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This is a preliminary message from a group of concerned citizens living in The Triangle. We will keep you posted about imminent and future developments.

### **TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS!**

- Ask them if they want to see more rooming houses and 'multiples' in the area.
- Ask them what kind of development they would like to see.
- Ask them what they envision the future of our neighbourhood to be.
- Ask them if unrestrained conversions and developments fits in with these visions.

### **GET INVOLVED!**

To express your concerns about these issues, and to register your complaints, phone your local Aldermen:  
 Councillor Tom Jakobek 392-7915  
 Alderman Paul Christie 392-7901

**To find out what kind of development and conversions are allowed in our neighbourhood, or to inquire if the conversion next door to you is legal, phone Arnold Parks, Buildings and Inspections, 469-5921**

To find out about the Interim Control By-Law and what the future may hold for our neighbourhood, call Albert Saif, Planning Department, 463-5914

To notify the Health Department about unsanitary conditions, call Gordon Chan, Health Department, 469-5131.

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# **WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!**

# ARE WE BEING EXPLOITED!

## We sure are . . . but should we stand idly by while it's happening?

- Should we stand by and watch the number of illegal rooming houses sprout like mushrooms?
- Should we stand by and watch single family homes being converted to 'multiples' by money-hungry developers?
- Should we stand by and watch acts of violence, rowdiness, and prostitution happen in our neighbourhood?
- Should we have to sit quietly by as we watch the quality of life we've worked so hard to achieve slowly run into the ground?

## NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

## We won't stand for it any more!

To date, an Interim Control By-Law was passed on July 19, 1985, prohibiting anyone to ". . . use any land, building, or structure for the purpose of a boarding or lodging house, or a converted dwelling house. This meant that any conversion of a property from what it was prior to July 19, 1985, was prohibited for the duration that the By-law was in effect.

**At last count, according to Alderman Jakobek, there are at least 5 rooming houses, 6 tri and 4 plexes, and 4 duplexes illegally converted during this time period.**

Is that working within the framework of the law? Or is that defying the law?

The answer is clear. Unless we establish some type of controls over future development, and do it very, very soon, the illegal dwellings mentioned above will become legal when the Interim Control By-law expires on January 16, 1987. Not to mention the legal conversions that would then be allowed.

## The cheaters have prospered . . . at our expense. We could lose . . .

But we will win . . . and we need your help to do it. We have to stop this railroading . . . The impropriety of a building inspector in his dealings with certain developers in The Triangle has already been exposed. More remains to be done.

WE, not the developers must determine the kind of neighbourhood in which we live.

On May 26 of this year, a public meeting was held with our two Aldermen and representatives from City Hall.

Those who were in attendance expressed serious concerns about the changing nature of our neighbourhood. As a result, a Citizens Advisory Committee was established to study and make recommendations about the future development of The Triangle.

This group is just the spearhead of the organization and support that is needed to defeat those whose sole interest is to make a profit, a profit that will come at our expense. The future of our families, and indeed the future of our whole community does not appear on their balance sheet.

## ENOUGH!

There are those few who have been defying the law, stonewalling city inspectors, and laughing in our faces. As a result, WE end up with the brothels, the violence, the overcrowding, the drunkenness, the broken glass, the garbage! And they end up laughing all the way to the bank! Enough is enough! WE are committed to the protection of our neighbourhood and homes.

*This is a record of a public meeting on May 26, 1986.*