Infill 2 By-Law Update, 22 Feb 2015 for Champlain Park website

Heather Pearl and Lynne Bankier, CPCA Co-Chairs, have been involved over the last several months in some multi-community discussions on the Infill 2 By-Law proposal (see CPCA website links to summary meeting notes). They also attended an information session offered by the Planning Department on Jan. 15.

Here are links from the City's website to pertinent information on the proposed By-Law changes, which deal with height, massing, rear and side yards:

The provisions can be found at this link:

http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/planning-and-infrastructure/january-2015-information-session

Other info can be found at this link:

http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/low-rise-infill-housing-study-phase-2

We would like to draw your attention in particular to the discussion of "equitable massing". This issue and related FCA resolutions (supported by CPCA) are described in Attachment 1 "Height and Equitable Massing" from the FCA Infill 2 Working Group's Feb. 5 meeting notes. The CPCA executive has also voted to support the FCA resolutions.

The working group discussions highlighted the fact that each community's character and development history affect their response to the Infill 2 By-law proposal. Lynne and Heather recently met with Councillor Jeff Leiper to discuss options that are appropriate and achievable for our community, including height reductions to 8.5 metres for both the R1 and the R2. We will be following up with Jeff and with the Planning Department. The Planning Department has a deadline of Feb. 27 for comments. Our letter will be posted.