

SAHRA Information – April 13, 2017

SAHRA Annual General Meeting – Election of Directors and Officers

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 5, 2017. The following people agreed to stand as Officers/Directors of SAHRA for the 2017 year.

Sheila Dunlop (Secretary)
Ron Johnson (Treasurer)
Gary Langdon (Director)
Jim Sadler (Vice-President)
Bob Williams (Director)

Report for 2016

2016 was a very busy year for the SAHRA Board, dealing with a wide variety of topics and issues! The attached Report for 2016 was presented at the Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2017. It provides details on the following activities, accomplishments and items that are still in progress:

- Neighbours' Night Out 2016
- Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety at Armour Heights Public School
- Speed limit changes
- Recruitment of new Directors
- Junk Mail
- Collaboration with several residents' organizations
- Building and Development Applications
- Recommendations from the Avenue Road Avenue Study
- Payment-in-Lieu of Parking
- Section 37 Funds
- TTC Roe Avenue bus loop
- The "Waiver" process
- CofA 20 Days Notice
- Capping of laterals
- Zoning study
- 1912-1914 Avenue Road
- 2100 Avenue Road
- 1560 Avenue Road
- 1580 Avenue Road
- 1780 Avenue Road
- 250 Lawrence Ave West
- 228 Wilson Avenue
- Avenue Road Avenue Study by-law amendment
- North of Joicey
- Collection of email addresses

Thanks to our Volunteers

At the Annual General Meeting on April 5th, we thanked the Volunteers who throughout the year provide support to our activities by dedicating their time or knowledge to supporting our on-going activities. Bob Williams presented a Thank You to the volunteers who provide support to SAHRA's activities such as tracking CofA Notices and Decisions, monthly review of all Building and Development Applications as well as Sign Applications, Zoning reviews, site reviews/monitoring and street parking studies. Special thanks was given to our two 'full-time' Volunteers – Gary Langdon and Anne Nizet-Bauraind. Special recognition was given to Judy Ballard for all the time and energy she has contributed monitoring issues on Avenue Road. Thanks to all the members plus our student volunteers who help make our Neighbours' Night Out a success. Thanks as well to our Advocates who help us with communicating with members on their street/in their area – it really helps. Also thanks to our Members for their generosity with Membership contributions and the OMB contributions in 2015/16.

Avenue Road Avenue Study

In December, 2014 SAHRA asked Councillor Carmichael Greb to provide a status report and action plan for the outstanding Recommendations from the Avenue Road Avenue Study. 21 recommendations were approved but only 7 had been implemented. At SAHRA's AGM in 2015, the Councillor advised that she had been unable to obtain status reports/action items on the outstanding Recommendations. In May, 2015, she put a Motion forward for the Planning Department do a complete review and report back on their findings by Q4 of 2015. The Councillor held a Public Meeting in November, 2015 at which time Planning presented its review. In SAHRA's opinion, the City was not meeting its obligations to the agreement reached in the Avenue Road Avenue Study. SAHRA submitted a formal request to the Councillor in March, 2016 for a commitment for the City to do a serious review of the 14 outstanding Recommendations, to define action plans and funding. We believe work has been underway on this issue but we have not received any updates from the Councillor or Planning. We understand that the Report will be on the agenda for the May 2 meeting of the North York Community Council. The report should therefore be available for review around April 25th.

Change in timing of Neighbours' Night Out – will be on **June 13th** this year!

We are now in the 13th year for the Neighbours' Night Out. It originally started out being held in June, in conjunction with a City-wide Neighbours' Night out but it was changed to be held on the first day back to school in September many years ago. It has been suggested that the June timeframe might work better for families so this year the event will be held on Tuesday, **June 13** 6:30-8:00 p.m. outside 2 Haddington (at Esgore). Hope you will be able to join us!

Email Address Drive

SAHRA endeavours to keep our Members informed by publishing Newsletters two to three times a year and by sending out email blasts as we have updates, usually once or twice a month.

It's 2017 - it's time that we move to electronic distribution of the Newsletter! We will be able to communicate more quickly when an issues arises. The reduced costs (eliminating printing and delivery costs) allows better use of member contributions. We want to move to electronic distribution for our Spring 2017 Newsletter.

However, our challenge is that we currently have email addresses for only about 40% of our households. SAHRA advocates will be visiting neighbours on their street asking them to give us their email address, in the next few weeks. You can help us by agreeing to be an advocate for your street and/or by forwarding this email to your friends and neighbours, asking if they would like to receive the SAHRA E-Blasts and Newsletters. If so, they can send an email to sahratoronto@rogers.com and we will add them to our distribution list.

Old Orchard Grove Residents' Association Earth Day Celebration & Park Clean-up

Brookdale Park, Woburn Ave & Avenue Road

Saturday, April 22nd from 10 a.m. to Noon

Come join thousands of Torontonians and let's Clean Toronto Together! One of our local parks is in desperate need of some TLC. If you are familiar with the small path that connects Brookdale Park (Woburn and Ave Rd) to Fairlawn and Grey Rd, you will see that there is a lot of litter on both sides of the path. Join your fellow neighbours (kids and pets welcome!) to help make our little sliver of nature just a little cleaner! Meet at the parkette circle at the corner of Woburn and Ave Rd at 10 a.m. on April 22nd.

Lytton Park Clean-up Day

You are invited to participate in the Lytton Park Residents' Organization's 17th Annual Community Clean-up Day of the Chatsworth Ravine

Saturday, April 22nd from 10 a.m. to Noon

Meet at the east end of Glenview Sr. Public School field

Fairlawn's Annual Book Sale – last weekend of April – Thurs Apr 27 – Sat Apr 29

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Friday, April 28, 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

A huge selection of good quality books, vintage vinyl, CD's and DVD's

Cash/cheques only

Fairlawn Avenue United Church 28 Fairlawn Avenue Toronto, ON M5M 1S7

<http://www.fairlawchurch.ca/events/booksale/>

Rummage Sale at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 6 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson (East of Avenue & Wilson)

See flyer attached

The Church is looking for donations for the sale. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Erin Stone at estone@armourheights.org.

Environment Days

Environment Days commenced across the City as of April 1st. The link below (or the attachment) provides information on all the sites and times as well as an outline of what you can bring to the drop off centres.

http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Solid%20Waste%20Management%20Services/1%20Overview/Community%20Environment%20Days/Documents/ced17_sched-bring_feb27-17.pdf

Public Meeting: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Renovations

Date: Wednesday, May 17

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

The City is enhancing the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre to improve facility operations and services to the community.

Residents are invited to attend a community meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. that will address the renovations and discuss program relocations.

For more information, please [click here](#).

North Toronto Group of Artists: Fine Arts Spring Studio Tour

Date: May 6 and 7

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Join the North Toronto Group of Artists for their Fine Arts Spring Studio Tour on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visit 18 local artists in their home studios.

For more information, please [click here](#).

Doors Open Toronto

Date: May 27 and 28

The 18th annual Doors Open event is right around the corner and offers an opportunity to see inside more than 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city.

This year's theme is *Fifteen Decades of Canadian Architecture*. Since it began in 2000, Doors Open Toronto has attracted more than two million visits to nearly 700 unique locations across the city.

If you'd like more information on how to participate or volunteer, please [click here](#).