

SAHRA Information – Feb 12, 2017

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 issue 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 15% 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 also 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.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 5, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. at the Armour Heights Presbyterian Church (Lower Meeting Room). Please join us to talk about issues in our community.

Interested in Volunteering?

SAHRA has Volunteers who work on a variety of projects. Tasks like doing sign surveys, collecting street parking regulations, collecting speed limit information, reviewing City websites and agendas for items of interest, planning for Neighbours' Night out, email address drive, special Newsletter deliveries, preparing write-ups for e-Blasts or the Newsletter. Their participation really helps! If you would be interested in spending some time on a specific project, please send an email to sahratoronto@rogers.com.

Change in timing of Neighbours' NightOut

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 1 Haddington (at Esgore). Hope you will be able to join us!

Upper Avenue Street Signs

One of the Recommendations in the Avenue Road Avenue Study in 2009 was to place the 'Upper Avenue' name on the street signs on Avenue Road between Lawrence and Wilson Avenues. In 2010, \$14K of the Section 37 money paid by the 1717 Avenue Road development was spent on 22 signs, but that did not cover all intersections between Lawrence and Wilson. In Oct, 2016 Councillor Carmichael Greb put a Motion forward at City Council to release additional funds (\$5447) to complete the task. Transportation Services has now completed a survey of where signs need to be replaced. 48 signs will be installed based on the new placement standard such that branded Upper Avenue street name signs will exist on all corners of the intersections. This work should take place in the Spring, 2017.

Release of Section 37 monies

The term "Section 37" refers to the section of Ontario's Planning Act which allows the City to ask for benefits to construct or improve facilities when a development requires a Zoning By-law amendment. Under Toronto's Official Plan, developments that exceed a threshold of 10,000 square metres of gross floor area, and where the application increases the permitted density by at least 1,500 square metres, and/or significantly increases the permitted height, are typically subject to Section 37 provisions.

1717 Avenue Road:

\$5,447 was released in Oct, 2016 for the installation of the balance of the Upper Avenue street signs (see above).

4050 Yonge Blvd re-allocation:

Councillor Carmichael Greb put a Motion forward on Oct 4, 2016 at City Council for a re-definition of the allocation of Section 37 monies. The allocation to "close Dunblaine Avenue at the east side of Avenue Road to create a 'village square' park on the public right-of-way" was removed as Transportation Services does not agree with this Recommendation from the Avenue Road Avenue Study (2009). The monies were re-allocated to "improvements to Old Orchard Park". We understand the amount of the allocation is \$300K.

1678 Avenue Road (The Brookdale at Fairlawn and Brookdale):

The original allocations were \$50K Blessed Sacrament school; \$50K Allenby school, \$50K Wanless school and \$50K for Ledbury Park.

Councillor Carmichael Greb put a Motion forward on Jan 31, 2017 to release Section 37 funds obtained from the condo project at 1678 Avenue Road as follows:

- To the Toronto Catholic District School Board for school ground improvements at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (24 Bedford Park near Yonge) - \$50,000.
- To the Toronto District School Board for school ground improvements at various Toronto District School Board Schools – what dollar value?

Yonge Love: A Ryerson Building Institute Meet-up

The City of Toronto is redesigning Yonge Street so it better serves Torontonians in the 21st century. How can Yonge Street accommodate more pedestrians, improve the public realm and balance higher density with the public needs of the neighbourhood.

Join the [Ryerson City Building Institute](#) for a Meet-Up that brings together leading city builders and the public to discuss the future of Yonge Street.

Wednesday February 22, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Doors Open at 5:45pm
Ryerson Student Learning Centre
Main Floor Ampitheatre
341 Yonge Street, Toronto

FREE | RSVP REQUIRED

Moderated by
Steve Paikin,
Host of TVO's
The Agenda



The featured "unpanel" includes:

- [Jennifer Keesmaat](#), Chief Planner, City of Toronto
- [Mohamed Lachemi](#), President and Vice-Chancellor, Ryerson University
- [Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam](#), Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale, City of Toronto
- [Mark Garner](#), Chief Operating Officer & Executive Director, Downtown Yonge (Yonge St. BIA)
- [Gary Switzer](#), Chief Executive Officer, MOD Developments
- [John Archer](#), Chief Development Officer, 360 Collective
- [Derek Lee](#), Partner, PWL Landscape Architects (Granville St., Vancouver)

- [Anjali Mishra](#), Project Manager: Infrastructure, Roads and Transport Services, City of Montreal (Saint Catherine St., Montreal)

Winter Parking Arrangements

Just a reminder – there is a City by-law in effect from **Dec 1 to Mar 31** that doesn't allow parking on the streets from **2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.** People have been getting \$40 tickets!

Be a Good Neighbour

When parking on the side streets in our area, please take a moment and check that your car is positioned such that the homeowners at both the front and rear of your vehicle will be able to get out of their driveway.

HonkMobile – Honk – Park, Pay & Go

A new app that you might find helpful...

<https://www.honkmobile.com>

Downspout Disconnection Program

A friendly reminder that the deadline for Downspout Disconnection in our area was **December 31, 2016**.

Go to www.toronto.ca/water.stormwater for information and tips for safe and proper disconnection.

SAHRA Website

Remember to check the SAHRA website from time to time for new information on community issues

<http://sahratoronto.com/>

SAHRA 2017 Membership Campaign

We need your financial support! Membership contributions are SAHRA's only source of income to support newsletters, Neighbours' Night Out, etc. In 2016, our reserve was partially depleted by engaging a planner and a lawyer which led to a positive outcome at the OMB. Future ability to participate in this way or to seek professional advice will depend on rebuilding the reserve fund over the next several years.

Please support your residents' association with your annual contribution.

We now have on-line payment capability on our website or you can mail a cheque to the SAHRA post office box (1500 Avenue Road, PO Box 1373, Toronto, ON M5H 0A1) or drop it off at 109 or 118 Felbrigg Avenue. See the attached Membership Form for details.

You can send in a cheque or you can contribute via PayPal or a credit/debit card

(for PayPal or credit/debit payment go to the website <http://sahratoronto.com/membership/> to the Membership page).

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