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The Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") is an incorporated non-profit association, representing residents living in the area bounded by Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue. We care about protecting and advancing the community's interests and fostering a sense of neighbourhood in our area. We work together to make our community stronger, sharing information about our community issues and events.

"Together we DO make a difference!"



SAVE THE DATE!
LPRO's 2022 Annual General Meeting
Tuesday March 8, 2022
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us at our *virtual* AGM to find out what we've accomplished in 2021, what we have planned for 2022, what our three Guest Speakers have to say on topics that impact our neighbourhood:

Gregg Lintern, Chief Planner, City of Toronto
Kevin Rupasinghe, Campaigns Manager, CycleTO
Councillor Mike Colle

Everyone welcome!!

The agenda and information on how to register will be circulated by email and posted on LPRO's website.

Call for Directors - We are always looking for Directors to join our Board. Anyone interested should email lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com. Board elections will take place at the AGM.

JOIN OR RENEW FOR 2022!

And become *a voting member* at LPRO's upcoming AGM!!
Our Annual Membership Fee is *only* \$30 per household.

LPRO was very active in the community in 2021! Here are a few of the many ways we made a difference:

- LPRO co-hosted a virtual candidates' meeting for Eglinton-Lawrence before the 2021 Federal Election. 574 area residents signed up!

- LPRO helped negotiate with the developers of three sites in our area: 2908 Yonge Street (former Petrocan station), 41 Chatsworth Dr., and the former BMO site at Yonge and Roselawn. In each case we reduced the height, density, and number of units and gained a much-needed new park and other greenspace!!
- LPRO helped persuade Council to request a report on the possibility of banning two-stroke engine leaf blowers and other small engine equipment.
- LPRO collaborated with the Uptown Yonge BIA to create the beautiful Gratitude Garden Mural on the corner of Albertus and Yonge.
- LPRO supported efforts by the City to establish pilot cycle tracks on Yonge from Davisville to Bloor.
- LPRO initiated a Committee of Adjustment strategy to support neighbours of proposed new homes that are oversized and out of character for the neighbourhood.

We need your support to continue to be a strong voice for our community.

Become a member or renew today! Go to: <https://lyttonparkro.ca/join-volunteer-donate/> to pay by credit card, Paypal, or Interac e-transfer. Or mail a cheque to: Lytton Park Residents' Organization, PO Box 1348, 2708 Yonge Street, Toronto ON M4P 3J4.

Support one of Toronto's largest and most active residents' groups. Together we DO make a difference!

Keeping our Community Connected

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➤ **Check out LPRO's Website! Click [HERE](#)**

➤ **Follow us on Twitter to get community updates, our Twitter handle is [@LyttonParkRO](#)**



➤ **LPRO's Community E-Newsletter - It's FREE!**

If you do not already receive the LPRO's E-Newsletter and would like to receive it directly, please register your email address at www.lyttonparkro.ca/newsletter-sign-up or send us an email to LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com. If you are a Member, you will automatically get LPRO's Newsletters. Please share this newsletter with neighbours!

Snow Removal & Road Salt

Track real-time locations of plows, sidewalk plows and salt trucks and identify which roads have been serviced by winter snow clearing vehicles and crews: [Click](#)

What Home Owners & Business Owners Must Do, City of Toronto ([Link](#))

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

All home, property and business owners must clear the adjacent sidewalk of snow or ice within 12 hours of the end

of a snowfall as per the [Snow and Ice Clearing Bylaw](#). The fine for not clearing snow from public property is \$105 plus \$30 surcharge, total of \$135.

Clearing snow from private property - According to the [Property Standards Bylaw](#), home owners and property owners are responsible for clearing ice and snow from private property – including driveways, parking spaces, steps, ramps and landings – within 24 hours after snowfall ends to provide safe access for people and vehicles.”

Sidewalk clearing service for seniors and people with a disability - [Click](#)

Winter Road Salt - [Video](#) and Webinar | [February 23](#) by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

3180 Yonge Street

On November 9, Toronto City Council unanimously adopted a City Planning report with respect to the development at 3180-3202 Yonge Street. The report outlined numerous issues with the application. The Developer appealed the application to Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in the Spring of 2021 - prior to City Council making a decision with respect to the application. Through the adoption of this report, City Council has directed City Planning and City Legal Staff to oppose the development at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

An OLT Case Management Conference was held on January 21, 2022. LPRO and the Bedford Park Residents' Organization were granted Party Status allowing both groups to fully participate in the appeal process.



2674-2704 Yonge Street (At Alexandra)

A revised proposal was submitted in December 2021 for the former Trull Funeral Home and adjacent apartment building located on the southwest corner of Yonge Street and Alexandra Blvd.

The number of units has been reduced from 127 to 93. The building would be comprised of 62 condominium units and 31 rental replacement units. The building remains 9 storeys. The height of the building has increased from 30.8m to 31.2m + 3.5m mechanical level. Some building step-backs have been adjusted. The driveway entrance remains on Alexandra Blvd., but has been moved closer to Yonge Street, away from adjacent houses on Alexandra Blvd. The driveway and building are now both setback 7.5m (24.6ft) from the nearest house. The proposal's parkland dedication includes a 2m (6.6ft) wide strip of land at the south of the property which will expand Snider Parkette. A new publicly accessible pedestrian connection between Snider Parkette and Alexandra Blvd. is also proposed. The Developer would retain ownership of the pedestrian connection. LPRO will continue to provide feedback on this application.



VIEW FROM YONGE STREET/ALEXANDRA BOULEVARD
(LOOKING S/W)

BENEFITS OF URBAN TREES



Toronto's trees are its treasure. The City's webpage [Trees in Toronto](#) states, "*Trees work hard. They absorb water, clean the air, provide shade, reduce erosion, flooding and wind tunnels, and decrease heating and cooling costs. Maintenance is important for the health of trees.*"

Health Benefits: University of Illinois Landscape Architecture Professor Dr. William Sullivan states, "Everyday exposure to trees enhances your health now and promotes health across your entire lifespan." The [Arkansas Urban Forestry Council](#) found that trees filter polluted air, provide shade and give an attractive, calming setting for recreation. Trees have been proven to have a positive impact on incidences of skin cancer, asthma, hypertension, and stress-related illness.

Cleaner Air: According to the [Nature Conservancy](#), trees and other vegetation naturally cool the air around them by shading surfaces and releasing water vapor while their leaves help filter out 25% of the harmful particulate matter within a 30-metre radius. [SmartCitiesDive](#) states that for every 10% increase in urban tree canopy, ozone is reduced by 3-7%. Trees remove carbon from the air, sequestering it as

cellulose in trunks, branches, and leaves. Planting trees is one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce atmospheric CO₂. One mature tree can absorb CO₂ at a rate of 21.6 KG/year, releasing enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support two humans - numbers worth paying heed to. Research shows that tree-lined streets enjoy a 60% reduction in car exhaust fume particulates.

Countering Climate Change: Trees absorb carbon dioxide, the main cause of global warming, by storing carbon while releasing oxygen. They clean the air by acting as purifiers: trees absorb nitrogen-oxide, ammonia, sulfur-dioxide and ozone and they return oxygen to the atmosphere.

Managing Stormwater: For every 5% of tree cover in a community, stormwater runoff is reduced by 2%. Trees prevent stormwater runoff from reaching water courses with harmful chemicals collected from roads and sidewalks.

Crime Reduction: Cornell University researchers hypothesize that properly designed and well maintained urban green spaces can reduce violent crime, gun violence, and stress, thus leading to safer communities and improved health.

Property Values: Independent studies show a consistent 5-15% increase in property values on tree-lined streets. According to [Christopher Hume](#), "It's no surprise that studies have measured the connection between trees and property values and concluded that trees make real estate more desirable and more valuable."

Conclusions: [CanopyTO](#) warns that Toronto's plantable space is diminishing while impervious land cover is increasing across the city, citing Single Family Residential lands as having the highest conversion from pervious to impervious land.

Toronto's Official Plan states, "*The preservation, long-term growth and increase in the amount of healthy trees will be a priority for all development. Development proposals will demonstrate how the protection, provision and maintenance of trees and their growing spaces above and below ground will be achieved.*"

Notwithstanding Toronto's Official Plan policy and the innumerable benefits trees provide to residents, the Committee of Adjustment continues to approve zoning variances for infill housing that result in a staggering number of mature tree removals in the Lytton Park neighbourhood.

You may be interested...

- **Daylighting Buried Rivers**, something for Toronto to consider? Some Cities Are
[Link to Article](#)
- **Housing: Rethinking the space we need to live**, German Article by Deutsche Welle (DW)
<https://p.dw.com/p/44Pfi>
- **Urban Hens** - Do you think #Toronto should permit residents to keep urban hens? Take a survey and share your feedback about the #UrbanHensTO pilot program and whether it should be expanded across the city. Deadline: Feb 11. More at toronto.ca/UrbanHensTO



Help Your Community. Help Yourself. Volunteer.

**Support one of Toronto's largest and most active residents' groups.
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LPRO is always looking for talent from our community for Board or Committee members. LPRO is one of the most active and functional Resident Organizations in the City, but, like any volunteer organization, we depend on great people to help. Just some of the benefits of being part of our team include:

- contribute back with your good ideas and energy to our wonderful community. It feels great!
- learn and refine skills in teamwork or leadership at the Board or Committee level
- learn about the issues which affect us at the local, Councillor, City, Provincial and Federal levels
- become an expert in areas such as development in our neighbourhood, environmental issues, transit and road safety, parks and recreation, biking and hiking trails, and City politics

Specific skills in communication and marketing, legal, finance, urban planning, web and social media are most welcome, but most of all we are looking for your best thinking and energy to bring to the LPRO team.

Please contact us at LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com to show your interest.



Lytton Park Residents' Organization
Annual Membership \$30.00 per household
Join or Renew for 2022

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 neighbourhood's interests and fostering a sense of community in our area.

Your support helps us vigorously represent our shared neighbourhood interests. There are approximately 3,000 households in the Lytton Park area. Our collective voice has an impressive impact on matters affecting our community.

It's time to join or renew for 2022! Thank you in advance for supporting your community.

How to Join or Renew:

- 1) **Online via Credit Card/PayPal:** visit <http://www.lyttonparkro.ca/join-volunteer-donate> Please complete the online membership form.
- 2) **NEW: Interac e-transfer::** etransfer@lyttonparkro.ca Please include your email, name and address in the message box so we know who it's from!
- 3) **By cheque** payable to Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc. Cheques with the completed form (below) can be mailed to: **Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc., PO Box 1348, 2708 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3J4** or dropped off at **235 Glenview Avenue.**

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2022 Membership Form - Membership Type: New or Renewal

Last Name: _____ Date: _____

First Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Partner Name: _____ Other Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address 1: _____

Email Address 2: _____

I would like more information about the LPRO: I am available as a community volunteer:

I would like to help with: _____

Comments: _____

Questions? Email us at lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com
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