

To: Members of the Elgin Area Property Owners Association (EPA)
And To: Members of Elgin Area Business Association (EBA)
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- As most of you know, there are two associations in the Elgin area, namely the EPA and the EBA. Almost all members of the EPA are members of the EBA since most property owners are actively involved in the operation of their personal businesses as well as landlords. There is a close knit group of approximately 15 owners from Gladstone to Lisgar since most are multiple owners.

- The EPA has for the most part carried the ball on municipal representation. We opposed the anti-smoking proposals and will make further representations concerning same, in an effort to avoid finalization. We were recently successful in opposing traffic calming measures proposed by Arnold. We also importantly the widening of sidewalks on Elgin to eliminate one lane of traffic will not proceed nor will raised intersections/speed bumps or 15 minute parking meters, although Arnold continues to push for same. We were also successful in ensuring that angle parking will be established on side streets and a joint venture parking complex is to be discussed (i.e., owners will build below ground garage for parking credits).

- Certainly as the RMOC transforms into the new City of Ottawa we must ensure that we have effective representation on Council and Planning Committee as we did with the former City of Ottawa. It has been a 15 year battle to ensure that Elgin has not been transformed into a Sparks or a Rideau Street and that battle is ongoing as evidenced by the recently proposed traffic calming.