

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR CHARIS VILLAGE HOUSING SOCIETY AND CHARIS VILLAGE HOUSING FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ALBERTA.

2017

This year we continued moving forward with our vision, "to establish a not for profit organization based on Christian values, providing a caring community for seniors by respecting their needs with dignity and compassion."

Some highlights of the 2017 year:

-on January 12 a delegation of five Charis Village Board members had a very positive and productive meeting with Matt Goudy, acting CAO of the City of Lacombe and three other City employees from their engineering and planning & development departments. They were pleased to report that the City of Lacombe and Burman University had agreed on the details of the Henner's Height Outline Plan. (HHOP) It would soon be going before City Council for approval.

-the open house for the HHOP was held on February 16 at Burman University. There was significant support for Charis Village. Lacombe City Council gave approval for the HHOP at their regular meeting on March 27.

-in February a group of Board members, along with some spouses, travelled to the Fraser Valley and met with Marten Van Huizen (our consultant) and toured the sales center for the new Elim-Chilliwack project and also toured Elim-Surrey, Beulah and Mount Cheam. It was a very worthwhile trip.

-on April 10 Marten Van Huizen (our consultant) and Igor Nardin (our architect) travelled to Lacombe to meet with members of the Board and the Concept Design Committee. Peter Bouwsema, a local draftsman, also joined the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on the site plan for the development. Marten explained that the Board and Concept Design Committee has an important role in giving direction.

-in May a motion was passed that Peter Kuipers and Hans Spelt serve another three year term. This was ratified at the AGM in June.

-in June, the City of Lacombe granted approval of our Plan of Subdivision to allow us to create title to the parcel of land to be purchased from Burman University. This will allow for legal documentation to be prepared to grant registration and title to the property. Concurrent with the subdivision process, work has continued on the detailed site and building design. These plans will form part of the submission for the first phase of the on-site development.

-in July Merle Jacobson joined our Finance Committee. We appreciate his expertise in the field of finance.

-in August Dennis Haan joined our Concept/Design/Building Committee. His expertise in the field of construction is also much appreciated. This committee, led by Henry Brander, has been very busy working on the designs for both the duplexes and the first 45 suite apartment building. They have worked with Igor Nardin of OCA Architecture and Field & Marten in developing site plans and building plans.

-at the August meeting Warren Schnoor volunteered to head up our newly formed Marketing Committee. At subsequent meetings he reported on marketing strategies and plans. In

November he travelled to the Fraser Valley to meet with Marten Van Huizen to tour Elim-Chilliwack's sales center. He spent the day with Marten discussing and learning about marketing strategies. We very much appreciate Warren's work in this area.

-on November 14 two of our Board members, along with Burman University's consultant Brenda Hoskin, addressed the Lacombe City Council for about 30 minutes. The Charis Village presentation was articulate, well organized and well received by Council. They urged the City Council to consider building the stormwater outlet from Henner's Pond to Wolf Creek to facilitate the Charis Village development and also future land development in the northern areas of Lacombe. Without this our project cannot move forward.

-on December 18 City Council unanimously approved the 2018 Capital Budget which includes funds for the engineering/design and land acquisition for the Henner's Pond stormwater outlet.

-in December we welcomed Merle Jacobson to our Board.

As you can see, we have been very busy this year. Much has happened. A few of my personal thoughts:

-I appreciate very much all the members of our Board and all the members on the various committees. Everyone plays a part. They are all volunteers and are working very hard. They display a lot of dedication and commitment.

-I appreciate very much our investors, many of whom are waiting patiently on the sidelines. Barring no more delays they will be coming to the forefront in 2018.

-I appreciate very much the support that we have received from the Mayor and Councillors and also the Lacombe City staff that we are working with. They are in favour of this development and it shows in the way they have dealt with us.

-I appreciate very much the work of our consultant Marten Van Huizen and his team from B.C. with special mention to Igor Nardin and Suleiman Bosheh. Marten has been involved in many of these projects and we appreciate his guidance and oversight.

-I would also like to single out one of our Board members, Jim Stenhouse. Jim is dealing with serious health issues and has not been able to attend many meetings in the last year. At our meetings we continually pray for Jim and his wife Gloria, asking the Lord to travel with them as they journey through this difficult time. We miss you Jim, but we know that the Lord is at your side.

Most importantly, I am thankful to the Lord for being with us. We rely completely on His guiding hand as we move forward with this project. As Charis becomes a reality, we look to the Lord for wisdom and we step ahead in faith.

Thank you.

Peter Kuipers

