

### **350 New Homes Adjacent To Sonoma Pines** Rezoning Application for Sonoma Greens: Lot 348-3, Plan101944 CLSR

Representatives of Sonoma Pines Board met with WFN officials on December 20, 2017 and were presented with conceptual plans for a rezoning application for the vacant land between Mesa Vista Court and Carrington Road. Our concerns with the rezoning are numerous; yet primarily involve the dropping of 350 multi-family units into an area previously approved for 52 multi-family units.

On January 10, the Board of SPHOM sent letter to WFN outlining our concerns.

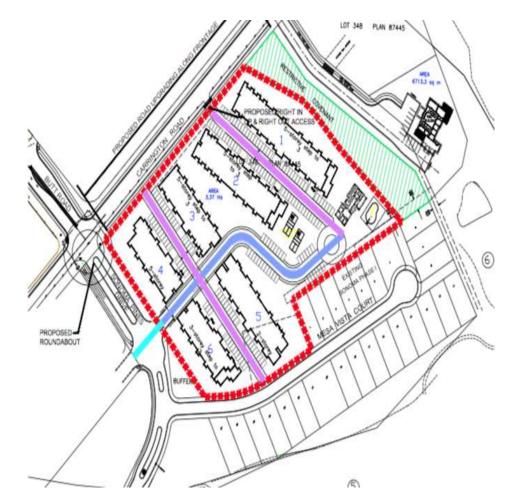
On January 16<sup>th</sup> WFN responded and agreed to extend the Consultation Period until after the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) has been completed and reviewed.

We met again January 19<sup>th</sup> with WFN and were presented with a more detailed timeline involving the TIA and the Consultation Period.

We now have a better understanding of the process and it is estimated that the traffic study will not start until March, with the Consultation Process beginning around June.

All correspondence, conceptual plans and estimated timelines are available on our website at: <u>Sonoma Greens Rezoning</u> <u>Proposal</u>

We will keep this page updated for the duration of this campaign.



The Board remains concerned that the addition of a high density development at the corner of Sonoma Pines Drive and Carrington Road will increase problems with the already congested access from Butt Road to, and across Hwy 97. We observe on a daily basis, drivers ignoring traffic signs and rules of the road along the corridor from Carrington Road to Hwy 97.

We also strongly object to the assumption on the part of the developer that they will have access to Sonoma Pines Drive (private property) for their main access.

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Complete information on this rezoning application is available on our website: <u>Sonoma Greens Rezoning</u> Proposal

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Should the development go ahead, once the residents of Sonoma Greens experience traffic congestion along Carrington and Highway 97, it would be natural to assume that those residents and others will look for an alternate route and therefore start shortcutting through our Community to access Boucherie Road.

# We Urge Residents to Submit their Concerns...

We urge all residents who have not yet submitted their concerns to WFN about the rezoning proposal to do so at their earliest convenience.

Complete information on this rezoning application is available on our website.

As of January 20 about 45 residents have sent emails. That's good, but that is still only 10 percent of our homeowners.

To have an impact we need to hear from all of you!

## February's Newsletter!

Our newsletters are put together by Gail at UPS and she does an excellent job as I'm sure you'll agree. The pages are well put together and colorful and catchy.

Gail was not available for the publishing of February's newsletter. However, our intrepid Communications Committee stepped in at short notice to ensure the "SUN" came out (pun intended!).

We'll be back on track in March!



Sonoma Pines Reporters are on the prowl...



## In Focus: Communications Committee

The Communications Committee (a small but eager group) thought it would be a good idea to provide Sonoma Pines homeowners with some in-depth information about our many Committees and what they actually do!

This month's "In Focus" is on our Communications **Committee** which comprises of three members: John Scott, who plays a double role as President of SP Board, Correne Busby and Maggie Gilmour. We're all homeowners just like you.

The purpose of the **Communications Committee is** to provide a tool whereby SP homeowners can contribute ideas, articles, and comments to the Committee and/or Council members. The Committee manages and publishes the monthly SUN Newsletter, Sonoma Pines website:

http://www.sonomapines.info/ and the community calendar and bulletin board.

Do you enjoy receiving and reading the SUN newsletter? We hope so, and we hope that we're providing interesting information to you, the targeted audience.

Newsletters are a great way to communicate with homeowners on a regular basis. We can share your stories about hobbies or activities, vacations or travel plans in a safe and friendly forum.

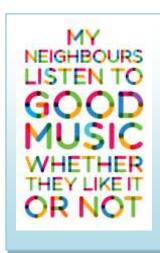
John, Communications Chair says that: "We need people to assist with our committee work. Come out and see if you have something to offer and contribute to the health of our community. If you like that sort of thing you may even want to consider getting involved in the Board."

Maggie enjoys the social role of the Communications Committee, getting to know the other members and being part of putting together pertinent information about our community and sharing this with homeowners.

Correne sees her role as "...gathering information that, as an owner, I would like to know and passing it on to the rest of the owners. It's a great way to meet neighbors as well. You may see me around with a camera."

Communication plays is an important role in a community because it serves to not only keep homeowners informed about what's going on it also encourages homeowners to become involved and active as well. There are a number of well-attended activities that take place on a daily basis in our Clubhouse

You can find out more information about all the activities on the website http://www.sonomapines. info/.





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#### Who was Saint Valentine anyway?

A popular account of Saint Valentine of Rome indicated that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, Saint Valentine healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius, and before his execution, he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

The rest, as they say, is history!



# What's your property assessment?

Just in case you missed it, here's the link to find out what your property is assessed at:

https://www.bcassessment.ca

Click on the link and enter your address and postal code.

