

MEMORANDUM

To: Elgin Street Business Owners and Tenants

From: Brian Wm. Karam

Re: Elgin Area Business Association: EABA

Date: May 11, 2006

Since 1985, the EABA has existed to assist us. Unfortunately, we are all so busy that frequent and regular meetings has always proved impossible. Hopefully, the Internet and the recent establishment of our website will facilitate regular communication. We have provided 2 copies of the enclosed form and this memo in order that you may provide one copy to your landlord, if you are a tenant rather than a property owner. Those who own their own property and/or operate businesses, and property owners in the Elgin Street area are welcome members of the EABA. The enclosed form can be completed on-line at our website or manually faxed to us or dropped off at the front desk of The Business Inn. In going to our website, you will also note that we have established a Trespass Notice Form which when completed by you and provided to an undesirable patron ensures that such patron cannot again lawfully enter your business premises. Such Trespass Notice power can also be delegated to the Local Policing Group. The advantage of delegating this power to the Local Policing Group is that they will then have the power (received from you) to order someone off your business premises permanently, rather than the Local Policing Group having the power only to arrest and charge such undesirable patron if a criminal or summary conviction offence has been committed. Notably, if any of us orders an undesirable patron off our business premises, they simply go to our neighbour, which does nothing for Elgin Street. Essentially if all of us were to collectively delegate this power to the Local Policing Group, while at the same time also retaining such power ourselves, they could exercise such power on our behalf collectively and in effect, issue a single Trespass Notice covering every establishment on Elgin Street. The result would be that any undesirable patron in any of our business premises, would through local police co-operation, be off of Elgin Street. I am hoping that every business on Elgin Street, sees fit to delegate this valuable policing tool to our Local Policing Group, as an indication of our support. There is nothing more frustrating in relation to local policing, than to charge someone who has just instigated a fight and beat someone badly, only to have them acquitted of the charge on a technicality and be right back on Elgin Street doing the same thing. We can eliminate that frustration by delegating the broader powers which we have as business owners. Our local policing group is there whenever we need them, always helping us out of difficult situations and we, as a demonstration of our support, should better equip them by delegating our authority. Notably, anyone of us can at any time revoke the delegated authority.

We have also posted on our website a recent publication outlining responsibilities in relation to the Provincial Legislation effective May 31st, 2006, restricting smoking to patios which are not in any way covered and prohibiting cigarette displays; a complete copy of the relevant legislation has also been posted to our website.

Shortly, we will be posting to our website the proposed Re-zoning By-law for Elgin Street which the Business Inn/MacLaren's and one other property owner has appealed and which appeals will be going to the Ontario Municipal Board, shortly. The Re-zoning By-law has, as a result of such objections, been recently revised so that it is not as restrictive as it originally was. We hope to either have the By-law invalid and/or alternatively have more amendments made, particularly as regards permissibility of larger and taller buildings, broader uses, etc. It is my position that the proposed Re-zoning By-law, which was initially conceived in the early 1990's, looks back 20 years to the mid-1970's, rather than looking 20 years forward to 2025. In short, the proposed Re-zoning By-law does not take into account significant developments, such as the forthcoming low-income housing development by Teron and/or the Opera House/Mixed-Use project by Morguard.

Notably we wish to complete an index for our website of the businesses along Elgin Street, both by name and product/service, and would appreciate receiving from you a 200 to 300 word summary of your business service/activity and a logo and/or photograph by e-mail so that we can work same into the website. We will be establishing a website for Elgin Street, Ottawa, of which the EABA will simply be a component; in this respect, the EABA will have an access code for members which will take you to the back of the house.