



September 2019 Newsletter

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## LPRO Federal Candidates' Meeting - Eglinton-Lawrence – Oct 2nd

GET INFORMED ! EVERY VOTE COUNTS !



- Wednesday, October 2, 2019
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lyttton Blvd. at Duplex. Fully accessible

There will be a moderated question & answer period. People will be seated on a first come, first served manner. We hope to see you there. Come and listen to what the Candidates have to say.

**QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES?** Send your questions in advance to [lytttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com](mailto:lytttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com)

## Capital Theatre Development - Community Meeting - September 25th

Councillor Mike Colle is hosting a Community Meeting regarding the development application for the Capital Theatre site at 2500 Yonge Street and Castlefield Avenue. Revised proposal for a 14-storey mixed-use building containing 172 dwelling units (17,681 square metres) and retail uses (1,372 square metres) at grade. The proposal includes 3 levels of underground parking containing a total of 184 parking spaces.

You are invited to come, view and discuss the proposed development with City Planners and Madison Homes, the Developer.

- Wednesday, September 25, 2019
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Glenview Presbyterian Church, 1 Glenview Ave just off Yonge Street

## How to Attract Pollinators? Plant a Garden of Native Plants

Native plants create a habitat that supports native bees and many species of butterflies. Native plants thrive in Toronto, have beautiful flowers, and are easy to care for. Local resident Harold Smith has planted a "victory garden" of native plants in his front and back yard, and he encourages more gardeners do so in the climate-change war. To listen to the sound file from an interview by CBC's Mary Wiens with LPRO's own Harold Smith, go to the link on the LPRO website, <https://lpro.wordpress.com>

## Subsidized Backyard Tree Planting Program - Fall Is a Great Time to Plant Trees

### News from LEAF (Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests)

Did you know that fall is a great time to plant? Temperatures are cooler and trees are beginning to go into dormancy for winter. When trees are dormant, they experience less transplant shock and settle nicely into their new homes! Local non-profit LEAF is planting native trees and shrubs this fall through their **subsidized Backyard Tree Planting Program**, available to houses, multi-units and business/industrial properties.

Through the season, arborists from LEAF will continue to help property owners select the right trees and shrubs for their property and deliver or plant them! For more information, visit [LEAF](#) or call 1-888-453-6504.

## Protect yourself against scams and other fraudulent activity

From Toronto Hydro: <https://www.torontohydro.com/scams-and-fraud>

There are a number of ongoing scams targeting our residential and small business customers. Fraudsters are contacting customers by phone, text message, email, fake electricity bills and door-to-door visits. Make sure you know how to spot a scam and what to do if you suspect you're the target of fraudulent activity.

1. Immediately hang up on any suspicious phone calls. Remember, Toronto Hydro doesn't have a 1-800 number.
2. Don't click on any links in emails/text messages asking you to accept electronic transfers. Also, remember that Toronto Hydro doesn't accept bitcoin as a method of payment.
3. Avoid sharing any personal information over the phone or in-person.
4. Don't make any payments related to Smart Meter Deposits – such a fee doesn't exist.
5. Always compare bills to previous ones, including the amount and account number.

## Protecting our Heritage Homes and Structures of Heritage Value

With the Provincial Government's proposed changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108, Schedule 11) identifying our heritage assets is more critical than ever. We need your help to identify and protect other vulnerable and irreplaceable resources before any more are demolished, as was done to the Bank of Montreal at the corner of Yonge and Roselawn. For more information go to <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/heritage-preservation/city-wide-heritage-survey-feasibility-study>

## Current Planning and Building Applications

- **2400-2444 Yonge St/Roselawn/BMO Site:** 27 & 23-storey condos & 6 Townhouses
  - Project is on hold as First Capital Realty, the new principal owner, is redrafting the plans and will be bringing them to Planning and the Councillor for review in the next few months.
- **368-372 Briar Hill** – 7 Townhouses at Avenue Road and Briar Hill
  - Developer Stehel Corp. & Hillworth Corp. Approved with conditions
  - Residential Demolition Permit Request NY8.32 on the Agenda for North York Community Council on September 16, 2019 in the North York Council Chamber.
- **2908 Yonge St – Petro-Canada Gas Stn.** 13-storey Condominium
  - Developer 1948630 Ontario Inc appealing City Refusal - PL180573
  - LPRO has Party Status. Prehearing Jan. 8/19, Case Mgmt. Conferences March 28 & May 24 adjourned.
  - No new dates have been announced.
- **41 Chatsworth Dr.** – 4-5 storey residential building, 51 residential, 2 levels of below-grade parking.
  - Community meeting held. In planning stage. Similar refused at OMB 2 years ago. No New activity.
- **2500 Yonge St at Castlefield - Capital Theatre/Green P** – See Page 1 for Community Meeting Announcement.
  - Presentation of Preliminary Staff Report on the project on the Agenda for North York Community Council on September 16, 2019 in the North York Council Chamber.
- **2704 Yonge St at Alexandra Blvd – Trull Funeral Home** & adjacent properties.
  - Developer has applied for a demolition permit. Working with LPRO, the developer will be using ERA to protect & rebuild the Alexandra Gates (brick pillars with historical significance).

## Artifacts Found During Eglinton-Crosstown Construction

From CBC: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eglinton-crosstown-lrt-artifacts-objects-1.5265120>  
Pieces of Canada's history as old as 5,000 years have been uncovered in midtown Toronto as crews dig the Eglinton Crosstown LRT tunnel. Specialists say the artifacts show how the area has changed over the centuries.

## Re-Opening of the Healing Garden - Duplex Parkette - Yonge & Chatsworth

In partnership with Cardinal Funeral Homes, Bereaved Families of Ontario - Toronto is hosting its' "Annual Butterfly Release" <https://www.bfotoronto.ca/butterfly-release/> on September 8, in BFO's renewed Healing Garden in the Duplex Parkette, Yonge and Chatsworth. In 2002, the City of Toronto generously granted BFO-Toronto a small garden where anyone can sit, reflect and perhaps find peace and healing.

## New Energy Savings Rebates for Ontario

The Government of Canada recently announced the launch of the Energy Savings Rebate program to help make climate action affordable for Ontarians. A total of \$200 million of support over two years will be provided to Ontario retailers to offer up to 25% off the purchase price of specific energy-saving products. Eligible products include electric-vehicle chargers, tankless water heaters, ENERGY STAR certified appliances such as washers, dryers, dishwashers and more. For a full list of eligible products, visit the Energy Savings program website or those of major retailers. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2019/08/canada-announces-new-energy-savings-rebate-program-to-help-ontarians-save-money-and-fight-climate-change.html>

## Disconnect Your Downspout

In Toronto, it is mandatory to disconnect your home's downspout. During heavy rain, sewers can become overloaded, which increases the risk of basement flooding and the release of polluted rainwater into local waterways. By disconnecting downspouts and directing stormwater onto the property instead, you can minimize the risk of sewer overloads. Get tips on how to disconnect: <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/managing-rain-melted-snow/basement-flooding/mandatory-downspout-disconnection/>

## Uptown Yonge Annual Fall Sidewalk Sale – September 21 & 22 - Orchard View to Glengrove -



Major brands and new discoveries await along the Uptown Yonge BIA. The street is lined with fashionable boutiques, specialty food shops, wonderful restaurants, spas and salons, well-known retailers, and professional offices. Whether your tastes are functional or eclectic, upscale or extravagant, you'll find much to discover in nearly 400 member businesses that make up the Uptown Yonge Business Improvement Area.

Great time to pick up end of summer items on sale and see the new fall merchandise.

## Upcoming Items at North York Community Council – September 16th

The following is a short list of items to be heard by the North York Councillors in the North York Council Chamber. These are monthly public meetings and your opportunity to make your views known on Agenda Items.

- NY8.5 Preliminary Report - Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment Applications - 2490-2514 Yonge Street, 10-12 Castlefield Avenue, and portions of 20 Castlefield Avenue and 567 Duplex Avenue (Ward 8). Capitol Theatre site.
- NY8.32 Residential Demolition Application – 368 Briar Hill Avenue (Ward 8)

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&meetingId=15415#Meeting-2019.NY8>

### LPRO MEMBERSHIP \$20.00 PER HOUSEHOLD – JOIN OR RENEW FOR 2019!

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 2019. 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. Thank you in advance for supporting your community.

**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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**2019 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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