

Orville Station development

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Several called for the developers to either just leave the land alone or to tear down the current buildings fronting on Stittsville Main Street to lessen the space constraints on the site and have more parking available.

The developer, however, wants to keep the current look, feel and pedestrian focus of Stittsville Main Street while adding to it and encouraging more business in that area of the community as many businesses are currently moving closer to the Hazeldean.

"It's important for Stittsville Main Street to have support for the commercial," said Mr. Phillips.

At a similar presentation to

the Stittsville Village Association executive last Thursday, January 10, Mr. Phillips again emphasized the importance of promoting small businesses and commercial traffic in the south end of the community.

"It will help revive the original Stittsville village," he said about the new Orville Station development.

Allen Whitten, part of the ownership group for the Stittsville Main Street buildings, said that there is only one vacancy in the current commercial spaces at this site and even it will probably be filled soon.

"We consistently have turnover, but we consistently have occupants," he said, agreeing that

there is still reason for new development in that area.

Colleen Welch will be one of the closest neighbours to the new homes as she lives next to the Pretty Street Community Centre on Pretty Street. She has privacy concerns as the new stacked townhomes will be much higher than her existing bungalow.

Mr. Sinha assured her that a fence and trees would be included in the plan to lessen any intrusion by the development on her property.

"The whole development was conceived to blend in with the heritage sites," said Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Sinha responded to complaints about density by reminding residents that the current zoning on the site allows for 50 units and five storeys while the Orville

Station proposal is asking for only 36 units and a three and a half storey height.

After the meeting, Mr. Sinha said that that he has received some positive comments and that he is used to public consultations being a place for people to vent their concerns.

"These comments aren't new," he said, referring to what was voiced at the January 9 meeting.

"We've been working for a year and a half on the project already; we've already made changes," he said.

Mr. Sinha said that he will continue to be in constant communication with city staff about the project and hopes to start selling units as soon as possible which will allow construction to begin once the site plan is approved.

"We'd like to build as quickly as possible," said Mr. Sinha, adding that the average price will be \$180,000 per unit.

"I want this to be a landmark feature of the community," he said.

Following the January 10 SVA executive meeting, Stittsville Village Association president Metin Akgun mentioned that he was concerned with all the minor variances mentioned at the public consultation meeting which included smaller parking spaces and four less parking spots than city standards require.

Mr. Akgun said that he realizes that there is little that can be done to slow down or stop this development as the area is already zoned for the planned use and it fits into the city's official plan.

New one storey multi-tenant industrial building takes shape

A new one storey multi-tenant industrial building that stretches along a lengthy portion of the Iber Road just north of Abbott Street in Stittsville is now nearing completion.

This new building has a gross floor area of 7033 square metres, with a total of 234 parking spaces being

provided around the building, with road access from both Abbott Street and the Iber Road.

Four office entrances have been identified on the building's floor plan.

Landscaping for the site will include tree lined frontages and a landscaped treatment at the corner of the

Iber Road and Abbott Street.

The building is located on a 2.15 hectare site with about 120 metres of frontage along Abbott Street and almost 200 metres of frontage along the Iber Road.

The new building is adjacent on its west side to city of Ottawa-owned lands which contain a mature

maple tree woodlot. There is a storm water management pond to the north of the building.

The Official Plan designation for the building permits a variety of industrial and employment-generating uses such as offices, manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, communications,

research and development facilities and recreational, health and fitness uses.

The landscaping plan for the site calls for additional plantings in the northwest corner of the site which is closest to adjacent residential homes in the Granite Ridge subdivision. The north and northwest edge

of the site will have a chain link fence combined with some hedge plantings to provide a visual screen.

Robbie Burns Night coming

Saturday, January 26 will be the night to be Scottish in Stittsville.

All Scots and those who are not but who perhaps wish that they were are invited to attend the annual Robbie Burns Night which will be held at the Lions Hall on Stittsville Main Street in Stittsville on Saturday, January 26. Dinner, which will be served at 7 p.m., will include roast beef, neeps and tatties and the famous haggis. There will be entertainment including highland dancers and the Arnprior McNab Pipes and Drums. There will also be readings of the works of the famous Scottish poet Robbie Burns. Tickets at \$25 each can be reserved now by calling Marion Gullock at 613-836-5254 before this coming Sunday, January 20.



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A total of 234 parking spaces are being provided on the 2.15 hectare site. Staff photo

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