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Dear Linden Lanes Residents,

I would like to thank you for electing me as your councillor for the next four years. I really appreciate the support I received at the polls on Election Day. It has been over 2 months since the election and the time has gone quickly. Christmas is over and now we need to start moving forward on many of the issues that were discussed throughout the election.

One of my election promises was to start an electronic newsletter to keep people updated on what is happening within the ward and the city. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please send me an e-mail. This newsletter will target issues affecting the residents of Linden Lanes and will highlight outstanding issues and actions taken.

Listed below are some the main issues/events that I wanted to get you up to date on:

- **July 7th, 2005 Flooding:** As most of you are probably aware, even though the Feds have agreed to cover 90% of the cost the province has not agreed to put in the remaining 10%. In conversations with city administration, I asked whether we could bypass the province so at least 90% of the costs would be covered. Because the paperwork and money goes through the province, the province needs to be involved. Time is of the essence. My concern with the delay is that if there is a change in government at the Federal level, this deal may disappear. Therefore, if there is no progress by the end of January, I will be dropping a letter to the residents whom I know were affected, notifying them of our future direction.
- **Evergreen, Ashgrove, Parkdale - Flooding:** The repairs/upgrades to the drainage system have not been put into the 2007 budget. I will be discussing this with engineering in the New Year and will be putting in a request to have the repairs/upgrades to the drainage system added to the 2007 budget.
- **Intersection of 34th and Richmond:** The redesign of this intersection is planned for 2007. In the spring we will hold an information session for the residents of the ward.
- **Intersection of Silver Birch and Willowdale:** This intersection is not planned to be reconstructed in 2007 but is one of three high priority intersections for the future.
- **Skating oval:** The skating oval and Winter Lights on 18th beside the river have been a tremendous success. If you have not had an opportunity to see the lights please take the time. They should be available until March of 2007.
- **2007 Budget:** Budget time is upon us. The city will be holding a public budget consultation on Jan 10th in the City Hall foyer at 7:00 pm. Please come and see what is planned for 2007 and voice your opinions on what we should be looking at in the future.
- **Snow Removal:** I received a 'cheat sheet' for snow removal. If you would like a copy please give me a call or send an e-mail and I will get one for you.
- **Neepawa Park:** As I stated in my last letter, we have formed a community group that will be meeting with Parks and Recreation in January to investigate the possibility of partnering

with the city to maintain and improve the park. Once we have the meeting we will drop a letter off to the residents around the neighborhood informing them about our results and some possible options in the future. This is anticipated to occur in February or early March.

- **Parkdale Park:** As per previous discussions with the city, there was the possibility of adding additional spray parks in various parts of the city in 2007. This has been postponed until the 2009 budget year. I will be discussing this in the future with Parks and Recreation, and will inform you of what is planned.
- **Durum/Marquis Retention Pond/Green Space:** Once we have an opportunity to discuss options for the Neepawa Park, I will be looking for individuals to form a community group for this green space. If you are interested in getting involved, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.
- **Communication Plan:** I will be working with administration once they have developed their communication plan (February or March) to try to get information out on a regular basis to residents who do not have computer access.
- **Keystone Centre:** I was appointed to the Keystone Centre board in November. I will keep you up to date on any news from the centre throughout the year.

The newsletter isn't just a tool for me to bring issues to you, it's also a tool you can use to get your issues out. If you would like me to consider publishing something please forward me a copy of what you would like published, and I will look at putting it into a future publication. This newsletter will provide a great tool for Linden Lanes residents to promote community involvement in events and gain support on issues of importance and concern.

I hope you will find this newsletter worthwhile. If you wish to talk to me about any of the above issues or anything else that concerns or interests you please send me an e-mail or give a call. Contact information can be found at the top of the front page.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Fitzpatrick

Issues from the Residents

Hi, my name is David Friesen and I reside in the Linden Lanes ward. Ken has allowed me the opportunity to ask for your assistance regarding an issue which is close to my heart. As a ward, we need to put pressure on CN to get the railway crossing on 34th Street repaired. CN acknowledges they have known about the problem for 2 years and they will re-evaluate the crossing in another 2 years. I feel this is unacceptable and I recommend every Linden Lanes resident send an email or letter to Randy Domstad asking to him to escalate this issue and get the crossing repaired this spring.

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