



E-Newsletter December 31, 2019  
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## “Clear our Sidewalk Campaign”

The Deer Park Residents Group to the south of us have initiated a campaign to request that the City clear **all** Toronto sidewalks from snow and ice. They invite all residents to join them in this Campaign. They point out that many of our sidewalks do not get cleared, yet we pay the same taxes as other Toronto residents. They ask where is the equity in that policy, noting that it has been more than twenty years since amalgamation and we are still waiting to receive the sidewalk-clearing service that is provided to other parts of the City.

“Clear our Sidewalk Campaign” sends a letter directly to the Mayor, asking him to consider our plight in the upcoming budget cycle. The following link provides further information and includes a link to the letter to be sent to the Mayor. [www.clearoursidewalks.ca](http://www.clearoursidewalks.ca)

Below is a sample letter provided by the Deer Park Residents Group with additional details:

*“Dear Mayor Tory:*

*I am writing to express my deep disappointment with the recommendations contained in the recent Report from the City’s General Manager of Transportation Services regarding snow removal, and the vote of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee to not properly address it.*

*Snow removal is a critical issue for many residents in Toronto. Today there are still 20% of sidewalks that do not get cleared by city workers, mostly in the neighborhoods located in the old City of Toronto.*

*This is unsafe and unfair. This lack of service not only restricts residents from enjoying their neighbourhood and creates an unlivable environment, it is becoming increasingly dangerous. Ice and snow being left on sidewalks put our community members and families in jeopardy. The City does not need to test or pilot further snow clearing. Such tests will only result in further delays, and more people being put at risk.*

*The City’s budget season is upon us again and we urge you to reject the staff recommendation and finally act on this pressing matter. Our communities cannot afford another year of this safety hazard as staff study whether something could be done. Commuters on their way to work, seniors buying groceries, parents pushing strollers, and children walking to school deserve the same protection others in our City enjoy.*

*This is the time to allocate the necessary funding, and bring equitable sidewalk plowing to our high-pedestrian traffic neighbourhoods. I urge you to act now.”*

## Ward 8 Development Updates

*Your opportunity to make your voice heard!*

### Capitol Theatre Development Site

You are invited to attend the North York Community Council Meeting at the North York Civic Centre, Council Chambers, 5100 Yonge Street on Wednesday January 8, 2020 to make your views known. You may also submit written comments. If you wish to address the North York Community Council in person or in writing, please contact the City Clerk below by 12 noon on January 7, 2020:

City Clerk, Attention: Francine Adamo, Administrator, NYCC, 5100 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M2N 5V7  
Phone: 416-395-0480, email: [nycc@toronto.ca](mailto:nycc@toronto.ca)

For the full North York Community Council Agenda for January 8, 2020

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&meetingId=17102#Meeting-2020.NY12>

**The January North York Community Council Meeting** includes two items regarding the Capitol Theatre Site at Yonge and Castlefield. NY12.3: The Final Planning Report and NY12.7: Protection of the Capitol Theatre as a Heritage Property:

**1. NY12.3 Final Report to Council from Director, Community Planning, North York District Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment Applications for 2490-2514 Yonge Street, 10-12 Castlefield Avenue, and portions of 20 Castlefield Avenue and 567 Duplex Avenue.**

This application proposes to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the properties at 2490-2514 Yonge Street, 10-12 Castlefield Avenue, and portions of 20 Castlefield Avenue and 567 Duplex Avenue to permit a 14-storey (56 metres) mixed use building containing 150 dwelling units and retail uses at grade along Yonge Street. The Capitol Theatre façade and existing canopy structure are proposed to be incorporated into the development. The Capitol Theatre would be commemorated by replication of its volume on the ground floor, and the vestibule space would be rebuilt to a similar footprint.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.NY12.3>



storey buildings up and down Yonge Street in areas that should be mid-rise.

LPRO has expressed some concerns with this application as currently proposed, especially with the 14-storey height. The back wall looms over the "park". The 14-storey building is also very close to two sides of the heritage-listed Eglinton School School/Orange Lodge, built in 1850. A 14-storey building is much higher than the Midtown in Focus parameters that were so meticulously developed by the City Planners over years of consultations with community stakeholders. If approved, it could set a precedent for a wall of 14-

**2. NY12.7 Alterations to Heritage Property at 2490-2506 Yonge St, Intention to Designate 2490-2506 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement at 2490-2506 Yonge Street**

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.NY12.7>

## PETRO-CANADA Gas Station Site – LPAT # PL180573

You are invited to attend the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal's (formerly Ontario Municipal Board) Case Management Conference at 10 a.m. on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 655 Bay Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Link: <https://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/>

This pertains to the development application for 2908 Yonge Street at Chatsworth. The City of Toronto recommended that City Council Refuse the application to permit the intensification of the subject site with a **13-storey** mixed-use building. City Council adopted the Refusal decision. The owner appealed the Refusal decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.



At the direction of City Council, the City Solicitor and City Staff will be attending to defend the Refusal of the proposal. Lytton Park Residents' Organization will be attending to confirm our ongoing community concerns with the application.

The Tribunal proceedings are open to the public. If you wish to speak you must request either Participant or Party status. Your attendance at the hearing even as a member of the audience, will reinforce with the Chair, the level of interest and concern by the community.

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) has endorsed the City's refusal report for the application for a 13-storey building at 2908 Yonge Street, finding the rationale for the refusal factual and compelling. The development, as proposed, represents an overdevelopment of the site. It would have a negative impact on the surrounding community regarding parkland, and it could set a precedent for ignoring mid-rise guidelines. Final Staff Report to Council: <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/ny/bgrd/backgroundfile-113678.pdf>

For further information contact: LPAT Contact: Jason Kwan, Case Coordinator, Planner, (416) 326-6775 or [jason.c.kwan@ontario.ca](mailto:jason.c.kwan@ontario.ca)

The Case Management Conference on January 16<sup>th</sup> is held in advance of the LPAT Hearing for the following purposes:

1. To identify additional parties to the proceeding.
2. To identify, define or narrow the issues raised by the proceeding.
3. To identify facts or evidence that may be agreed upon by the parties.
4. To provide directions for disclosure of information.
5. To discuss opportunities for resolving one or more issues in the proceeding, including the possible use of mediation or other dispute resolution processes.
6. To establish dates by which any steps in the proceeding are to be taken or begun.
7. To determine the length, schedule and location of a hearing, if any.
8. To determine the order of presentation of submissions.
9. To deal with any other matter that may assist in the fair, just and expeditious resolution of the issues.

**Lytton Park Residents' Organization**  
**Annual Membership \$30.00 per household**  
**Join or Renew For 2020!**

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 2020. 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.

**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**". Cheques with this form can also be dropped off at **235 Glenview Avenue.**

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**2020 Membership Form - Membership Type: New / Renewal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Email us at [lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com](mailto:lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com)