Talisman has a new name

(by Don Crosby)

The former Talisman resort has a new name that blends the natural beauty of the area with the heritage and history associated with the Talisman name.

The new name is Talisman Mountain Springs Inn.

In a written report presented at the annual general meeting of the Kimberley Valley Ratepayers Association on January 31, Brian Ellis (one of the owners and the spokesperson for the new enterprise) explained

the reasons behind the name. He was unable to attend the meeting in person but sent a written update.

The Înn, he said, will have a comfortable feel to it surrounded by the natural beauty of the Beaver Valley.

"The Inn denotes the fact that we are a place to stay and relax in an upscale, yet unpretentious setting."

The use of "Springs" is an acknowledgment of the bountiful supply of water found in springs and rivers on the property.

"The Mountain states our geography on the Talisman mountain and the Talisman Road address," Ellis wrote in his update.

He acknowledged that much thought went into retaining the word Talisman in the new name.

"It conjures up a lot of memories both good and some not so good, due to the recent exhaustive After closure. research it is clear that the Talisman name is well known and popular throughout the region, particularly in the GTA. History is something to embrace and the heritage of the Talisman property is tied closely to the development and history of the Beaver Valley since the early 1960s," Ellis explained.

"The name displays renewal while holding fast to its heritage," he added.

Ellis went on to detail the plans currently under way for the multi-million dollar renovations that will include a face lift to buildings constructed in the 1960s and upgrading the interior of the buildings, to a Five Star standard, making it energy efficient and giving it a new aesthetic design as well as restoring the golf course and tennis courts.

A new hot springs spa is part of the plans with a number of treatment rooms, a quiet lounge, class room, change rooms and business offices.

Construction of the spas is planned to begin in spring/

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"It is a very exciting endeavour as it will be open all year as major attraction to the Beaver Valley," Ellis said.