



It's finally here!

LPRO's Annual Community Yard Sale is this Saturday June 7!

Everyone is welcome! When you register, we deliver your sign to you and include you on the sellers' map. When the sale is over, we pick up the sign to reuse next year. There is no charge for all this, but we ask that you support this effort by becoming a paid member of LPRO.

Sign up for the Yard Sale and see the Sellers Map.

Join LPRO

Developments in our neighbourhood



Update on Trull Property Development (2674-2704 Yonge Street & 19 Alexandra Blvd.)

To summarize the update from the last newsletter, the recent development proposal for this site is for a luxury seniors' residence owned and operated by AMICA, with:

- 206 seniors' residence units, 31 rental replacement units
- 13 storeys with very high floor-to-floor heights
- overall building height is 56 m or 180 ft
- only 24 parking spaces which includes 4 visitors parking

This is a very tall and large footprint structure that dwarfs other midrise buildings nearby on Yonge Street. It is also midway between the subway stops at Eglinton and Lawrence and outside of the designated Major Transit Station Area growth zones. It will set a precedent for other developments along the Yonge Street corridor to be at least this tall and this large. The building (with the acquisition and rezoning of the 19 Alexandra Blvd residence) will intrude deep into the residential area along Alexandra Blvd and will provide poor transitioning (setbacks and step-backs) presenting an imposing, out-of-context hulk to the neighbouring properties.

There have been many other concerns identified and provided to the city planner, including the removal of 29 mature trees, adverse noise, wind and shadow impacts, reduction in green space, minimal parking, negative changes to traffic in the area and poor pedestrian experience

along Yonge Street. Changes to wind and shadow will be detrimental to those using the adjacent Snider Parkette.

A group of residents who live close to this development have been working to inform the community at large, and to bring concerns to the city. This included circulating a neighbourhood petition which was supported with over 500 signatures in opposition of this latest development proposal.

The city held a Community Consultation Meeting for this project on April 22, 2025 at the Northern District Library and many residents and concerned individuals attended. This was an "open house" format which is different to previous community consultation meetings. Some concerns have been raised about how well this worked which LPRO will provide as feedback to the city.

The city has confirmed that the application is in the Development Review Division's "Priority Development Review Stream" (PDRS), which has reduced timelines for commenting and review. This is due to its status as providing housing for seniors.

The proposal will next go to the North York Community Council for approval, followed by Toronto City Council for final approval. Both of these meetings will provide opportunities for residents to make formal presentations of oral and written comments to the councils. Dates are not yet published but we will attempt to send an update by email when they become known.

The <u>application for this development</u> is available on the City of Toronto website. The city planner on file is Ben DiRaimo.

More information about this development and regular updates is available on the LPRO website at <u>2674-2704 Yonge & 19 Alexandra:</u> April 2025 update - Lytton Park Residents' Organization LPRO.



Community News and Events



City Council votes to allow two-stroke engine use to continue, despite health hazards

The many health hazards presented by two-stroke gas-powered engines are well documented. However, when Toronto City Council was given the opportunity to effectively phase them out this past week, they chose not to.

The Toronto Environmental Alliance's August 2023 article <u>Toronto is on its way to banning 2-stroke engines</u> states:

"These small engines produce far more noise, air pollution, and greenhouse gasses than they should for...work they accomplish. They create more pollution per minute than cars and trucks, and stir up microscopic pollutants known to cause lung cancer, heart disease, and other respiratory illnesses. For most of the jobs they do, electric alternatives exist that are quieter, far less polluting, and cost-competitive to their two stroke counterparts."

Mayor Olivia Chow in her <u>April 17, 2024 news release</u> stated:

"Toronto is at an inflection point, where our potential as a city of opportunity is being challenged by climate impacts. The sooner we act, the better our chances are of getting ahead and leading the way in creating an equitable, sustainable city."

Despite the above statements, Toronto City Council voted on May 21 and 22, 2025, for option A in IE21.4 - Transitioning Towards Zero-Emission Outdoor Power Equipment against banning 2-stroke gas engines by Jan 1, 2030 and instead "begin a public education campaign to help residents understand why reducing the use of two-stroke engines is important for our air quality. The goal is to encourage residents to plan ahead and switch to cleaner equipment.

Meanwhile, the City's own phase-out will continue, which still represents thousands of pieces of equipment being upgraded to cleaner alternatives."

Toronto Fire just acquired electric pumper truck trucks, yet Parks & Rec still uses 2-stroke leaf blowers.

Resistance is not so much from Toronto homeowners but from portions of the construction and landscape industries, with a large percentage of businesses based in the 905 area.

Banning two-stroke engines requires leadership and vision for the betterment of Torontonians.



From Councillor Josh Matlow's Newsletter:
Sign Our Petition! Save Our School Pools

A recent report in the Toronto District School Board <u>agenda</u> proposes closing all 66 school pools, including 27 permitted by the City of Toronto, in Toronto's public schools due to funding cuts from the Provincial Government.

Councillor Matlow: "Closing our school pools is completely unacceptable, which is why I am asking for your support to call on the Government of Ontario to reverse this harmful decision. Please <u>sign our petition</u>."



Dog Poop Etiquette Reminder

There have been a number of complaints regarding poop bags being inappropriately deposited into leaf bags during waste collection. This careless practice creates a serious health hazard when the waste collection workers discard the poop bags onto the lawns or even refuse to pick up leaf bags.

According to the City of Toronto By-Laws, all dog poop bags must be deposited in Green Bins (organic) only. Please be considerate of your neighbours and do not place your poop bags in other's green bins out for collection - use your own. keep our community clean!



The 2025 Chatsworth Ravine Clean-up was a big success!

On April 26th, LPRO held its 23rd Annual Community Clean-Up event with the help of many high-energy volunteers. Our amazing group demonstrated the community spirit that helps make our neighbourhood such a good place to live. Many thanks to all our volunteers and to local resident Dave McLeod who organized and led the event again this year!





Lawrence Station main entrance closure Completion of Easier Access construction is expected mid-2025

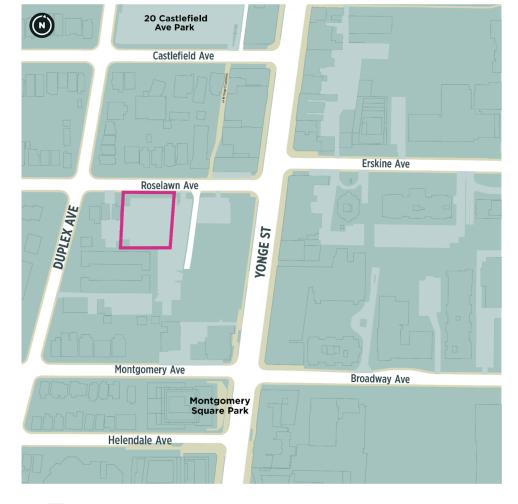
Work on the installation of elevators at the southwest main entrance is scheduled to be completed in mid-2025. Meanwhile, access to and from Lawrence station is available only at the north entrances at Ranleigh Avenue and Bedford Park Avenue.

During the construction, the <u>52 Lawrence West</u> and <u>952 Lawrence</u> <u>West Express</u> buses are diverting to Eglinton Station via Avenue Road and Eglinton Avenue.

For real-time notices on these service changes, sign up for My TTC eservice alerts.

See more information on the <u>Easier Access construction project at Lawrence Station</u>.

See more information on the <u>bus terminal closure at Lawrence Station</u>.



New park at 2400-2444 Yonge St.

New park update

The City of Toronto's project team has developed three design options for this new park based on feedback collected in Community Engagement Phase 1.

Community Engagement Phase 2 has launched, with the following engagement activities:

- Online Survey
 - May 26 to June 16, 2025
 - Take the survey at <u>toronto.ca/2400YongePark</u> to review the design option and features and provide feedback.
- In-Person Public Workshop
 - **Date:** June 4, 2025
 - Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
 - Location: Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd

Registration: please visit the <u>project webpage to register</u> for the workshop.

Get to know your local Toronto Police Services!



SUNDAY JUNE 8TH, 2025 10AM - 2PM

STATION TOURS
VARIOUS POLICE UNITS ON
DISPLAY
COFFEE & TREATS
KIDS ZONE

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Local Community/Farmers' Markets have opened!

Buying locally strengthens and promoting our community, supports local farms and businesses, and enhances food security. And they are fun to visit with the whole family!





FARMERS' MARKET

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Every Sunday June - October

8 am - 1 pm 125 Burnaby Blvd

Rain or Shine





Join or renew your membership

We do as much as we can with the work of volunteers. However activities such as website maintenance, newsletter formatting, yard sale signs, annual general meeting venue rental, and insurance need to be paid for. Membership fees cover these operating expenses.

When LPRO retains consultants such as a planner or a lawyer to assist us in OLT appeals or mediation with the City and a developer, these costs are paid from funds raised specifically for development issues.

Please support our work through an annual membership - it's only \$30 per household (Jan 1 to Dec 31). To become a member or renew, please go to our website.

Join or renew your membership

If you aren't sure whether you have paid for 2025, please email us at membership.lyttonparkro@gmail.com and we will let you know.

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