

Green Phoenix

Project Update – February 3, 2006

Design work

The design team met on Monday January 23rd to discuss remaining design issues before beginning detailed design work.

We now know that the new building foundation can provide a significant amount of the geo-thermal heat source needed for both the new and old buildings. It will be made up of "micro-piles" -- concrete posts with water- filled cores. Sustainable Edge (sustainable and mechanical consulting), working with Halsall (structural consulting) will model the foundation system to determine how much more geo-thermal heat source might need to be added at a later date (phase 2).

Committee of Adjustment -- February 15th, 2006

We have a confirmed Committee of Adjustment date for Wednesday, February 15th, 2nd floor of City Hall. There will not be a community meeting before this hearing.

While we don't expect anyone to oppose the project and have letters of support, we will plan to attend the full hearing and support Hilditch Architect's presentation of our project. If you can't come, but would like to write a letter of support this would be helpful -- especially if you live near the project.

Project schedule

The schedule from the last update is still intact: assuming a clear passage through CofA, we will immediately commission detailed design work at the beginning of March, with a view to construction near the end of July.

Finances and fundraising

We are continuing work on some grant applications and incentives for green features and also on obtaining approval for our financial plan from the City's Social Housing Unit and from the Ministry of Housing (Ontario).

The next fundraising committee meeting will take place on Tuesday March 7, at 7 PM. at Phoenix Place. We will be looking at some sample brochures and at defining the scope of fundraising that may need to be done by an "outside" fundraiser for Phase 2 work.