



## DAWSON HEIGHTS

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### **To residents and staff of Dawson Heights:**

I'm sure you are all wondering about the timing of our building project. In the past few months the pace of work in the background has picked up, as we move through the planning and permitting process toward the start of construction of The Oaks. Many hours of meetings and hundreds of pages of documents and emails have brought us to the point where we can begin to project a timeline, including a starting date.

I know it has been a long time living with uncertainty, for our Cottage residents, but also for the rest of our campus residents and staff. The Board of Dawson Heights has been keenly aware of how unsettling it must be, knowing that at some point Cottage residents will receive an official notice giving you four months to find somewhere else to live. The rest of the campus, especially the residents on the south side of the Cedars, have also been wondering, I'm sure, when the noise and disturbances of deconstruction/construction will begin.

We still have to wait upon a few stages of permitting and approval, and the final funding formula with B. C. Housing, before we can give any definite formal notice. However, our development consultants are projecting that the work could begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, if Saanich and B. C. Housing are able to complete the remaining paperwork required. A quick glance at the calendar shows that if that is to be the start date, we would issue the standard four months' notice on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our development consultants, M'akola Developments, tell us that is possible.

However, the Board of Directors is not willing to set an official date until we have the actual Building Permit from Saanich in hand. I hope that by the beginning of December we will be more certain of the timeline, and will be able to give Cottage residents plenty of advance warning of when they will be receiving that official notice to vacate. As always, Karen Hope and Jonathan Young in our front office, are willing to assist residents with their plans.

As soon as we can be definite about a date, Cottage residents (and our staff and our neighbours) will be informed. Until then I hope you can enjoy the coming holiday season, and know that you can be safe and warm through the worst of our winter months.

With hope, and gratitude for your patience,

Peter Parker, Chair, Board of Directors,  
Dawson Heights Housing Limited & Dawson Heights Housing Society



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