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Over the last week I have been in the background following up on contacts that I've been trying to cultivate in the immediate 7 Oaks area in order to see if we can reach 25 interested residents; as is required by the city for recognition of our association. I am pleased to say; that we already now have **18** names on our list (not including others that perhaps you have been able to source out in your immediate circles. If you have individuals that you have connected with; who are interested in being on our sign-up sheet; please forward their details back to me directly in an email (full name, address, email and telephone number). As soon as we hit 25; I will complete the registration form and forward it on; so we can be nice and "official" in the eyes of the city.

EXCITING UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEIGHBOURS

I reached out to the Principal at Highcastle Public School to indicate our association had an interest in being a helpful partner to the school; and to invite sharing of needs, and opportunities. In response; we have received an open invitation; and been provided a table at an upcoming school event. The full details are as follows: *Highcastle Public School (Family Wellness Night) - Thursday, April 28, 2016 @ 5:30 pm*. Our Association has been offered a table in order to meet and greet neighbours. This is a great opportunity to talk about the association, and encourage our immediate neighbours to sign -up. What do we need?

- 1) We need 2 Volunteers to attend and be at our Table on **April 28th by 5:30 pm**
- 2) Our volunteers will need to have information to speak to; and information to provide about what we are aiming to do in a general sense on behalf of 7 Oaks

For those of you who volunteer - I will ensure that you have sign-up sheets - some signage to identify our association, etc. All we need is for you to volunteer to be out on April 28th. I will be at this event with my children (who are students of the school - but will also come by our table to support as I'm able). Please email me back to let me know if you will be coming out on April 28th. This is a wonderful opportunity; that we really don't want to miss out on. Thanks everyone!

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

In order to be effective with our information sharing to the 7 Oaks community - we need to initiate a team to support two forms of communications; 1) Website and Email distribution; 2) Newsletter (both canvassing advertisers, as well as newsletter design and publication - in both paper and electronic format). I believe in giving tasks to a small group of people and entrusting them with that task...and offering support when required. I would like to put a call out for 2-3 individuals who would have an interest in this aspect of our associations development to contact me back via return email. If this strikes you as an area of interest; your support would be invaluable to helping us get the word out about 7 Oaks Residents Association. **FYI** - I have compiled a very healthy list of potential advertisers (thank you Fern for sharing this information with me). I am happy to share the details with our team; once we have it struck. **FYI #2** - I am pleased to be volunteer #1 on this team and have already in the background done a bit of work on

the website development. I would love to have a couple more sets of eyes and hands willing to work on this. Please join me!

DEVELOPING OUR MANDATE/VISION

If we are putting our names to this association; we all must have some reason or purpose in doing so....after all; staying on our comfy couches at home can be mighty tempting...while volunteering is often work and time consuming. Having said that friends....we are now just at the start of building the association; and in doing that I'd like to gain some initial input from each of you as we start our work as an association. You are going to receive a separate email from me that includes a short 3 question survey in order to get some initial comments from each of you. This will be compiled and when the executive meets to start charting some go forward plans we will be aided by your responses.

WHEN WILL WE MEET NEXT?

Once we have our association in place with the 25 (and MORE!!!) names assured; we will figure out a schedule with regard to when to meet as a full group. I will be reaching out to the executive soon, however, in order to get to work on some of the background things that need attention.

I commit to everyone in our association to do my absolute best; always to keep in regular contact - and to get back to you when you have a question about what we are doing....or what we perhaps should be doing as an association.

You neighbour!

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Dan Nortes, President
7 Oaks Residents Association