would be narrow lots facing onto King Forrest at an already busy corner to Deers Wold. The heritage context of the site would be effectively removed and the woodlot behind the Sherwood Forrest Mall cut down and the creek covered.

Hammond House was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1984 by City Council, but the adjacent land was not. The property was purchased in 1990 by Mr. Latiq Qureshi, who has been living there with his family. After the City opposed the rezoning of the site to allow the development, Mr. Qureshi appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

On September 10th, City Council, on the recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Committee, passed a by-law designating all of the lands at 2625 Hammond as a “Heritage” property. Since this may have a detrimental

impact on the outcome of the OMB hearing, the lawyers for Mr. Qureshi, Turkstra Mazza Associates, called for an adjournment of the OMB hearing to allow their appeal of the municipal by-law. Once this matter has been dealt with, the OMB hearing will be rescheduled.

Thus it was proposed that a Hammond House Sub-Committee be formed. For those residents who live close to the Hammond House, and would be the most affected by the re-development, please email [2012sfra@gmail.com](mailto:2012sfra@gmail.com) to help out and speak up before it is too late.

# 2015 Membership Drive

by Alouise Henderson

Welcome "2015"! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful, safe holiday and you are now making plans for the upcoming year. Please include "SFRA" in your schedule.

Our annual Membership Drive will commence April 1st and run until May 31st. This Membership Drive requires several volunteers in order for it to be successful and not too onerous on too few individuals. Therefore I'm appealing to you once again to volunteer your time to help with the door-to-door solicitations.



Please contact me, Alouise, at 905.823.2099 or [henderson.h@rogers.com](mailto:henderson.h@rogers.com) and together we can determine an area within Sherwood Forrest that you would like to canvas. Thanks for your help and support!

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