

Manor Park Estates owner offers ‘absolute commitment’ to retain tenants

By Michael Trudeau

Current tenants of Manor Park Estates and Manor Park Gardens will not be displaced against their wishes during the upcoming redevelopment of the properties, Manor Park landlord Lalit Aggarwal has vowed.

Speaking to the *Chronicle*, the president of Manor Park Holdings and former investment banker says, “It’s my absolute commitment that no-one will get evicted for a development project. No one is kicked out into the street.”

Over the coming decades, he intends to redevelop the red brick houses along St Laurent Blvd. and Brittany Dr. – although what will replace them is far from decided. The two areas comprise about 650 housing units, with an average of two to three people

per household, some of whom have lived here for 40 years.

Currently still in the early stages, the plan to redevelop the two areas is very fluid. Lalit says what ends up being built will depend largely on what tenants say they need – be it apartments for senior citizens who may have trouble with stairs, to community gardens, to some light retail space.

He added that he expects the plan to take up to 50 years to complete, and that visible changes may not begin until almost a decade from now.

He hopes to be able to submit an Official Plan amendment to the City of Ottawa in March. However, the process of consulting with stakeholders and the community, and waiting for the city to do their paperwork, could take two years.



In an interview with the *Chronicle*, Manor Park Estates owner Lalit Aggarwal said he hoped to have zoning applications submitted by the end of March but decisions about site plans and even details about what will be built on the sites will only be made after community consultation. Photo: Wes Smiderle



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Winner announced in first draw of redevelopment survey contest

The MPCA announced a winner for the first of three \$100 draws in its Manor Park Estates redevelopment survey contest.

The association's Development Review Committee launched a survey about the plan to re-develop the Manor Park Estates properties.

The intent of the survey is to gauge what tenants of the properties, and residents living near them, would like to see as

the re-development unfolds. It will likely take 15 to 20 years and no site plan or groundbreaking date has been set.

The survey is not connected to the property owners and was launched out of concern for tenants who were worried about the lack of details about the plan.

Eric Braun was the winner of the first draw. As a prize, he received a \$100 gift certificate

for the restaurant of his choice (in this case, The Works).

The costs of printing the certificates and distributing notices of the survey were covered by Natalie Belovic.

A second draw was held earlier this month and a third draw will be held May 1.

As of mid-March, about 350 people have responded to the survey.

The survey is anonymous. (There's a separate form for anyone who wants to participate in the draw.)

Visit www.manorparkcommunity.ca for a link to the survey.

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Carmel elementary school declined to comment, while a spokesperson for the Montfort Hospital did say that the arguments previously put forth still held true: that the increase in truck traffic would block ambulances from accessing the hospital quickly and that the vibrations would interfere with sensitive imaging equipment.

The National Capital Commission is expected to begin a second round of public consultations on this and other potential transportation projects early this year.

Michael Trudeau is the chair of the Manor Park Community Association Bridge Committee