



E-Newsletter 25 June 2020

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The Lytton Park Residents' Organization continues to work hard on behalf of the community during these "interesting times." LPRO Board meetings are held in virtual forums, ensuring that the LPRO remains engaged in issues and events. LPRO Board members and other volunteers continue to attend virtual community meetings and to remain informed and active. We thank you for your interest and remind you to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. We are a group of local people who volunteer to help make our community the fabulous place it is, to live, work and learn.

CITY SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY, COMPLETE BY JUNE 30th

Take the survey before June 30th.



While the City continues to work on reducing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring the delivery of essential and critical City services, it is also working to prepare for Toronto's recovery in the weeks and months to come. The City has established the **Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild (TORR)** to:

- coordinate engagement and research
- develop the City's recovery strategies
- recommend actions to rebuild and reimagine the way the City delivers programs and services.

Residents, businesses and communities will play a significant role in successfully restoring communities and social and economic infrastructure. The City will continue to engage with institutions, the community and partners to get input that will help shape the City's actions around recovery and rebuild

The City of Toronto's Office of Recovery & Rebuild has launched an [online survey](#) to seek the perspectives of residents, communities, and businesses on how the City can recover, rebuild, and emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic even stronger. You have until **June 30** to complete the survey. For those that do not have access to a computer or the internet, or who need help in another language, members of the public may call **311** to complete the survey. More information on the survey and future opportunities for input is available online at www.Toronto.ca/RecoveryRebuild.

CITY OF TORONTO ADVANCES TO STAGE 2 OF REOPENING

The Province [announced](#) that Toronto would be permitted to enter Stage 2 of Ontario's economic reopening framework as of **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**. In Stage 2, certain businesses and workplaces will be permitted to reopen, as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The City has advised that the businesses that can reopen include:

- Restaurants and bars for delivery, takeout, and outdoor dining only;
- Shopping malls, except for indoor dining spaces including any tables and seating in food courts;
- Personal care services, such as barber shops, hair styling, nails, tattoos & aesthetic services; and,
- Drive-in cinemas and drive-thru concerts, theatrical productions, performance or artistic events.

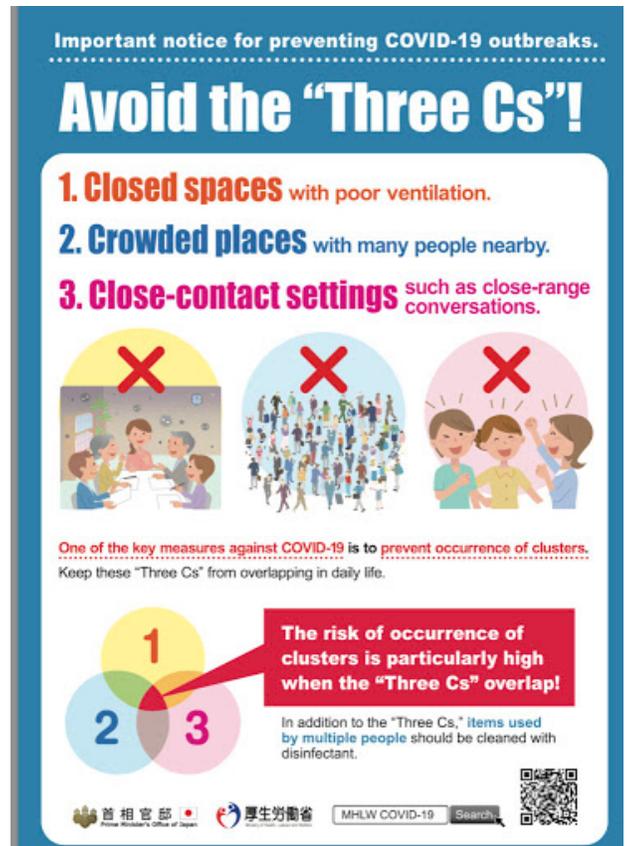
Recreational and cultural spaces that can also reopen, subject to conditions, include:

- Water recreational services, including splash pads, wading pools, indoor and outdoor swimming pools;
- Community centres for a minimal number of modified uses, including certain outdoor sports and recreational activities, day camp, pools, splash pads, spray pads and wading pools, and indoor activities and services other than non-aquatic indoor sports and recreational fitness activities;
- Campgrounds, museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos and heritage institutions; and,
- Libraries with limited on-site services.

You can find a full list of businesses permitted to reopen [here](#).

As we enter Stage 2, Toronto Public Health is emphasizing that Torontonians should continue to follow public health advice and that all workplaces must comply with the appropriate [health and safety protocols](#).

To learn more about Stage 2, please visit the Province's [website](#).



#BikesLoveYonge launches Friday in Midtown Bring customers back to Yonge Street!

June 25, 2020 – CycleTO Press Release

Starting this Friday and continuing throughout the summer, Cycle Toronto **volunteers in Midtown are running a campaign to help bring customers back to Yonge Street** as restrictions are eased and businesses reopen. The campaign, called #BikesLoveYonge, encourages people to bike, shop, and dine along Yonge Street and share their experience on social media promoting local shops and restaurants. #BikesLoveYonge will initially focus on businesses on Yonge Street between Lawrence Ave to south of St Clair Ave and has the support of the three business improvement areas: Yonge-St.Clair BIA, Midtown Yonge BIA, and Uptown Yonge BIA. In collaboration with the BIAs, the campaign features **#BikeFridays**, which offers special promotions and contests for people shopping by bike on Fridays.



Recognizing that the pandemic has taken a heavy toll on main street businesses, people living in Midtown want to see their local shops and restaurants recover. John Taranu, Cycle Toronto Midtown, came up with the idea for #BikesLoveYonge, seeing it as a way for residents and people who bike to give back to the main street merchants. John says, “As a resident of Midtown I know the importance of having a vibrant shopping district within a short walk or bike ride. ‘Bikes Love Yonge’ is a way for local cyclists to give back to our businesses, help them recover and keep Yonge

Street thriving.”

Daly McCarten, Executive Director of Uptown Yonge BIA, represents businesses on Yonge Street between Roehampton Ave and Glengrove Ave says, “Many people in our community ride a bike and want to see businesses in our BIA booming again. It’s been great that local cyclists from Cycle Toronto have offered their help with the Bikes Love Yonge campaign. For those merchants who are participating in this free promotion, social media will bring more customers to their doorsteps.”

Over the past two weeks volunteers from local Cycle Toronto groups and residents associations have been contacting business owners in Midtown to sign them up for the campaign. Tom Worrall, a member of the Lytton Park Residents’ Organization, says that many businesses are eager to participate. “It’s been great to have the support of the BIAs, and the businesses that I’ve talked to really appreciate what we are trying to do for them. It’s easy for them to get involved – we collect information about their hours, types of services and products they offer, the social media they use, and we take a few photos. By sharing this information through our social media networks and through all of our members, we can attract customers who bike to the area.”

The campaign launches with the first #BikeFridays on June 26th and can be followed on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook by following @CycleYonge and via #BikesLoveYonge, #BikeFridays, and #BuyLocalBikeLocal.

About Cycle Toronto Midtown and Cycle Don Valley Midtown

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported not-for-profit organization that works to transform our city’s cycling culture. #BikesLoveYonge is a collaborative campaign with volunteers from our local ward advocacy groups in Midtown – Cycle Toronto Midtown (Wards 8 and 12) and Cycle Don Valley Midtown (Wards 15 and 16).

Use of Masks on Public Transit

On June 17, 2020, the TTC Board unanimously approved the new [mandatory face covering policy](#). Effective July 2, masks or face coverings are mandatory when travelling on the TTC, except for:

- Children under two years of age.
- Persons with an underlying medical condition which inhibits the ability to wear a mask or face covering.
- Persons who are unable to place or remove a mask or face covering without assistance.

For more information, please visit the TTC's [website](#).

Worldwide Surge in Biking Popularity

Around the world biking is becoming more popular – providing a way to get outdoors, stay fit, avoid crowds on transit and help the environment. Here are some interesting articles to see what other cities are doing.

In Germany:

COVID-19 causes 'bike explosion' as Germans long for a ride.

“One-third of all bicycles sold in Germany are battery-assisted, and their production is much more complex...”

In France:

Paris To Create 650 Kilometers Of Post-Lockdown Cycleways

“Paris is the latest global city to roll out emergency bike lanes for the use of key workers and others during the lockdown. 650 kilometers of cycleways—including a number of pop-up “corona cycleways”...”

Covid-19: Transmission fears spark bicycle frenzy in post-lockdown Paris

“While Paris has long yearned to become the world’s No. 1 biking capital, it wasn’t until the coronavirus prompted widespread fears of transmission on public transport that Parisians really started to pedal. Since France began to lift its lockdown measures on May 11, the number of cyclists has exploded – and both vendors and repair shops are struggling to keep up with demand.”

In London:

HumanForest launches London’s first free e-bike sharing scheme

“HumanForest has launched London’s first free, shared electric bike scheme in Islington with an e-bike trial of 200 bikes, with 1,000 additional e-bikes being rolled out across Central London in the coming months. Offering 20 free minutes daily (approximately the time it takes to cycle five kilometres across London), HumanForest is facilitating what it calls “a fun, active and sustainable way to move around the city”.”

In Milan:

Milan announces ambitious scheme to reduce car use after lockdown

United Nations News:

Bicycles: Setting the wheels of change in motion during and after COVID-19

“The COVID-19 crisis has cut off commutes, and group activities involving travel of all kinds, throwing recreational sports around the world into a deep freeze. But cycling has not only proved to be largely pandemic-proof, it seems to be growing in popularity in many cities, including the home of UN Headquarters – New York.”

WHO recommends cycling both as a mode of transport and as a way of staying healthy throughout and after the global crisis.”

Donations to the North York Harvest Food Bank / Armour Heights Church support

The North York Harvest Food Bank is in need of food and monetary donations. Here’s how you can help:

- Drop off food items outside the office door of Armour Heights Church at 105 Wilson Ave (the office door is off the parking area on the east side of the Church on Wilson). The Church will

ensure the items are collected each day and added to the food bank box. Once the box is full, Harvest Food collects the food. The most needed items are canned tomatoes, canned beans, canned fish, rice and household size oil.

- Or you can donate money to the Harvest Food Bank by [clicking here](#).

Advice from Toronto Public Health on Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 When Spending Time Outdoors

THE RISK FOR CATCHING COVID-19 WHEN PASSING OTHERS OUTDOORS IS LOW

COVID-19 spreads through contact with respiratory droplets from coughing, sneezing or talking.

Droplets can spread up to 6 feet (2 metres) so close, prolonged contact poses the highest risk.

When cycling, running or walking, step aside or pass others quickly & courteously.

The risk for catching COVID-19 while passing someone is low.

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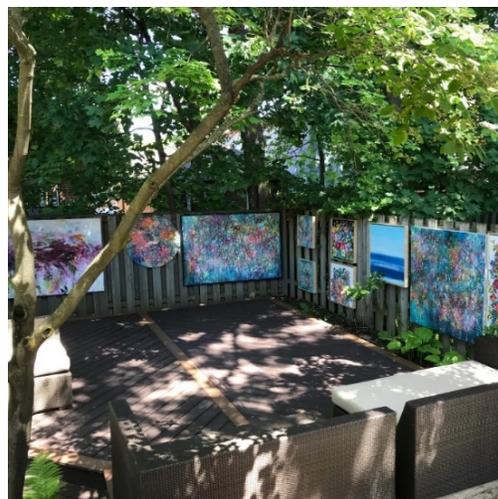
TORONTO Public Health

AS SEEN IN THE HOOD

Consider dropping by 54 Chudleigh Avenue! They have been collecting children's art and have created an outdoor artwall / gallery in their backyard.

Lorena Lanzaderas noted: "The idea was to create a destination for people to walk/bike to while maintaining social distancing. We have been getting positive feedback and have help lift neighbourhood vibe/spirit during covid.

Artwall/outdoor gallery is open every Saturday/Sunday 12-6 pm (weather permitting)".



Change of LPRO Mailing Address

Please note that Lytton Park Residents' Organization recently changed its mailing address from Box 45031, 2482 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3E3 to **PO Box 1348, 2708 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3J4**

The manager of the former PO Box address has decided to discontinue his association with Canada Post. LPRO has arranged for mail sent to the old address to be forwarded by Canada Post to the new address.

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 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 <https://lpro.wordpress.com> & select "MEMBERSHIP". 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!