

Opening date for Talisman Mountain Springs Inn has been pushed back due to delays caused by costly renovations, according to a report by Brian Ellis, part-owner of the inn. It was presented at the annual general meeting of the Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association held Jan. 30 in Kimberley.

The report also said the golf course is to open in May, and outlined what has been accomplished at the site so far.

Ellis was supposed to attend the meeting but had to cancel at the last minute. He sent his regrets and a report to association president Brian McCulloch, who relayed the information to the meeting.

The grand opening of the inn has been further delayed due to the overwhelming amount of work and renovations needed to bring the buildings up to present day construction and safety standards, said Ellis, who would rather do it right than create a façade.

They include replacing drywall that was too thin and not fire-rated. The main staircases had to be replaced, along with some insulation, electrical wiring and a fire suppression system.

A decision was made to completely waterproof the foundations of Building One to ensure proper drainage from run-off coming down the ski hill. Now the water will flow around the building rather than underneath or inside the building.

McCulloch said Ellis wants it done right, befitting a 4-star resort, a place that will last another 50 years.

Improvements had to be made to the kitchens, restaurant, ballroom, conference facilities and guest rooms, that now meet or exceed code.

The area around the swimming pools area has a

a data base, and applicants will be contacted once there is a firm date for opening of the resort. There will be a website up and running inviting applications, once a decision on the timing for opening is reached.

The golf course will open in May. Building One, with a restaurant, ballroom, conference facilities, and more

has received from Grey Highlands, West Grey and Chatsworth chief building official John Acres and the building department staff.

“He also mentioned specifically the support of the CAO and Council and that, even though they don’t always agree, he appreciates their open communication and their desire to find a solution that fits for all parties,” McCulloch said.

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**RECOGNIZED FOR ROLE IN BEAVER VALLEY RATEPAYERS** - Don McGee (left) and Ernie Glozier, as they are recognized for their years of dedicated service to the Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association at the annual general meeting on Jan. 30 in Kimberley. (Photo by Don Crosby)

new stone wall, decks, outdoor eating area, hot tubs and gazebos. Guest rooms have new bathrooms, insulation, heating and air circulation system.

Apparently, there is a labor shortage in Grey and Simcoe Counties which is causing strong competition for qualified workers who demonstrate and value customer service and that want to be a part of the hospitality industry.

Resumes are being put into

than 30 rooms will open in late summer or early fall.

The inn will complement existing attractions increasing the options for visitors to this area.

“In my opinion, Talisman’s success is crucial for building on tourism in the Beaver Valley area and is a corner stone in ensuring that I don’t have to have everyone stay at my place,” said McCulloch.

McCulloch went on to say that Ellis was complimentary about the support he