



E-newsletter 15 Aug. 2020

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Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) is a group of volunteers who work together to make our strong community better. Recently, we have been focused on initiatives that directly impact residents in our community: COVID-19 Measures, Development Proposals, Community Health Concerns, Bike Lanes, Public Safety, and More! In this newsletter, you will see updates on these issues, in addition to other information. We encourage you to share this newsletter with friends and neighbours who may not have received it. Due to COVID 19 safety measures, a printed version of this newsletter will not be issued. We continue to meet virtually during these "interesting" times.

LPRO's E-Newsletter – Sign Up!

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Yonge-Eglinton Shelter Update

As many of you know from LPRO's [August 2, 2020 newsletter](#) and the print, web, and TV news stories that have appeared since, three temporary shelters in close proximity to each other were recently opened in the Yonge-Eglinton-Mt. Pleasant area: 55 & 65 Broadway, and the former Roehampton Hotel. As a result of inadequate staffing, security, and the lack of robust programs for a cohort with longstanding mental health and other issues, the surrounding neighbourhoods began experiencing a significant increase in vagrancy and serious related problems almost immediately. The proximity of these shelters to several elementary and high schools and daycares has heightened community concern as parents and children look to return to school in less than a month. Break-ins, drug dealing, and many discarded needles have become commonplace in the area.



The two Broadway shelters are closing at the end of August, earlier than planned. The Roehampton shelter is currently expected to operate until June 2022, with an option for the City to extend the lease by up to one year.

In response to considerable pressure, the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division (SSHA) is taking steps to address these issues and help restore order in the neighbourhood. The SSHA has also retained Swerhun Facilitation, a public consultation firm, to support community engagement in an effort to re-establish the trust of the community. A Community Liaison Committee (CLC) will be established by Swerhun and LPRO will have a representative(s) participate.

For more information:

- [Click to see an August 11, 2020 Communication Bulletin #1 developed by City staff and Swerhun Facilitation.](#) This Bulletin provides the following information: Important Notices, Background on the Roehampton Residence and 55-65 Broadway Avenue, FAQ based on community feedback received from July 19 to August 5, 2020.
- [Click for information about an Online/ Telephone Community Information Session on Wednesday August 19, 6:00-8:00PM.](#)



Action taken, based on page 4 of the City of Toronto's Community Bulletin ([read the full Bulletin here](#)):

"The City is engaging with local schools to develop a safety and security plan for when school resumes.

The community safety initiatives and enhancements to-date include the following:

- Community Safety Teams (CST) – who do outreach in the area on a 24 /7 basis to patrol the sites and surrounding community and respond to immediate non-police or non-EMS related matters when made aware by the community. Teams will also be checking and patrolling "hotspots" identified by the community. The Shift Leader, at the Roehampton Residence, can be called at 437-247-2287 to be advised of concerning activity and they will dispatch a team to the location. Team members can also be identified by their bright coloured vests. The CSTs consist of seven team members: one team of two are assigned to the Roehampton area; one team of two are assigned to the Broadway area; one team of two are floaters and can be assigned to areas outside of the immediate area (boundaries are flexible but approximately within a 1.5 km radius of the site); and one team member is assigned to the immediate property of Roehampton to monitor, clean up and engage clients.
- Corporate Security Mobile Patrol – Corporate security guards visit the site and the neighbourhood twice per day in marked City of Toronto vehicles. These mobile team identify, document and forward any concerns noted during their patrols.
- Security Guards – There are four security guards at both the Roehampton and Broadway sites 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to monitor all cameras, respond to any security issues and conduct perimeter patrols of the area immediately surrounding the Roehampton and Broadway properties.
- Camera installation and monitoring – A total of 33 security cameras are on site at the Roehampton Residence to monitor the building and provide a live view of the exterior of the property, as well as the two properties immediately surrounding the site. The cameras will allow guards to capture and respond to any security concerns; as well as identify individuals if required.
- Support services provided to clients – The City has engaged Inner City Health Associates and others to provide physical and mental health supports on site. Toronto Public Health – The Works, which provides harm reduction services, is also on site twice per week to provide support in addition to what staff provide 24/7 on the site. Case Managers are also on-site who will be responsible to provide clients with case management services and supports. The case managers meet with clients at a minimum once per week to develop and implement a housing case plan and provide needed supports and referrals.
- Outdoor space at Roehampton Residence – The exterior pool at the Roehampton Hotel will be covered to provide an outdoor space for residents and an area to congregate and smoke. This will reduce the number of individuals gathering outside of the building. The City will also be installing a fence at 820 Mt. Pleasant."

Creating Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams in Toronto

Excerpt from Councillor Mike Colle's August 6th E-Newsletter:

"My motion to implement a Mobile Crisis Assistance Intervention Service was adopted by Council in June, 23 votes to 1.

These 'Mobile First Responders' would deal with things such as: Mental Health emergencies, substance abuse crisis, severe intoxication with unarmed, medically trained crisis intervention assistance personnel and mediation trained City Staff, based on the "CAHOOTS" model from Eugene, Oregon.



This is a major undertaking that has never been done before in Canada and will be developed over the months to come. If you are interested in this initiative, please contact my office at (416) 338-0008 or email councillor_colle8@toronto.ca and ask about "The Mobile Crisis Intervention Initiative" or the "811 Initiative".

Yonge and Eglinton Growth

A recent [article in Urban Toronto](#) highlights the growth that is occurring in the Yonge and Eglinton area:

"The area covered includes one of the city's most significant development nodes around the Yonge and Eglinton intersection. With a skyline that rivals most mid-sized North American cities, the already tall and dense Midtown skyline is set to grow even more in the coming years. Some of the tallest projects coming to the area include a proposed 211-metre-tall tower at [1 Eglinton East](#), a proposed 220-metre-tall tower [36 Eglinton Avenue West](#), and the 192.6-metre [2221 Yonge Street](#), now approaching its final height just south of Eglinton."



Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras by Allenby Jr. P.S.

From Councillor Mike Colle's August 6th E-Newsletter:

"The long-awaited **Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras** that rotate throughout the City in school safety zones will be installed at Allenby Junior Public School later this year. The 90 day warning period is now over and motorists speeding in school safety zones will be issued fines."



The Future of Ontario Place

The group Ontario Place for All is urging the provincial government to hold an open and transparent consultation with the public and with the City of Toronto, regarding the future of Ontario's waterfront park. LPRO has written a letter ([LINK](#)) to Premier Ford and Minister MacLeod regarding public consultation.



Ontario Place for All's website www.ontarioplaceforall.com encourages Ontarians to:

"Tell decision makers that you want a say in what happens to Ontario Place. Ontario Place must remain a free, open and accessible waterfront park for everyone to use and enjoy. This is a 155-acre waterfront park on the edge of Ontario's Great Lake. As our city grows, we're going to need more places for people to gather, and ways for people to access great, green spaces. We won't get another chance to do this right. Act now to protect the future of Ontario Place as a place for all.

Keep Ontario Place a park for everyone. Ontario Place for All is actively spreading the message that Ontario Place must remain a vibrant, publicly accessible, waterfront park... great cities need great public parks and public space."

Residential On-Street Permit Parking Enforcement Resuming

Per Councillor Mike Colle's Facebook August 13, 2020 post:

"A quick reminder that the Enforcement of Residential On-Street Permit Parking program resumes TODAY at midnight! Temporary daily and weekly parking permits can be purchased online anytime at: <https://www.toronto.ca/parking> . While the parking permit office remains closed to the public, it can be accessed by phone at 416-392-7873 or email at permit.parking@toronto.ca.

Click here to read the news release:

<https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-reminds-residents-that-enforcement-of-residential-on-street-permit-parking-program-resumes-friday/> ."

2908 Yonge Street (Yonge @ Chatsworth)

As a result of funds raised by the community, LPRO has been able to retain both a lawyer and planner to represent us at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) for this case. The hearing dates have been moved from July 2020 to February 2021. The Developer has proposed to submit revised plans reflecting some of the concerns of both the City and LPRO by the end of August. It is possible that the matter may be resolved without a full hearing. LPRO's 2908 Yonge Committee remains engaged, continues to monitor the situation and communicate with our experts.

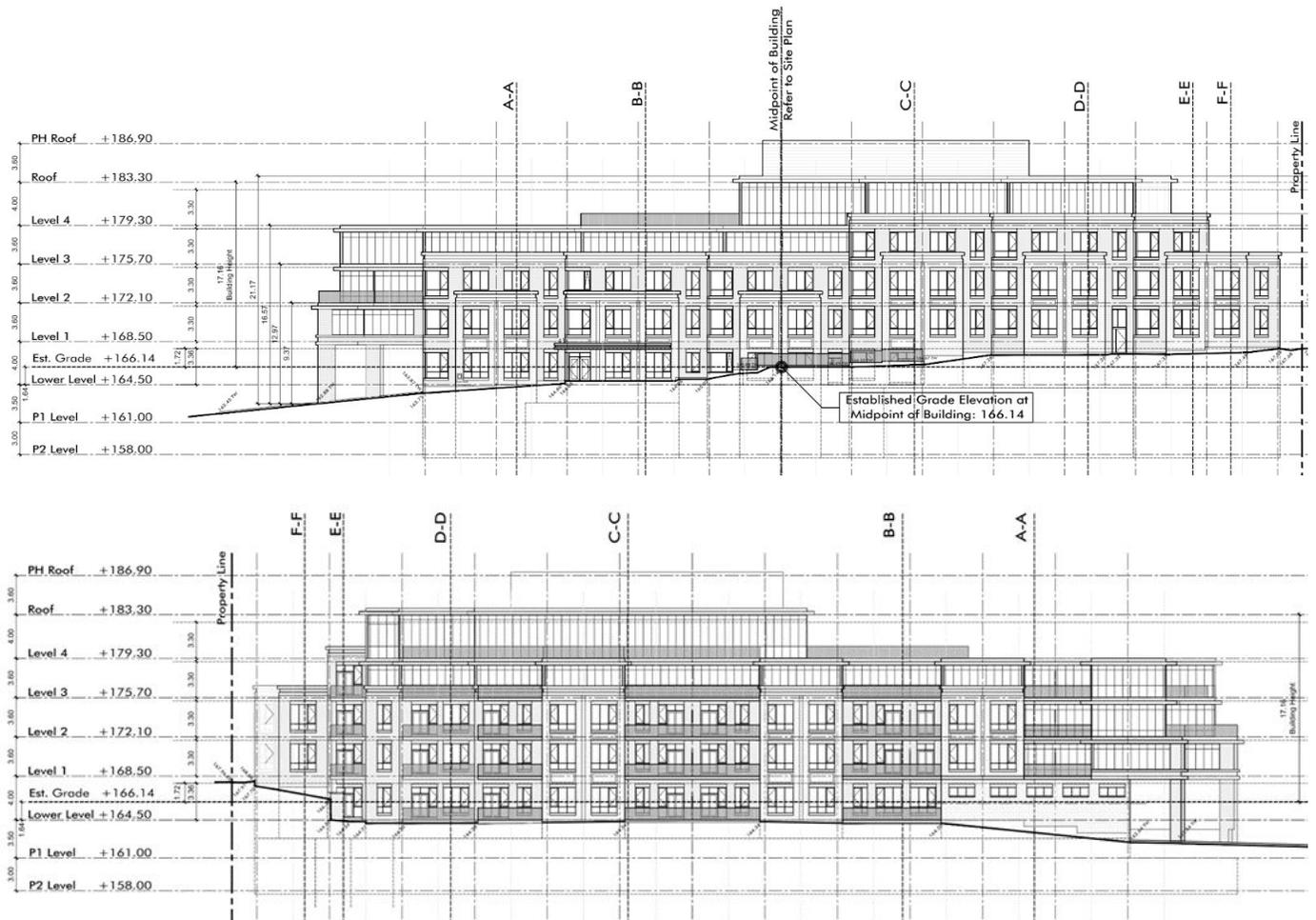
41 Chatsworth Drive

This is the site of the former Church on the south side of Chatsworth between Yonge and Duplex. An application was submitted by Parkset Developments Inc. in 2013 for a 6-7 storey building. The City as well as the Community through Developing Areas Responsibly in Toronto (DART) opposed this application. In 2016 the former Ontario Municipal Board rejected the proposal.

A new proposal was submitted in 2017 for a 4-5 storey building by 41 Chatsworth GP Inc. The building would be 17.2m/56ft tall in addition to a mechanical level. Due to the grading of the site, 5 storeys at a height of 18.8m/64ft would be fully above grade facing Duplex Parkette.

The Developer has appealed to LPAT. The proposal was revised in March 2020. It now includes an on-site parkland dedication of 568 square metres which would expand Duplex Parkette. The number of units was tweaked from 51 to 49.

In July 2020, LPRO requested Party Status in the appeal to allow us to fully engage in the process. The building as proposed is not appropriate for a side street in the interior of the neighbourhood and does not conform with the City's planning policies. Our concerns are: the proposal's height, the proposal's appearance from Chatsworth relative to its surroundings as well as the proximity to the adjacent ravine land and park at the rear.



City of Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild

Recently, Toronto's Office of Recovery and Rebuild requested input from individuals and groups on Toronto's Approach to COVID-19 Recovery and Rebuilding.

FoNTRA (Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations), with 30+ associations located in Toronto, including LPRO, submitted [a letter](#) outlining some strategies that the City could consider.

"FoNTRA considers that the COVID-19 crisis should act as a wake-up call to Toronto, Canada, and the world. It makes it clear that we cannot as a community take our lifestyle and living condition for granted. We have an opportunity to build a greener, more resilient economy that leaves no one behind."



Store Signs in the Hood



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

We encourage you to become a member or to 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 is time to renew your membership for 2020. Your support helps us vigorously represent our shared neighbourhood interests. Our collective voice has an impressive impact and effectiveness in matters affecting our community. Thank you for your continued membership support. It is 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: **1) MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO** Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc. and mail it with the completed form below to "Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc., **NEW MAILING ADDRESS** PO Box 1348, 2708 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3J4"; **2) or even easier** - donate via **Credit Card/PayPal**: visit **www.LPRO.wordpress.com** & select "**MEMBERSHIP**"; or **3) 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
Together, we DO make a difference!