

From: [Ray Bauman](#)
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: [EXT] Trinity United Church
Date: July 9, 2024 10:10:06 PM

I am an adjoining neighbour to the Trinity United Church. I tried to register for the meeting on Tuesday July 16, but the web address given on the paper notice is just producing a server error.

Concerns I have about the application proposed are as follows:

- increasing the number of apartment units without extra parking is just absurd to any logic, when the original proposal was already insufficient.
- there has been no indication of the size (seating capacity) of the sanctuary proposed on the main floor. The parking allowance has not even accounted for the sanctuary use.
- there is a studio unit also proposed for the main floor, adding yet another parking space insufficiency.
- what exactly is the amenity area proposed for the 6th floor? Will this allow for further gathers that will again need extra parking spaces?
- it looks like an underground parking space may be a better solution.

Concerns affecting Cross St.:

- Cross St. has always been a busy narrow street making passage through there frequently precarious. Having the change to one side only parking has improved the passage through there, but has just compounded the street available parking to a problem often. The additional residential units will only add to the problem. There is already an overflow of vehicles on our street when the other, sanctuary type, facility is rented out, and the Elmira service centre rarely has room for vehicles either.
- there is also an error with the Cross St. reconstruction that was done in about 1995, that has never been corrected. This error causes frequent bumper scraping entering our driveway from the street. This will be the same problem with the new parking lot entrance which is proposed to be directly next to ours. The error that was originally made in about 1995 was with the curb on the west side of the street being about 6 inches lower than was drawn on the engineered drawings. During construction, a line was stretched from the crest of hill at 8 Cross St., all the way up to church street. The line at the church st end was about a foot lower than it was supposed to be and the curb has been installed already before it was noticed. The correction they made was only from the existing Trinity Church driveway, up to Church St., leaving our driveway with the bumper scraping steep portion from the street to the sidewalk. This a full correction that should be made before any new development is worked on. It has been a pain to my existence all these years.

Concerns with the retaining wall that will be needed next to our property.

- the existing retaining wall next to the existing church parking lot has always been on our property. We have very much appreciated the accommodation that has been extended to us over the years to leave a car parked there as needed. I have just had no interaction to know how this transition between our property levels will be expected to occur. I would appreciate some interaction on this prior to any decision making.

I would also appreciate getting regular reports about this application on this email.

Please forward this to anyone it needs to go to.

Thank you.

Ray Bauman, Cross St. Elmira

From: Barb Taylor
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity United Church Development Project

I am writing to support this development. Our town is growing out and not up and this is our opportunity to grow in a good way in the centre of downtown.

The people who could rent at this building will be able to access all the amenities we have to offer either by walking, biking or public transit. The fact that the building has so many options it will be good for all ages, especially seniors because it has an elevator. The options for seniors to move into apartments in Elmira is extremely limited due to the access situation. There are only buildings with no elevators! I would like to move into a building like this and have put my name on the list of potential renters. Elmira strongly needs to diversify it's housing perspective and this provides an excellent opportunity to do so.

This space will go a long way towards vitalizing the downtown area, as there will be public spaces available for community use. I urge the Township to move forward with this much needed housing option for our community.

Sincerely,
Barbara, William and Corinne Taylor
Memorial Avenue Elmira, Ontario N3B 2R2
Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Sheryl Bertrand **Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:47 AM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity United Redevelopment project

I want to register my support for the Trinity United Church redevelopment project. My husband and I have owned a home in Elmira for 43 years. When it comes time to sell our home and downsize we want to be able to stay in the Elmira Community. Currently there are few options for rental apartments in Elmira. Friends of ours moved to Waterloo because of this situation. I think these apartments are badly needed to allow older residents to stay in this community.

Sheryl Bertrand

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity Redevelopment Project

I am writing to express my support for the Trinity Elmira Redevelopment Project. There is a great need for more housing in Elmira. The location of this project is ideal for accessibility to the downtown area - great for people without vehicles. The housing crisis needs to be addressed in every way that it can be. Much thought has gone into this development project and I see it as a win-win situation on many levels. The church will have the smaller amount of space that it needs and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments will be available for a variety of situations - seniors, singles, couples, small families. This project needs to be approved and needs to go ahead as soon as possible. Thank you.

This email was sent to you by Jamie Groh

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 11:13 AM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>

Hi

I am the Chair of the Trinity Elmira Development and am in full support of this project It will be a very important part of the community as it will be a important part of service to the community.
thank you I will be in attendance at the meeting Tuesday to support thank you

Peter Kupfer Chair

From: [Jenny Hurlburt](#)
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: [EXT] By-law and Official Plan Amendment for Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street N and 4 Cross Street, Elmira
Date: July 11, 2024 9:14:45 AM

Please add us to your mailing list. We would like to be kept informed of future meetings and reports regarding the application and decision regarding the proposed amendments for the development pertaining to Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street N and 4 Cross Street, Elmira.

Thank you very much,

Jenny & Lloyd Hurlburt
Elmira

From: Brad Roth **Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:12 PM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca> **Subject:** [EXT]

I'm in complete support for this new build. The more affordable units we can get in Elmira the better. Of course we will have atleast 1 whiner in the neighborhood who opposes everything for the greater good. This person should go live in the bush so they won't have anything to complain about.

Date: July 14, 2024 at 4:19:10 PM EDT
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity United Church Redevelopment Project

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We are current members of Trinity United Church, Douglas having served as Trinity's Pastor from 1989 to 2001. We are well aware of the need for additional housing in Waterloo Region and Elmira specifically. Trinity's proposal will help considerably in alleviating the housing shortage. Many Elmira residents continue to ask when this project will be completed as they wish to remain residents in Elmira when transitioning from their homes to apartment rental accommodation. Surely this is a positive and much-needed step forward, enabling the congregation of Trinity United to better serve this community.

We will be present at the council meeting this Tuesday, July 16.

Sincerely

Douglas and Ruth Kellough

Date: July 14, 2024 at 4:24:51 PM EDT
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] wholehearted support for the Trinity United Church redevelopment project in Elmira

Jeremy Vink,
Manager of Planning, Development Services,
Township of Woolwich

Dear Jeremy,

We wanted to express our wholehearted support for the Trinity United Church redevelopment project in Elmira. As longstanding members of the church we are excited about the proposed new facilities for our congregation as well as the new housing options we are able to offer the community at large. Through the years we have known far too many people (especially seniors) that have had to leave Elmira because they couldn't find appropriate, affordable housing. Elmira desperately needs this type of housing and kudos to the people at Trinity United Church, the developers, the Township of Woolwich and the Region of Waterloo for making it happen. Our only regret with this project is that it has taken so long to reach this point (10 years and counting). We urge the Township of Woolwich to give this project its final approval as soon as possible.

Regards, John & Shelley Osborne
Crane Drive, Elmira, Ontario

Date: July 13, 2024 at 1:22:23 PM EDT
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>

Hello, If I had a vote, I would be in favour of amending the Official Plan and approving the Zone Change for the property of Trinity United Church, Elmira. The proposed development will increase the number of apartments available for rent in Elmira while still providing Trinity a space to offer its many activities in the community. From the beginning of our dreaming, many people have expressed interest in being on a wait list, especially those residents down-sizing from houses to apartments. The congregation of Trinity has been dreaming, planning, and preparing for this development for 10 years, and is hopeful that Woolwich Township Planning Committee supports the amendment to the Official Plan and Zone Change.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the applications.
Karen Ross

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:21 PM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity Development

We feel a project like this would be a real plus to our town. We have a lot of 'seniors' that we know that have moved out of town simply because there was not a rental like this available. And having a space in the downtown area is so convenient for day to day shopping & supporting those merchants too. Thank you for your time & consideration,
John & Linda Hastings, Anna St Elmira

Date: July 14, 2024 at 10:40:31 PM EDT
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity United Church redevelopment

Email Sent By: Lisa Howell

I support Trinity United Church's redevelopment plan.

It helps address the desperate need for diverse housing and rental units within Elmira.

It provides young people an option to stay instead of being forced to a bigger centre.

Current homeowners will have an option to remain in Elmira when the need/desire to downsize is upon them.

Staying in a community with your established network cannot be understated. Starting over in another community can be very difficult.

The housing location being so near to downtown will allow tenants to obtain most of their every day needs without having to drive. Foot traffic may increase for downtown businesses. The housing may also add to the vibrancy of the core.

I commend this church for recognizing that things have changed. Through this development they can repurpose their footprint to better meet the needs of their church and the community at large.

Date: July 15, 2024 at 12:53:15 PM EDT
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] re- 21 Arthur St. N Development

Mr. Vink

I support this very important residential 6 storey development that the Trinity United Church has come up with.

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A few years ago, the old swimming pool site was turned down when the neighbours commented on the height issues. Times have changed a lot and I hope the Council will move ahead on this project.

Will this email be distributed to all Council members and the mayor prior to this week's meeting ? Please pass on my comments.

Thank you.

Patrick
Patrick Gleeson
Patrick Gleeson | ira
resident

July 13, 2024

Jeremy Vink
Manager of Planning
Township of Woolwich

Re: Trinity United Church Redevelopment Project

Dear Mr. Vink:

I am writing this letter to express my very strong support of the Trinity United Church redevelopment project that is being proposed and coming to council on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

I feel this project needs to be approved to help create some additional housing/rental options in Elmira, to maintain a strong and active local church in our community, and help ensure the downtown of Elmira remains strong and vibrant.

With respect to the housing/rental options I feel there is a very strong need for additional apartments for individuals to rent in Elmira, especially for some of our older residents. I know of three individuals who were downsizing from a house of their own and looking to find an apartment that was clean, easy to access, felt safe and secure and would allow them to walk to most of the services they needed. Unfortunately, after several months of looking for options in Elmira and not being able to find anything they ended up renting apartments in Waterloo. They were very disappointed in having to do this as they have lived in Elmira for years and wanted to stay in Elmira where friends, family and all of the services they use are. A loss for them, but also a loss to our town and the many businesses and services that these individuals would have continued to use if they could have stayed in Elmira.

With respect to the church portion of this building, Trinity United Church has been in this location for years and it would be great to support them coming back to this location. It is wonderful to see they want and need space and want to be back in this location versus shutting down or locating elsewhere. I know the members of this church are eager for this new space with the intent to have it not only as a worship space, but also have many ideas and definite intentions of making it a community hub and are designing their space to reflect this.

Yes, it will be a higher building than we may be use to having in Elmira and not everyone in the building will have multiple parking spots, but this is a great opportunity for Elmira to add to the rental units in our community, keep residents close to downtown and having the ability to walk to many shops and services or easily access the Community Bus or the GRT bus to get to locations outside of downtown. Let's make use of space within our town instead of always

going to the outskirts of town and using farmland and having to build additional roads, sidewalks and all of the services required.

I sincerely hope the Woolwich Township Council will fully endorse this project and allow it to move forward as quickly as possible.

Yours truly

Randy Warren
William Street
Elmira, ON

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Jeremy Vink <jvink@woolwich.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Trinity Church Development

As a long time resident of Elmira having served the community for more than 20 years as a Family Physician, I feel I have a grass roots feel for the needs of the community. This need includes availability to more affordable housing. I am fully in favour of the proposed Trinity development

This email was sent to you by Scott Morlock

From: [Jeremy Vink](#)
To: [Nancy Thompson](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXT] July 16 - Trinity Church Redevelopment Proposal , Church St N , Elmira
Date: July 16, 2024 2:57:59 PM

Jeremy Vink
Manager of Planning
Township of Woolwich

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Hi Jeremy

I'm aware that a Public Meeting is being held tonight and as a resident of Elmira I do have an architectural thought for the proposed Street Elevation . Based on what was published in the paper I support the fact that they have created a front façade that is somewhat undulating and has incorporated partial pitched roof to create a somewhat more residential feel that what a straight cube building would have presented . My thought for consideration would be that the potential of creating a part or full wall , even without windows , to screen the view from the street to the partial covered parking lot at the north end of the development would enhance the streetscape in my opinion. In Waterloo this has been mandatory for a number of years for grade level parking and does enhance the view from the street for sure. An example that was very well done is the City of Waterloo multi storey garage in the downtown across from their "civic Square " area . This is not on the same scale but the street scape in "small town Elmira " is of interest to me .

Thanks for your consideration
Brian Shantz

From: noreply@woolwich.ca on behalf of [Woolwich Township](#)
To: [Nancy Thompson](#)
Subject: [EXT] Report on Public Meeting of Trinity United Church
Date: July 18, 2024 5:12:24 PM

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Email Sent By: sheila b matthews

Is there a a report about this meeting?

Is there a list to put your name on to get an apartment? Who would you contact? We lived in Elmira for 40 years before our house burned down on Eldale Rd. we couldn't find any suitable accommodations when we decided to down size at the time. We have been looking for years to find a way to come back to our home town and our church community.
