



E-Newsletter March 28, 2020

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“Spring Newsletter – 2020”



Highlights from the Annual General Meeting – March 4, 2020

Thank you to LPRO Directors and Members for a very successful Annual General Meeting. President Arlena Hebert opened the meeting, providing an outline of the many initiatives that the Lyttton Park Residents’ Organization has supported or been active in.

Various construction projects in the area were reviewed. See the LPRO website <https://lpro.wordpress.com> for updates.

Councillor Mike Colle spoke about activities and issues in the Ward, highlighting the close monitoring of construction at Yonge and Eglinton in both Ward 8 (his Ward) & Ward 12 (Councillor Josh Matlow’s Ward) with a newly formed Construction Hub Co-ordination Pilot Project.

John Sewell, Past Mayor of Toronto, spoke about the possibility of Toronto becoming a Charter City. Check out <http://www.chartercitytoronto.ca> for more information.

Staff Sergeant James Hogan from 53 Division reviewed crime statistics, and answered questions.

Ariana Foyle of the City of Toronto reviewed ten ways we can each help to reduce our carbon footprint (click for link to handout posted on LPRO’s web site <https://lpro.wordpress.com>)

Congratulations to our Community Spirit Award Winners!



- Best Street Party: Craighurst Avenue c/o Mark Taylor and Bryan Valve
- Best Gardens: Honey & Mel Laucke on Castlefield Ave, and David Vesey on Ansley Street

Support Uptown Yonge Shops and Services

The current Covid 19 Pandemic is obviously causing widespread tragedies and hardships around the world, including our own community. Our local Uptown Yonge shops and services have also been severely impacted to the point that many may not be able to survive if this crisis continues much longer. This local marketplace is vital to our community and as such, we as shoppers should be buying local, whether it is an essential service with recommended physical distancing or online, if available, but supporting these businesses wherever possible. Please consider the livelihoods of those who are dependant on them and how fortunate we are to have access to them in our neighbourhood.

See the following Facebook link for shops and services open for business:

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Upcoming Community Events

- The 20th Annual **Chatsworth Ravine Clean-up** (April 25th) has been CANCELLED.
- The viability of the June 6th **LPRO's Annual Yard Sale** is BEING MONITORED and Sale may be deferred.

Petrocan Gas Station Site Update on Development at 2908 Yonge Street



LPRO is actively opposed to the development, as proposed, at 2908 Yonge Street, the site of the old Petro-Canada gas station (Yonge Street & Chatsworth). The proposed 13-storey development contravenes the City's Mid-Rise guidelines on key measures such as height (at close to 48 meters it is approximately double the city's guidelines) and fails to provide adequate setbacks from streets and the park.

The park's beauty will be compromised and a number of mature trees will also be removed as a part of the developer's plan. Traffic and safety may also be issues.

Several LPRO board members and volunteers have formed a committee which will oversee having professional representation as a Party in the upcoming LPAT Hearing set for late July, or for any negotiations prior to the Hearing.

Our role will be to complement the City's opposition, with resident-specific issues. A number of LPRO residents have donated to make this professional representation possible. Thank you!

⇒ **If you would like to contribute to this important initiative, please see refer to LPRO's web site - <https://lpro.wordpress.com/2908-yonge-street/>**

Key concerns:

- ▶ 13-storeys/145-ft tall -- 60 ft taller than 9-storey condo to the south at 2900 Yonge Street
- ▶ 11-storey/112-ft wall facing Chatsworth Drive
- ▶ Separation from adjacent park - only 1 foot
- ▶ 70-car garage and truck deliveries exiting onto Chatsworth Drive, a one-way street going through our community
- ▶ Sets a dangerous precedent for high-rise development and building setbacks in our neighbourhood

Update on Development at 2490 Yonge Street – Capitol Theatre Site

This 14-storey proposed development at Yonge & Castlefield was approved March 12, 2020, at North York



Community Council. It now goes to City Council for approval. The Yonge Street side incorporates the façade of the Capitol Theatre building, and there are step-backs from the Yonge Street frontage. LPRO has expressed its concern to Community Council, Councillor Colle and City staff that the 14-storey rear of the development has almost no step-back from the Toronto Parking Authority lot, which City planners in their Report have proposed being converted to a Park. It also could set a precedent for 14-storey buildings along mid-block Yonge.



Other News

- **Supreme Court of Canada agrees to hear Toronto’s appeal of cuts to City Council**

Osgoode Hall law professor Bruce Ryder, an expert in constitutional issues, said he is pleased the Supreme Court decided to take on the questions in the case. He said it is not about rehashing what happened in the 2018 election. “The importance of the Supreme Court taking it on is about the future, and whether there are any ways in which the integrity of local democracy is protected from provincial interference by the constitution.” The case raises issues about freedom of expression and voting rights and the relationship between the two, he said. “It’s not a question of whether the municipality is a creature of the province, as the province keeps arguing - of course that’s true,” he said. “It’s once you’ve created and delegated democratic powers to a subordinate power, can you then mess with the nature of and the fairness of the electoral process that constitutes that government?” He said he finds that an “astonishing proposition” made by the Ontario government and glad it will be considered by the top court.

- **Adjournment of Hearing Events – Suspension of Timelines for LPAT Tribunal Appeals**

All hearing events scheduled in the Tribunal’s hearing calendar between March 16, 2020, the effective date of the Emergency Order and June 30, 2020 will be adjourned to a future date. The Tribunal will revisit and reconsider this three-month period as the circumstances change.

Links to some helpful information during these extraordinary times

Please stay well-informed by using the following reliable websites as your primary Covid-19 resources:

- [City of Toronto](#)
- [Province of Ontario](#)
- [Government of Canada](#)

→ **Councillor Mike Cole's website:** <http://www.mikecolletoronto.com>

→ Sign-up at [Toronto.com](#) for updated local news.

→ **COVID-19: Affected City Services & Facilities:** <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/affected-city-services/?accordion=gabage-recycling-and-organics>

Info on garbage, recycling, organics and yard waste services provided by the City and the changes due to COVID-19.

Please note, yard waste pickup has been suspended. The City asks that you remove it from curbside and store it on your property.

Links to Music and Art in the Time of Social Distancing

- ✓ Live-Streamed arts events from around the world: <https://www.socialdistancingfestival.com/?fbclid=IwAR1kbMv6552GVn4kupNdCTzZjoiSTRJx9PutgbwAosXUE8Nj764OpU8ceU>
- ✓ Berlin Philharmonic (30 day free access to entire library of their performances). Use voucher code: 'BERLINPHIL' by March 31 at <https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home>
- ✓ The Metropolitan Opera: Live stream every day at 7:30 am: <https://www.metopera.org>
- ✓ Daily Live-streamed concerts: <https://radiomilwaukee.org/discover-music/music-news/a-list-of-live-virtual-concerts-to-watch-during-the-covid-19-shutdown/>
- ✓ Google Arts & Culture: free virtual tours of museums, art galleries and historic landmarks: <https://artsandculture.google.com>
- ✓ <https://jayerobinson.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c641c37ddd5d838ab81b6fee0&id=92aa9475a0&e=30c9d4afeb>
- ✓ https://i-d.vice.com/en_uk/article/n7jk77/100-things-to-do-quarantine-home-coronavirus-self-isolation-social-distancing

RNAO asks everyone to join the #TogetherWeCanDoIt campaign

<https://rnao.ca/news/media-releases/2020/03/19/rnao-asks-everyone-join-togetherwecandoit-campaign>

At 7:30 p.m. local time and every evening going forward, RNAO is asking everyone – from the doorsteps of their homes or keeping a safe distance – to cheer on the millions of health providers, social service and other essential front-line workers in Ontario, Canada and around the world who are tackling #COVID19.

- **Make yourself heard by stepping out onto your porch, balcony, or open a window and make noise: bang pots and pans, sing a song, applaud, or honk your horn**
- Tell your family, friends and neighbours to get involved
- Post your cheering-up activity on social media with the tag @RNAO and using the hashtags #TogetherWeCanDoIt and #Cheer4HealthWorkers

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., Box 45031, 2482 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3E3", 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!