

## SAHRA Information – Nov 10, 2015

### Reminder - Important Public Meeting

Councillor Carmichael-Greb has announced that City Planning will be holding a public meeting to discuss the current review of the Avenue Road Avenue Study. Planning staff will be making a short presentation on the review of the guidelines and will be engaging the community in meaningful discussion.

**Thursday, November 12, 2015 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, 2134 Avenue Road

This relates to a request made at SAHRA's Annual General Meeting in April, 2015 asking for the status and action plans for 13 recommendations from the Avenue Road Avenue Study that have not yet been acted on. The outstanding recommendations are:

- Acquire the portion of the Douglas Greenbelt adjacent to the sidewalk on the north side of Glengarry Avenue to re-establish a southern access to the ravine park.
- Improve and re-naturalize the Douglas Greenbelt Ravine.
- Improve the small parkette at the Douglas Avenue entrance to the Douglas Greenbelt and to consider improving the south side of Douglas Avenue between Avenue Road and the entrance to the Douglas Greenbelt through the planting of trees and creation of a sidewalk on the boulevard.
- Acquire the Roe Avenue Bus Loop should be it be declared surplus by the TTC and create a parkette on the Avenue Road frontage of these lands.
- Study the closure of Dunblaine Avenue at the east side of Avenue Road to create a 'village square' park on the public right-of-way.
- Landscape and improve the spaces between the curbs and the edge of the rights-of-way as the opportunities arise at 12 intersections of Avenue Road.
- Close Avenue Road access to the laneways running between Avenue Road and Grey Road on the blocks between Douglas, Bedford Park, and Woburn Avenues in order to create new parkettes on the Avenue Road frontage.
- Investigate opportunities for providing landscaped areas within the existing painted centre lane medians on Avenue Road between Lawrence and Wilson Avenues.
- Incorporate the recommendations of the Avenue Road Avenue Study consultants' report into their site plan for the placement of street furniture on the Avenue Road sidewalks between Lawrence and Wilson Avenues.
- Include in the Public Art Master Plan the intersection of Avenue Road and Lawrence Avenue and the area of Avenue Road south of the 401 as 'gateway' locations that are appropriate for the installation of public art.
- Work with utility companies to create public art on utility boxes on the Avenue Road right-of-way between Lawrence and Wilson Avenues.
- Investigate opportunities for new public parking lots and underground structures on Avenue Road between Lawrence Avenue and St. Germain Avenue as opportunities arise with development of lands abutting Avenue Road.
- Undertake an Area Traffic Study in the future in the area of Avenue Road between Lawrence Avenue and Highway 401, including residential areas east and west of Avenue Road.

We were told that the Planners will also talk about current projects on Avenue Road...2078 Avenue Road, 1912-1914 Avenue Road and the condo development at 1678-1704 Avenue Road. The Councillor's Office has now clarified that Planning will not be discussing the status of current and upcoming development projects. The meeting may touch some developments on Avenue Rd as examples but it will be focused on the study and any conversation surrounding specific developments will be directed outside of the meeting to the Councillor's office and the individual planners on file.

SAHRA, the Old Orchard Grove Residents' Association (OOGRA) and our residents have been very concerned about these developments over the past few months. 1912-1914 Avenue Road developers have appealed a Committee of Adjustment refusal to the OMB. SAHRA will be opposing this appeal on Feb 24, 2016. We will be very interested in hearing what Planning has to say about these developments.

We are looking for a large turn-out of concerned residents at this meeting from within the SAHRA, OOGRA and Bedford Park areas.

Your involvement makes a difference! Please attend this meeting. Your voice can help ensure that the recommendations of the Avenue Road Avenue Study are followed and that new developments respect the stability and character of our neighbourhood.