

SAHRA Information – Sept 19, 2016

Reminder - Ward Boundary Changes

The initial report on Ward Boundary Changes was recommending Option 1 which meant minor changes to our current Ward 16 – the Ward number would be changed to '14'; the only boundary change was to straighten out the boundary line to be Eglinton at the far western corner by Bathurst.

Now the City is considering Option 2 which is much more drastic. SAHRA would be moved into the ward area to the east...it would no longer be part of the original Ward 16 area (which would now be expanded over to the Allen). SAHRA, the York Mills Heights Residents' Association and Bedford Park Residents' Association would now become part of a renamed Ward 226 which has boundaries of the 401 down to Eglinton and Bayview/Don Mills over to Avenue (with an indentation at Avenue and Lawrence over to Yonge). Now Upper Avenue would be 'shared' between this Ward 226 and a new Ward 221 (boundaries of 401 down to Eglinton, Allen Road over to Avenue with an jut out along Lawrence at Avenue over to Yonge).

SAHRA is not sure that this is a good/logical divide for our Neighbourhood.

We would therefore encourage our Members to participate in the **Public Meeting on Sept 19th 7pm-9pm at the North York Civic Centre, Committee Room 1.**

Basement Flooding & Water Quality Improvements Study

The good news is that a Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study is now underway to determine the contributing factors for surface and basement flooding in Study Area 40 (which includes the SAHRA area). The study will recommend solutions to improve the City's sewer system and overland drainage routes in order to mitigate flooding problems. This study will also aim to improve the quality of stormwater runoff before it is discharged to watercourses.

You're invited to the **first Public Information Centre (PIC)** to learn about factors contributing to surface and basement flooding and the different options being considered to reduce flooding in Study Area 40. You will have an opportunity to review display boards and speak one-on-one with project staff.

Date: **Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave West (at Avenue Road)

Our Ward is being seriously damaged by basement flooding and they need to hear from us all to ensure that real action is taken.

The Brookdale (1678-1704 Avenue Road) capping of laterals

Demolition has started at this condo site. The laterals remain open, uncapped. There is nothing preventing the infiltration of groundwater into the storm and sanitary sewers for the duration of the construction. We have asked Councillor Carmichael-Greb and the City departments to arrange for the capping to be done NOW rather than on when the new laterals are completed. The Councillor's office has advised that they will speak to the developer asking that this be done now, as a goodwill gesture to our Neighbourhood.

Crowdfunding

A link to an interesting article about Midtown residents' associations using crowd-funding to fight condos:

<http://www.postcity.com/Eat-Shop-Do/Do/August-2016/Midtown-residents-associations-using-crowd-funding-to-fight-condos/>

Help support the growth of Toronto's urban forest

Toronto's tree canopy currently hovers around 26–28%.

A healthy canopy for Toronto is 40%.

60% of the city's current and potential tree canopy rests on private land.

Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation has launched a new program aimed at increasing tree plantings on private property. We match Toronto residents with a free native tree that is best suited for their property. Recipients are asked to choose a Tree For Me event nearest them to pick up their tree and take part in a tree planting and care workshop. With help from our TreeMobile friends, a free delivery and planting service is available to anyone with limited mobility.

Tree For Me is more than a tree giveaway, it is an opportunity for communities across Toronto to engage residents in tree planting.

To learn more, or if you would like materials, please contact margo.mullin@tptf.ca or visit TreeForMe.ca