

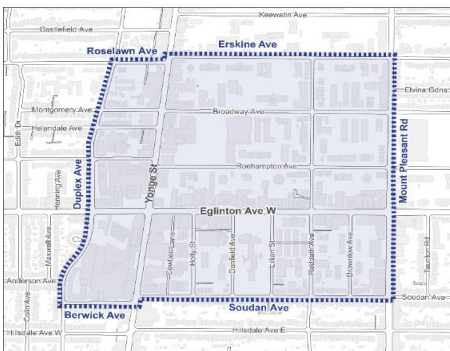


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The Members of the LPRO Board wish you & yours the very best of the Season !

Construction Hub Safety Pilot Project at Yonge and Eglinton



Anyone who travels through the Yonge Eglinton corridor is aware of the concentration of construction in this small area. In addition we have the Eglinton LRT under construction, the largest transit infrastructure project underway in Canada and in North America right now. Due to the work of Councillors Colle, Robinson and Matlow, Dece,ber 1st the City launched a one-year pilot project at Yonge and Eglinton to reduce the impacts of construction, improve road safety and keep traffic moving around this area of densely concentrated construction activity. A full-time, on-the-ground 'hub coordinator' will conduct logistical planning of the right-of-way, review Construction Management Plans, connect travellers with real-time

information, collaborate with enforcement officers and communicate impacts and changes to businesses and communities in the neighbourhood.

Our Councillor Mike Colle spearheaded the **5 Step Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Management Plan** in the Yonge & Eglinton area. This will improve road safety and minimize construction-related disruption. The 5 Step Plan outlines:

- A Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Plan for all major construction sites before City development approvals;
- Immediate Safe City Driving training for all heavy construction truck drivers;
- Full-time pedestrian crossing guards on-site at all major construction projects paid for by the developers;
- Install full-time Crossing Personnel at all intersections on Yonge Street, from Castlefield Ave to the Kay Gardiner Beltline, paid for by the developers;
- Immediate implementation of a Construction Traffic Safety Management Plan for the Yonge & Eglinton area.

For more information: <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-safety/construction-hub-coordination-pilot/>

Toronto Green Community Winter Solstice Walk

Join the Rivers Rising Ambassadors and Lost Rivers for the **Winter Solstice Walk** to take in the shortest day of the year. Along with hearing stories and the history of the Don Valley, also explore the wetland and meadow trails in the Don Valley Brick Works Park and delve into parts of the beautiful restoration of this former industrial site. **Saturday, Dec 21 from 1-3 pm**; meet at the Watershed Wall at Evergreen Brickworks, 550 Bayview Avenue. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/winter-solstice-walk-with-lost-rivers-and-rivers-rising-tickets-84771051497>

Go early and stay late to enjoy the festive Winter Village and other fun activities presented by Evergreen Brickworks. Cozy warming fires and hot refreshments are available to ward off that winter chill!

Sidewalk Snow Clearing for Seniors or Persons with Disability

If you are a senior or disabled resident of Toronto, the City will clear snow from the sidewalk in front of your home. The service does not include driveways or walkways leading to homes.

Download and complete the application form (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/8ec3-Free-Snow-Removal-Application-for-Sidewalks.pdf>). Or telephone: 416-392-7768

Clear Snow from Your Sidewalks. Make it safer for your neighbours to walk by your home



What Homeowners and Business Owners Must Do:

Where sidewalk plowing is not available, home owners and property owners are responsible for clearing ice and snow from nearby/adjacent sidewalks, driveways, parking spaces, steps, ramps and landings within 12 hours of snowfall to provide safe access for people and vehicles (see [Property Standards Bylaw](#))

Clearing the ice and snow from the sidewalk in front of your home or business helps keep neighbours and communities safer for everyone when it snows.

Please contact 311 to report a property owner who did not clear their sidewalk.

Fines for not clearing sidewalks

The fine for not clearing snow from private property is \$455 plus a \$115 surcharge, total of \$570

The fine for not clearing snow from public property is \$100 plus \$25 surcharge, total of \$125, as per the City's [Snow and Ice Clearing Bylaw](#).

Toronto Police Service “Vulnerable Persons Registry”

The Toronto Police Service “Vulnerable Persons Registry” is a voluntary database that provides important information to first responders about the issues that vulnerable members of the community might be coping with. The information in the database includes details such as specific behaviours officers might encounter, recommended de-escalation strategies and contact information for family members or other individuals who can

provide support. Dispatchers, police officers and other support personnel will then be able to access this information when they are interacting with the person.

This leads to a better understanding of the causes for behaviours and provides officers with information about how to best assist the person. If, at any time, you wish to remove the information from the Vulnerable Persons Registry please do so by notifying the Toronto Police Service via the online portal. Here is the link: <https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/vulnerable-persons-registry/>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation's Job Fair

Parks and Recreation is holding a **Job Fair** on January 26, 2020 at Lawrence Heights Community Centre, 5 Replin Road from 3 to 6 p.m.

Find out more information at www.toronto.ca/recjobs. Also see Flyer attachment to this email.

- Some positions hire at 14 years of age,
- Most positions pay higher than minimum wage,
- Hours of work are flexible (after school and weekends),
- Seasonal and year-round opportunities,
- Quality work environments and teams, unionized environment,
- Training is provided for all candidates upon conditional job offers.

Committee of Adjustment Letter sent re Review & Improvements

See posting under **LPRO Advocacy Position Archive** on LPRO's website: <https://lpro.wordpress.com>

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle right this Holiday Season

Small changes to daily routines can make a big impact. Apply the 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle right – and try to incorporate some of the following tips into your holidays.

Reduce:

- Carry a reusable bag when shopping for holiday gifts and say no to excess tissue and packaging.
- Consider low-waste gifts such as gift cards, tickets to an event, an experiential or service-based gift or give a charitable donation in a loved one's name.
- Avoid single-use items such as cutlery, plates and cups when planning holiday parties.

Reuse:

- Save gift bags, gift wrap, ribbons and bows to reuse year after year.
- Host a holiday swap with parents to exchange kids' clothes and toys that are no longer used.
- Get crafty when wrapping by using items you have around your house such as newspaper, old calendars/cards.

Recycle right:

- Dispose of foil/metallic wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, bubble wrap, bubble envelopes, packing peanuts and fruit crates in the garbage.
- Recycle paper gift wrap and flattened cardboard, and rinse plastic plates and plastic cups before placing them in the Blue Bin (recycling).
- Never put recycling in black bags or throw black plastics in the Blue Bin (recycling).
- Use the Green Bin (organics) for fruit and vegetable scraps, meat including bones, spoiled cakes and cookies, and soiled paper plates and napkins (unless they have absorbed chemicals such as cleaning products).

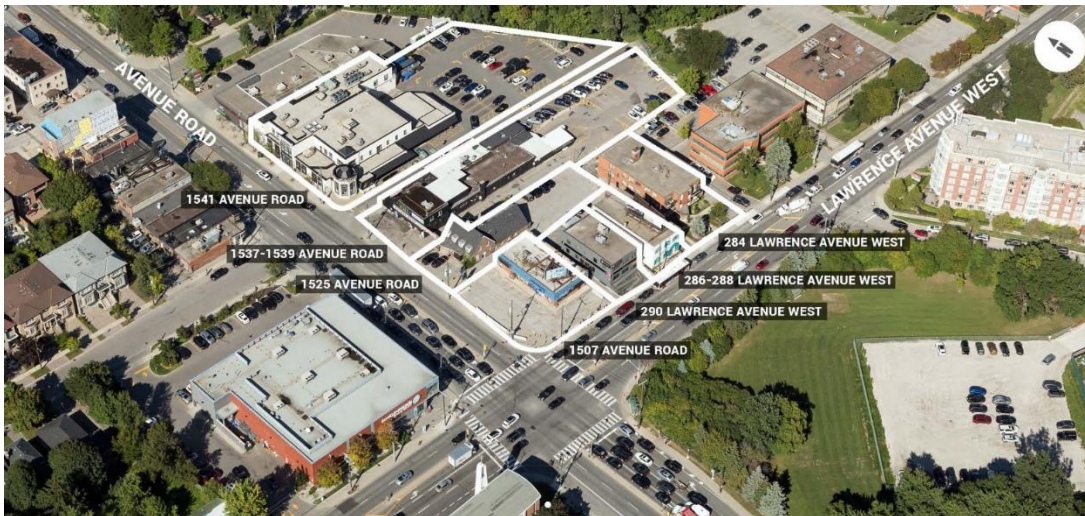
For more tips and ideas on how to reduce, reuse and recycle right this holiday season, watch for your waste management calendar in the mail in December and visit <http://www.toronto.ca/reduce-reuse>.

Toronto's Electric Vehicle Strategy

In January 2020, Toronto's first Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy will be considered by the City's Infrastructure and Environment Committee and City Council. The strategy will identify a range of actions the City can take to enable the EV market, with a focus on passenger vehicles, and support the City's TransformTO climate action strategy. Learn more about the City's [EV initiatives](#). In support of: [TransformTO Climate Action Strategy](#)

Development Site at Northeast Corner of Avenue Rd and Lawrence Ave

First Capital Realty, the owner of the site at the northeast corner of Avenue Road and Lawrence Avenue West, will be submitting an application to the City for redevelopment of their property. First Capital has said that it is seeking community input as they develop plans for the site, with a vision to create a mixed-use development featuring retail, residential, and park uses. They have stated that they are committed to creating a high-quality, mixed-use development that revitalizes this gateway corner into the Avenue Community and that they are committed to working with the community as this proposal progresses through the development application process. They have hired Bousfields Inc. to lead the community engagement and urban planning. Bousfields has reached out to the residents organizations as a first step in engaging with the community.



Update on 250 Lawrence Ave West Development

With community consultation and support from Councillor Mike Colle, the City and the developer Graywood, have agreed that a portion of the Section 37 Community Benefit Funds from this development will be used by the developer, with guidance and approval of the City Parks and Recreation Department, to design and build a new 398-square-metre park on the site. The park will be on the north east corner of their property and will be open to the general public.

Did you know ?

- Only 8% of the City Property Tax Bill Toronto residents pay is collected by the City to pay for city services and programs. 92% of all taxes paid by Toronto residents go to the Federal and Provincial Governments.
- A growing number of small business retailers are facing ever increasing property taxes. Many of them forced to close due to extraordinary increases in assessment valuation by the Provincial Government's Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. The method of assessing "highest and best use", (i.e. highest value for a property, regardless of its actual current use/could be a condo or office building) to determine Current Value Assessment for commercial properties results in increases that cannot be maintained by our local retailers. The Councillor successfully moved a Motion that City Council request the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer request a meeting with Provincial Ministry of Finance officials to seek tax relief from the impact of "highest and best use" valuation on small business properties.

LPRO 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**.

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