

E-Newsletter 25 March 2022

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!"

LPRO AGM

Lytton Park Residents' Organization held its Annual General Meeting virtually on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, using the WebEx platform provided by Councillor Mike Colle.

Arlena Hebert presented the President's Report, which detailed many of the accomplishments and activities of LPRO in the past year. Arlena also announced that she will not run for a board position this coming year as she is a candidate for the provincial election and will be focussed on her campaign.

Some of the highlights of the President's Report included:

- LPRO continues to monitor large local development proposals and to represent the community's interests in negotiations with developers. Eli Aaron, Director, gave several important local development updates later in the meeting.
- LPRO and seven other residents' groups in the Eglinton-Lawrence riding hosted a virtual candidates' meeting for the 2021 Federal Election.
- Along with other environmentally-concerned groups, LPRO encouraged the City to adopt an amendment to TransformTO that expresses Council's support for a ban on use of two-stroke engine leaf blowers, lawnmowers and other small-engine equipment.
- LPRO directors and volunteers collaborated with the Uptown Yonge BIA to create a beautiful Garden Gratitude Mural on the corner of Albertus and Yonge.
- LPRO's Sidewalk and Street Safety Committee played a significant part in supporting the effort to establish pilot bike lanes on Yonge, from Davisville to Bloor, as part of ActiveTO.
- The Community Spirit Awards, which recognize residents who make a special contribution to our neighbourhood by making it a more attractive and inclusive place to live, were announced: [CLICK](#)
- Letters were sent advocating on numerous community-related concerns and are posted on LPRO's website : [CLICK](#)

Welcome and congratulations to new and returning board members who were elected: Eli Aaron, Jim Berry, Stacey Curtis, Mel D'Souza, Judi Denison (Secretary), Alicia Du, John Gleason (Treasurer), Maureen Kapral (President), Robert Murray (Vice-President), Harold Smith, and Tom Worrall.

We also had three distinguished guest speakers this year, with a Q&A session following each presentation:

- Gregg Lintern, Toronto's Chief Planner, presented 'How to Create a Liveable City'.
- Kevin Rupesinghe, Campaign Manager of Cycle Toronto, talked about 'Vision Zero'.
- Councillor Colle spoke about TransformTO and other Ward 8 matters.

To view these presentations, follow this link: [CLICK](#)

Over a hundred residents registered for the meeting which ended promptly at 8:30pm. Thank you to everyone who attended.

REPORT OF THE ONTARIO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE

In February 2022, a report on housing affordability was prepared for the Ontario government. The Task Force appointed by the government was given two months to produce a report.

To read the full report click here: [Task Force Report](#)



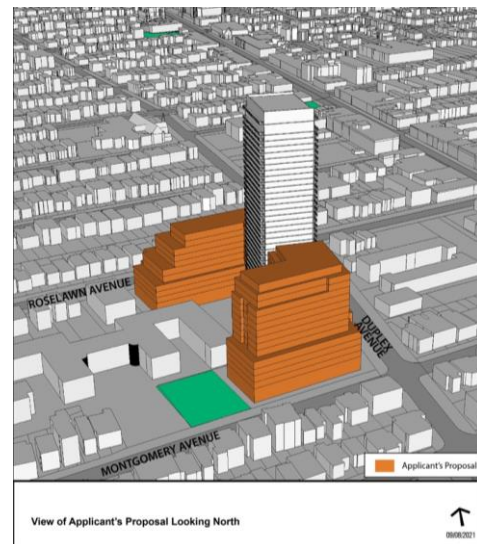
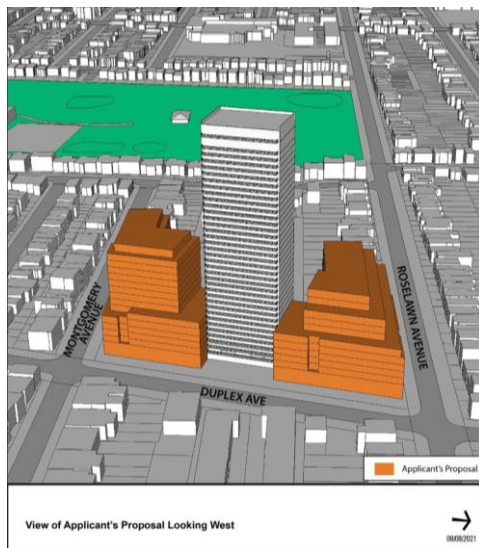
It is likely that the Provincial Government will try to enact legislation on this report before Parliament recesses in May.

It is on the agenda for the City Executive Committee on March 30, and goes to City Council on April 6: *EX31.11 City of Toronto Review of Provincial Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations*
The City of Toronto has demonstrated a strong commitment to the creation and development of affordable housing. Staff are concerned that many of the Task Force's recommendations may not deliver affordable housing but may result in diminished liveability for current and future Toronto residents. The City's Review may be found here: [City Review](#)

The Province's recommendations to "Create a more permissive land use, planning, and approvals system" and to "Limit municipalities from requesting or hosting additional public meetings beyond those that are required under the Planning Act" would give a developer rights to disregard local city planning, to disregard heritage considerations, permit larger towers, and would restrict consultation with community stakeholders.

500 DUPLEX AVENUE - APPEALED TO ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

On July 7, 2021, the City received a zoning bylaw amendment application for 500 Duplex Avenue (west side between Montgomery Ave and Roselawn Ave). The project team consists of Q Residential and Streamliner Properties. The application proposes removing the existing townhouses, surface parking area, tennis court and swimming pool. Two additional tall buildings would be attached to the north and south sides of the existing 34-storey apartment building. The proposed buildings would have heights of 16 and 12 floors and would nearly triple the number of units on site from 321 to 921.



In a departure from the usual practice, the Developer appealed the application to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) before City Planning held a community consultation meeting or issued a Planning Report. A well-attended community consultation meeting was held virtually on March 21st, 2022. The Developer declined to attend the meeting. City Planning is preparing a report for the April 10th meeting of North York Community Council and the subsequent City Council meeting on May 11th and May 12th. The report will recommend that City Council send Legal and Planning staff to oppose the application at OLT.

LPRO has several concerns with the proposal, which fails to respect numerous City policies. The proposed buildings are too close to the existing tower, which would create a massive, continuous wall along Duplex Avenue. The proposed buildings are too bulky. Insufficient transition has been provided to adjacent low-rise areas. The proposal would remove a large amount of open space in exchange for dedicating 9% of the site to a City Park, which is a shortfall compared to the required 15%.

Despite infrastructure challenges, the Yonge and Eglinton Area will continue to grow. The subject property is a larger site and is capable of accommodating additional housing; however, attaching two buildings of the proposed size to the existing tower is not an appropriate form of intensification. Any development of the site should respect: City Planning policies, the Official Plan, Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan, and Tall Building Design Guidelines. The open space and porosity of the site should be preserved to the greatest extent possible. Serious consideration must be given to the impacts to current tenants of 500 Duplex Avenue.

LPRO continues to coordinate with community partners, and will provide updates as the application progresses.

CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Lytton Park Residents 'Organization – Crime Update

The Toronto Police Services website (www.torontopolice.ca) offers excellent information about crime prevention. Their link, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) has a great deal of information supporting public safety.

The Community Police Consultative Committee meets on a regular basis with members of the community in 53 Division, and Lytton Park Organization participates in these sessions.

An increase in bike thefts is anticipated with so many more cyclists in the City of Toronto. The City of Toronto Police site offers these suggestions to help keep your bike safe:

- Write down your serial number (usually on the underside of the bottom bracket) and [register your bike](#) with the Toronto Police. It's also very helpful to have a picture of your bicycle and, if possible, the original sales receipt. Keep a detailed description of your bike on hand.
 - Make/model
 - Size/colour
 - Date/place of purchase
 - Value
 - Distinctive features
- If you're thinking about cycling to work, school or a transit, try to research and visit the amenities first.
- Always use a U-lock. Never use only a cable lock. Ideally use both.
- Lock your wheels and frame together.
- Use a bike rack (sign poles, trees, fences are not as secure).
- When possible, do not park your bike on the sidewalk or street overnight.
- Lock your bike in a well-lit and well-traveled area.
- Take lights and other easily removed items with you.

Division 53 – Crime Report, 2022

January 1- March 17	2019	2020	2021	2022	LPRO Area 2021
Auto Theft	34	36	69	109	8
Break & Enter	142	121	109	110	8

KINDRED SPIRITS HELPING OTHERS

This article appeared in the Red Door Family Shelter newsletter. Janet lives in the LPRO neighbourhood and Sue is a former resident of the neighbourhood. Their group won one of the LPRO Community Spirit Awards this year.
<https://www.reddoorshelter.ca/kindred-spirits>

A kindred group of kind spirits

Janet Purcell and Susan Sainsbury launched Kindred Spirits, a volunteer initiative, in 2020 because they wanted to help the people in their community who needed it most: the homeless.

“We chose the Red Door Family Shelter as the recipient of our donations,” the friends said, “because of their unwavering commitment to providing ongoing support, food and basic necessities to families facing homelessness during these very difficult and challenging times.”



The two motivated women never expected their fundraiser to grow as it did. This past holiday season, through word of mouth, 200 like-minded women and their families raised more than \$33,450 as part of the Kindred Spirits Opportunity for Giving – a huge increase over their goal of \$8,000. Not only did the group raise funds but they also donated gifts like winter coats, hats, mittens and boots, toys and gift cards.

The holidays at the shelter were made brighter thanks to the generosity of these warm-hearted Kindred Spirits.

“It was incredible to witness the kindness of this amazing group who came together as Kindred Spirits to accomplish something wonderful,” says Janet.

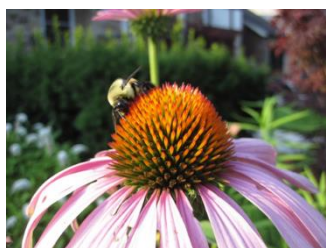
Because of this group of Kindred Spirits, moms, children and families – people they may never meet – were given the gift of hope and healing this past holiday season.

“We want the families to know they are not alone. We are all in this together and we will get through this together, as a community,” says Susan.

If you’d like to join an incredible group that supports the families at the Red Door, email Janet at kindredspiritsgiving@gmail.com

Importance of Pollinators - Children's Webinar

Offered by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)



Want to learn more about bees, butterflies and beyond? This webinar will focus on why pollinators are important, what they are and the threats to them. Participants will receive a grab bag, which will include craft supplies we will use during the webinar.

This presentation is intended for children:

- Beginner level information
- Activities and concepts that are friendly for all ages

This event is taking place via Zoom. After registration you will be emailed a link to join the webinar.

DATE April 09

TIME 10:00am - 11:30am (EDT)

ONLINE This is an online event at Webinar [Go to event website](#)

REGISTER FREE [Register](#)

Keeping Our Community Connected

- 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!

Help Your Community. Help Yourself. Volunteer.

Support one of Toronto's largest and most active residents' groups.

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: _____