

Developer and owners come to agreement

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Foley, who organized a homeowners' action group about five weeks ago to prompt action on building deficiencies in the development, welcomed Law's personal intervention.

"I am satisfied with Law's proposals to rectify the deficiencies," Foley said last week. "He has made his pledge (to correct deficiencies) a matter of public record. He has gone out of his way to improve two-way communication (by hiring a customer relations manager and encouraging the selection of block captains). I'm happy that something (constructive) is happening."

Foley said last week that "lack of expediency in response (to homeowners' concerns) was a major problem."

However, much has been done in recent days to open up communication lines and improve work on the development site, he acknowledged.

"I've seen more done the last few days than I've seen in the last month," Foley commented.

Law stressed that he and his company will do all that they can to "co-operate with the purchaser." Homeowners with complaints have three avenues open to them, he said. They can contact their block captain, Law's new customer relations manager Mitch Leblance or state their concerns "in writing" to Law, himself.

"We will continue to make ongoing improvements to these units. Deficiencies are being corrected now and will be corrected on an ongoing basis," the developer said. "We're not perfect, but we will make every effort to address all individual concerns."

Law also noted that the full story had not been told with respect to townhouse buyers whose closings were delayed earlier this summer with the consequence that many had to seek accommodation in local hotels. In accordance with the ONHWP, Law Development compensated homeowners for the delay and their hotel costs, he said.

"We have good intent to be a good builder," the developer said, adding that his company has "a good track record in Georgetown" and "a good reputation with the town."

The company contributed \$1 million towards the building of a water tower in Georgetown and also paid over \$500,000 to rebuild a bridge near the Maple Avenue project,

Law said.

Last December, to help facilitate homeowners who wanted to move into new homes in the Kingsmill project before Christmas and to meet scheduled occupancy dates of the company, Law Development agreed to pay the overtime costs of town building inspectors whose inspections must be carried out before units can be occupied, Law said.

To further accommodate Kingsmill homeowners, Law pledged that all paving and sodding for the units will be done "in one month's time."

Although such work isn't normally done until a full year after occupancy, the developer said the grass will be laid and the streets and driveways paved on an earlier time frame for the benefit of homeowners.

"We are doing this now, even though we will likely face added costs, due to (ground) settlement, in the spring," Law said.



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