

SAHRA Information – May 31, 2018

Report for 2017 presented at the Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2018

Jim Sadler presented the Report for 2017 (attached) which covered the following issues:

- Neighbours' Night Out 2017
- Avenue Road Avenue Study – north of Joicey Blvd
- Review of Recommendations of the Avenue Road Avenue Study 2009
- Pedestrian safety at Armour Heights Public School
- FoNTRA submissions
- Payment-in-Lieu of Parking policies
- Development
- Speed humps on Elm Road
- Increases in impermeable areas
- All-way stops
- Capping of laterals
- Rooftop Billboards
- Municipal Elections
- OMB and TLAB hearings
- Delivery of hardcopy newsletters
- Survey for areas of focus
- Need additional Board Members and/or Volunteers

Thank You to Ron Johnson

We would like to heartily thank Ron Johnson, our past Treasurer and outgoing Board member. Ron joined the Board in September 2008 and was immediately and surreptitiously made Treasurer, a role which he held until the end of 2017. Anyone who knows Ron can attest to the fact that he brings a quiet yet forceful personality to his endeavours. Ron, thank you for bringing your convictions, energy and humour to SAHRA. We very much look forward to you continuing as a Volunteer.

Thank You to our Volunteers

At the Annual General Meeting, Bob Williams also thanked our Volunteers: Throughout the year many people provide support to our activities by dedicating their time or knowledge to supporting our ongoing initiatives. Volunteer Anne has supported our activities by preparing Reminder Envelopes, helping with Neighbours' Night Out, creating the Billboard Sign Inventory along Avenue Road as well as monitoring Sign Permit Applications. Our Neighbours' Night Out relies on the generous support from several of the Board Members' spouses as well as area neighbours and student volunteers. Our ability to take on community issues is most often limited by the time and effort that is required to research and mobilize a response. We will always welcome members who want to donate time and get involved in our activities or even on a single issue that you feel deserves greater attention. For us, success occurs when a volunteer keeps wanting to contribute or decides to become a Director!

2018 Neighbours' Night Out

Is scheduled for **Tues, June 19th 6:30-8:00 pm** outside 2 Haddington Avenue.
Reserve the date!

City Alert re Lyme Disease and Tics

City News Release on May 16 and 17:

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/media-room/news-releases-media-advisories/>

Fact Sheet:

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/lyme-disease-fact-sheet/>

Toronto Community Council Boundary Feedback

Toronto City Council last year decided to add three wards (there will now be 47 wards) and this change will take effect on December 1, 2018 in conjunction with the municipal elections. As a result, the boundaries for the City Councils will be changed. The City Manager invited the Residents' Associations and other interested parties to provide feedback on the features and considerations that would result in effective Community Councils for the City.

The City presented Option A, B and C. You can review information about the proposed Community Council boundaries at:

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accountability-operations-customer-service/city-administration/city-managers-office/key-intiatives/views-on-new-community-council-boundaries-for-the-city-of-toronto-2/>

SAHRA responded that in our opinion the best option for our area which is currently in Ward 16 (which is becoming Ward 14) which is included in the North York Community Council would be Option C, which calls for a 'Community Council 3' grouping. This new fifth Community Council (CC) would balance the populations across the Community Councils. The new CC would be created in the centre of the city between the current North York and the current Toronto and East York Community Councils.

However, we did qualify that we felt Ward 27 should be included in Community Council 3 as they have like-issues and we share interests in Yonge Street issues. If a Ward needs to be re-allocated to maintain population and/or agenda distributions, Ward 12 could possibly be re-allocated to Community Council 1 to the west.

Community Environment Days

Tues, June 19 4-8 pm Councillor Carmichael Greb, North Toronto Memorial Arena

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/community-environment-days/>

York Mills Eye Care Yearly Open House

York Mills Eye Care will be holding its annual Open House **June 20** from 3-7pm. You are invited to join them that day. For more details contact Cassandra@yorkmillseyecare.com.

Speed Limit Reduction on all Local Streets in Ward 16 to 40 km/hr

In April, 2016, North York Community Council amended the speed limit to 40 km/hr on a number of streets within the SAHRA boundaries (Delhi, Dunblaine, Elm, Greer, Haddington, Harley, Hedon, Jainey, Ravenhill and Ridley). The North York Community Council on April 4, 2018 adopted a motion to reduce the speed limit from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr on all local roads within the boundaries of Ward 16, excluding those roads that bound other wards or Community Council areas – good news! Transportation Services was also asked to report back in July 2018 with recommendations as to whether to lower the speed limit to 40 km/hr on any or all of the Collector or Minor Arterial Roads in Ward 16.

SAHRA Needs Help

An important request to SAHRA residents – we need additional Board Members and/or Volunteers to keep handling the many issues we are facing. Some of the areas we need help with are: management of membership information, eBlast preparation, website content updates, development data analysis, Newsletter preparation, follow-up on Neighbourhood issues, special deliveries to houses in our area and street communications. Please consider joining your SAHRA Board or volunteering for a specific task of interest to you so that these important activities can continue. Please call us at 416-485-6718 or email sahratoronto@rogers.com.