



E-Newsletter 28 April 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!"

LYTTON PARK RESIDENTS ORGANIZATION (LPRO) ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, June 4, 2022

8am to Noon

LPRO's Annual Community Yard Sale is back. Save the date!

This is your chance to clear out the basement, find someone's treasures, and meet your neighbours! We will deliver your lawn sign, note your participation on our website map, publicize the event to our email subscribers, on Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor, Kijiji and Craigslist. So prepare for a busy morning!

Our neighbouring residents' groups to the north, Bedford Park Residents Organization (BPRO) and Upper Avenue Community Association (UACA), will be joining us to make this annual event even more successful!



To register, click here! <https://lyttonparkro.ca/yardsale-sign-up/>

500 Duplex Development Proposal

“vehemently” opposed by North York Community Council



The above image represents the applicant's proposal as submitted and may change. The City of Toronto's 3D Massing Model is available for free at: <https://open.toronto.ca/dataset/3d-massing/>

The application for the development proposal at 500 Duplex Ave was on the Apr 18th Agenda of the North York Community Council (NYCC). Members of the 500 Duplex Community Coalition spoke to the councillors, and many sent letters to support the City's opposition. Councillors Colle, Robinson, Filion and Carroll all weighed in strongly against this proposal. It was noted that the City's carefully planned Midtown in Focus report had envisioned a complete community - not only condos, but also space for parks, offices, social services - as development proposals were dramatically increasing in the Yonge-Eglinton area. The City's Midtown in Focus Report was discarded by the newly elected Ford Government which encouraged and permitted out-of-control growth and fostered overbuilding without care for all the other needs of the population.

LPRO sees the proposal at 500 Duplex as a significant precedent for the placement of high-rise type development inside neighbourhood streets. As the [City Planning report](#) indicates, the development fails to comply with guidelines for height, massing, density, transition to the neighbourhood, park provision, tree conservation, shadows, and wind, among others.

Members of the North York Community Council unanimously adopted a motion for the City Solicitor and appropriate City staff to 'vehemently' oppose this application at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The motion will next go to City Council.

Campaign to Ban 2-Stroke Engine Leaf Blowers, Lawnmowers, etc.

The campaign to ban 2-stroke gas-powered small engines is at a critical stage. The Municipal Licensing & Standards Division (MLS) will submit their report to the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) for their May 30 meeting.

Although ECDC members Shelley Carroll (Carroll initiated the motion to ban them) and Joe Cressy are in favour, the other four will likely oppose it unless there is strong public support. We must focus attention on influencing these four ECDC members by sending an email a few days prior to the meeting to have the most effect. The Mayor also needs to be aware of our campaign.

ECDC ecdc@toronto.ca or phone: 416-392-4666
Michael Ford councillor_mford@toronto.ca,
Mark Grimes councillor_grimes@toronto.ca,
Cynthia Lai councillor_lai@toronto.ca
Michael Thompson councillor_thompson@toronto.ca
Mayor Tory Mayor_Tory@toronto.ca

We must keep up the pressure. Industry is lobbying hard to block this initiative.

Also, if you have not done so already, please [become a Gas Buster](#) and subscribe to their [emails](#) by [contacting Chris Keating](#) chris@hvq.com. Gas Busters will advise all members when to write to the ECDC and the Councillors who need convincing.

Yonge Street - Active TO Pilot

The **Midtown Yonge Complete Street Pilot will be extended to January 2023!**

With an overwhelming vote in favour of 22-4, Council supported extending the Pilot with a final recommendation by Transportation Services to be made to Council in January 2023.

The City's report showed that the Pilot is doing well by many measures, such as generating an increase in cycling and walking trips in the area, the popularity of CafeTO, and a reduction in speeding. The [Mayor was supportive](#) of the pilot for those reasons, and he seemed confident that it will be successful as similar projects on Bloor and Danforth have been. His rationale for the continuation was to give City and TTC staff an opportunity to make a few adjustments:

1. **Traffic flow:** The City's data showed a modest increase in car travel time during the pilot, which has been witnessed across the city, and they will be implementing more left-turn lanes and a new Corridor Traffic Management System that includes corridor-level cameras to provide real-time data on walking, cycling, driving, and transit traffic volumes so they can make adjustments in real-time to better manage traffic flows.

2. **TTC shuttle buses:** During scheduled subway outages for signal upgrades, TTC shuttle buses were delayed when the pilot was first installed. Over time the TTC has made adjustments so the increase in shuttle bus travel time is comparable to or lower than the overall citywide increase in traffic travel time. These shuttle bus closures are planned for 2022 only, so this is a temporary issue.
3. **Data collection and consultation:** The City has been asked to share more data from the pilot as they collect it, and to continue consultations with local residents and businesses to identify improvements to the project.



As Mike Layton, one of two councillors in the Pilot area, said “I think we can find solutions that work for all”. In the meantime we hope to see you on Yonge Street enjoying a safer and more relaxed experience!

The Roehampton Shelter

At the outset of the pandemic the City of Toronto used emergency powers granted by the provincial government to open temporary homeless shelters around the City, including in our vicinity. The purpose was to reduce the transmission of the virus among the homeless living in outdoor encampments and on the street and to encourage this population to transition to permanent housing. Two shelters were opened in 2020 in empty apartment buildings awaiting redevelopment (55 /65 Broadway Avenue) and a third shelter was opened at the former Roehampton Hotel on Mt. Pleasant. There was no prior consultation with the community.



The shelters became controversial with residents and local businesses shortly after opening when the surrounding area began experiencing an increase in crime, vagrancy and vandalism. A number of measures to address these problems were put in place. In addition a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was established to facilitate communication with the community. LPRO was a member of the CLC. The two transitional shelters on Broadway closed in early September 2020.

The Roehampton shelter will remain open until at least November 30, 2022, or May 2023 if needed. The future of the site after November 2022 will be considered as part of the Transition and Relocation Plan, which is based on a number of factors, including the availability of temporary sites, future changes to public health guidance, ongoing assessment of shelter demand. and the availability of housing with supports.

Crime Report - TPS Division, 2022

	Division 53 January 1- April 24, 2019	Division 53 January 1- April 24, 2020	Division 53 January 1- April 24, 2021	Division 53 January 1- April 24, 2022	LPRO January 1- April 24, 2022
Auto Theft	52	59	110	159	18
Break & Enter	212	218	153	158	8

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 Residents’ Organization participates in these sessions.

Toronto is the 6th largest city in North America, and we believe it is a safe city, especially compared to other large urban centres. Also, crime in Lytton Park is very low compared to the city as a whole. A very serious incident was reported, however, in the Lytton Park Residents’ Organization area. While isolated, because of the severity of the incident we felt it important to make our community aware.

Two young women, 17 years old, were sitting in a parked car outside a friend’s house at 11 PM. A car pulled up in front of them, two men with guns and balaclavas got out and one went to the driver’s door. He opened the door, put a gun to the woman’s neck, grabbed her and threw her out of the car. The second woman ran to get help. The men found the keys and drove away in the car. No one was hurt.

It is important that our community be aware of such serious events, to be informed and to ensure the safety of everyone, particularly our youth.

Be informed, be aware, take safety precautions, and report anything suspicious.

Chatsworth Ravine Cleanup

On April 23, more than 25 volunteers participated in the 20th Lytton Park Residents' Organization Community Clean Up at Chatsworth Ravine! The volunteers did a great job and now our park space sparkles!



LPRO has been involved with this worthwhile initiative for over 20 years thanks to the efforts of our Past President Arlena Hebert and our many volunteers.

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: _____