



The OMB is being Phased Out !

Repeal of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) was passed by the Provincial Legislature and officially came into effect on April 3, 2018. As of this date, development appeals will be directed to the new Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT), a true appeal body with limited power to overturn municipal decisions. The Local Planning Appeal Support Centre will provide legal and planning assistance to residents in order to level the playing field for all participants in the appeal process.

Unfortunately, the Transition Plan allows applications submitted before a certain date to be heard by the existing OMB.

Since the province announced the reforms in the Spring of 2017, approximately 140 applications have been appealed to the OMB. This includes Appeal of the city's Refusal of the 250 Lawrence Ave W high-rise condo proposal. As a comparison, there were 50 appeals in 2016. This rush of appeals has overwhelmed City Planning and Legal, and the OMB, and will take many years under the OMB system to work through them.

Doors Open Toronto:

May 26 & 27, 2018. This year's theme celebrates Toronto's thriving film industry. Free annual event to peek behind the doors of more than 150 significant buildings, this year including tours of historic cinemas, film & TV studios.

www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

Jane's Walk: May 4, 5 & 6, 2018. Over 500 walks in 75 cities honouring the legacy of legendary urban activist, writer & one-time Toronto resident Jane Jacobs.

<http://janeswalk.org/canada>

Spring Rummage Sale:

April 21, 2018 from 10 to 1 p.m. Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lyttton Blvd. Get there early! Bargains Galore.

<http://esgunitied.org/rummage-sale>

Community Environment Day:

June 19, 2018 – 4 to 8 p.m. North Toronto Memorial Arena, 174 Orchard View Blvd. (off Yonge St., north of Eglinton Ave. W.)

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/community-environment-days/>

LPRO's 18th Annual



Chatsworth Ravine

Saturday, April 21st - 10 a.m. until noon

Meet at the east end of Glenview Sr. P.S. field. Great opportunity for high school students looking for volunteer hours. Gloves and collection bags provided. This is part of the Clean Toronto Together Campaign, Canada's largest spring clean-up program.

Everyone Welcome!!!

LPRO's Second Annual Community Yard Sale

June 2, 2018 - 8:00 a.m. to noon - Rain or Shine



Everyone is welcome to sell, there is no charge to participate!! Even if you live outside of LPRO's area, we encourage

you to take part. Please pass the invitation on to others whom you think might be interested.

This is a great opportunity to find a new home for your gently used items, find something special and just meet your neighbours. **How to Sign Up** - To participate send us an email and we'll drop off your lawn sign. We post the addresses and a map of Sellers on [LPRO's website](#) to bring folks to your sale and post the sale on both Craigslist & Kijiji.

The \$10K Chimney Surprise!

Should a new infill dwelling or addition be constructed adjacent to your chimney, and your chimney is used for venting of gas furnaces/boilers or gas fireplace logs/inserts, then you may no longer be in compliance with the Natural Gas & Propane Installation Code & Ontario Regulation. Under threat of turning off the gas, homeowners have learned that they have no recourse but to extend their chimney or replace their gas-fueled systems at their own cost! LPRO members report that the gas supplier has advised that their furnace could be 'red-tagged'. Given this possibility, discuss the situation with the owner of the "new house next door" in advance of the Committee of Adjustment Hearing. Local resident associations have been trying to get action on this for years.

Move over NIMBY; Toronto is going BIMBY this spring.

Bees in My Backyard project looking for citizen scientists to help wild bees. There are 360 species of native bees in Toronto.



City Council has declared the metallic green sweat bee, Bicoloured Agapostemon (*Agapostemon virescens*), as Toronto's Official Bee, to raise awareness about Toronto's diverse native bee community. Bees provide the invaluable service of pollination, allowing plants to produce seeds, fruits, and new plants. Without bees, our natural landscapes and food could not exist. One in three bites of food relies on bee pollination. Pollinators are under increasing stress due to habitat loss, invasive species, diseases, pesticides and climate change. As a result, some species are in decline. Evidence suggests that native bee species are even more threatened than non-native honey bees. Once native species are lost, they cannot be replaced.

What can you do?

BIMBY Project:

<https://davidsuzuki.org/press/move-nimby-toronto-going-bimby-spring/>

Best Native Plants:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-113557.pdf>

Tips:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-113558.pdf>

What your city is doing now:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.PE26.7>

Large Development Proposals:

250 Lawrence Avenue West

(Medical Centre Site) Zoning Bylaw & Official Plan Amendment application to permit a 10 storey-condominium with 159 units and three levels of underground parking on a lot that is zoned for low-rise dwellings. Refused by City Planning and Council; Appealed by the developer. OMB Case # PL161134 – Ontario Municipal Board Hearing May 22-June 1, 2018.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

✓ **Donate:** LPRO, the Old Orchard Grove and South Armour Heights Resident Associations, along with the Rosewell and Bedford Glen Condo owners, are working together to ensure that whatever is built respects and reinforces our neighbourhood. Together, we have retained the services of a highly-qualified, experienced OMB Lawyer and a Planner with success at the OMB to represent the concerns of our community. Experts are necessary for our voices to be heard, and they are expensive. Please go to <https://lpro.wordpress.com> and select “250 Lawrence” to contribute with a donation via credit card/PayPal. Cheques can be mailed to Lytton Park Residents’ Organization Inc., Box 45031, 2482 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3E3.

✓ **Attend the OMB Hearing May 22 to June 1, 2018 :** To ensure the OMB fully appreciates the concern that our Community has for the proposed development at 250 Lawrence Ave West, it is important that as many Residents as possible attend the OMB hearing which is scheduled to run for 9 days from May 22 to June 1. It is especially important that as many possible attend the May 22 First Day session. If you are able to volunteer your time to attend the Hearing on May 22 and/or any subsequent days, please contact Linda McCarthy at lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com to sign up and to obtain more details.

✓ **Post a Lawn Sign:** Email 250lawrence@gmail.com and our team will install a sign.

Other Upcoming Developments in our neighbourhood:

- **2400, 2430, 2440 & 2444 Yonge Street** (includes former Bank of Montreal Site) : Mixed-use development consisting of two residential towers of 27 and 23 storey's over a 9 storey podium consisting of ground floor commercial uses and residential above; 6 blocks of 3 storey town houses. Refused by City Planning and Council; Appealed by the developer Case # PL171386.
- **2908 Yonge Street** (Petro-Canada Site) : Proposed 13-storey mixed-use building with 85 residential units and at-grade retail, 87 underground parking spaces. Refused by City Planning and Council; Will likely be Appealed by the developer.
- **41 Chatsworth Drive** (former site of Fifth Church of Christ Scientist) : Zoning Bylaw & Official Plan Amendment application to permit a 4/5 storey residential building, with 51 residential units and two levels of below grade parking. (Refused by OMB PL141282 – February 2016). Now modified slightly and proposal resubmitted.

LPRO MEMBERSHIP – JOIN OR RENEW FOR 2018!

We encourage you to become a member or renew your membership with Lytton Park Residents’ Organization, especially if you care about protecting and advancing the community’s interests and fostering a sense of neighbourhood in our area. LPRO’s membership year extends from January to December, so it’s time to renew your membership for 2018.

Your support helps us vigorously represent our shared neighbourhood interests. Our collective voice has impressive impact and effectiveness in matters affecting our community. Thank you for your continued membership support. It’s pivotal for our representative credibility and funding needs.

There are approximately 3,000 households in the Lytton Park area, bounded by Avenue Road, Lawrence Avenue West, Yonge Street and Roselawn Avenue. Thank you in advance for your community mindedness and your membership support.

Ways to Join or Renew: MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: Lytton Park Residents’ Organization Inc., and mail it with the completed form below to “Lytton Park Residents’ Organization Inc., Box 45031, 2482 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3E3”, or even easier - donate via credit card/PayPal: visit <https://lpro.wordpress.com> & select “MEMBERSHIP”

Membership cheques with this form can also be dropped off at any one of these addresses:

◆ 235 Glenview Avenue

◆ 8 Glencairn Avenue

2018 Membership Form

Annual membership is **\$20 per household**. The LPRO’s mission is to maintain and enhance the character of our neighborhood as a safe and desirable place to live by presenting a strong and unified community voice on key issues. To do this we need your support. Please make cheques payable to **Lytton Park Residents’ Organization Inc.**

Membership Type: New / Renewal

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Other Phone:** _____

Email address: _____

I would like more information about the LPRO: Yes/No **I am available as a community volunteer:** Yes/No

I would like to help in the following areas: _____

Comments: _____