

Media Advisory

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Heron Gate Community Advisory from Timbercreek Communities

Asking residents to move out of their homes is not an easy decision and this is something we have taken into great consideration in our review of the property. The low-rise wood-structure homes between the borders of Heron Road, Baycrest Drive and Sandalwood Drive are reaching the end of their lifecycle. Currently, 25% of the 150 homes are no longer viable and because the infrastructure of the homes is inter-connected, the long-term viability of all of the homes in this area is compromised. It has reached the point that these townhomes will need to be demolished by the end of 2018.

We have notified the 105 residents impacted and have asked them to relocate by September 30, 2018. We have issued this notice in May in order to give our residents as much time as possible, while also avoiding disruption during the school year. We have learned from past experience that disrupting the school year and asking people to move during the winter months puts additional hardship on our residents.

In order to help offset some of the hardships involved in relocation, Timbercreek has put together a Relocation Assistance Program for impacted residents that includes financial assistance and access to a dedicated consultant who will help in the search for a new home.

Full details on the Relocation Assistance Program are available on www.timbercreekcommunities.com/trp

We have no immediate plans to relocate any other Heron Gate residents or to demolish any other homes in the community. Timbercreek Communities remains committed to assisting the residents impacted by this announcement throughout the relocation process.

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Backgrounder

Heron Gate Community Update

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This relocation announcement impacts 9% of the total 1665 homes in the Heron Gate community.

Only those Heron Gate residents who have received verbal or written notice will be impacted. There are no immediate plans to relocate any of the other residents in the community.

Timbercreek is committed to retrofitting 100% of the apartments in the towers, which accounts for over 60% of the entire community and translates into nearly 1000 rental homes.

To date, the bulk of the \$44 Million Timbercreek has invested in Heron Gate has been committed here.

Timbercreek, the City of Ottawa and the community are working on a community renewal process together, called a "Secondary Plan".

Through that process, Timbercreek is designing a future for Heron Gate that includes a diversity of housing types alongside retro-fitted towers with public greenspace.

The Secondary Plan visioning sessions that are currently taking place are designed to engage the community and ask them what they want to see in Heron Gate.

Timbercreek purchased Heron Gate in 2012-2013.

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