

SAHRA Information – October 24, 2018

OMB Decision – 250 Lawrence Ave W

A Community update prepared by the Lytton Park Residents' Organization

The long-awaited decision of the OMB/LPAT has arrived. Attached you will find a copy of Member Gerald Swinkin's Decision regarding the Appeal by 2418832 Ontario Inc., and 2419732 Ontario Inc. (PL161134) - **Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications - 250 Lawrence Avenue West and 219 Glengarry Avenue**

In spite of all our efforts, Mr. Swinkin has allowed the Appeal to amend the Official Plan which had been appealed due to the "Failure of City of Toronto to adopt the requested amendment."

We are very disappointed in the outcome.

As you know, we were concerned that if the residents' associations didn't get "Party Status", the issues would get negotiated and settled between City Planning, the Councillor and the Developer without our input.

THANK YOU - Your generous donations allowed us to be "Parties" and retain both a lawyer and planner to represent the community at the Hearing. In addition, our standing as resident groups was bolstered by the number of our residents who made outstanding deputations as "Participants". Special mention also goes out to those who gave of their time and expertise to prepare our case, and the many who attended the Hearing: some for one afternoon; others for the entire hearing. As a community we came together solidly and made certain that the Developer, our Councillor and City Planning and Legal had a complete, clear understanding of our position on the development.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MADE A DIFFERENCE - Our involvement and strong opposition directly impacted the developers' plans of building a 12-storey condominium. Instead, the building will now move forward as a 9-storey building with greater set back from the ravine, 159 units versus 264 and improvements to the publicly available parkland and pathways leading to the ravine.

These are not the results that we had hoped for, but without our efforts we are certain that the City would have settled for a more robust building. We can all be proud of our contribution. We certainly did all we could to achieve a different outcome, and be assured that we will continue to be engaged as the development phases go forward.

MOVING FORWARD - As a result of the Hearing, the City has promised to strike a Site Plan Working Group comprised of local residents to be involved in the next stages of planning. To that end, we have been in contact with our current Councillor, and the other major Ward 8 Candidates, to safeguard this commitment.

We are also pleased to announce that residents in the area of the long-dormant Bedford Park Residents Organization, who contributed to the 250 Lawrence West opposition, have come together and are in the process of re-establishing it.

In closing, on behalf of the Lytton Park Residents' Organization, Old Orchard Grove Residents' Association, South Armour Heights Residents' Association, the Bedford Park Residents' Organization, SCOKE (Saguenay/Caribou/Otter/Kimbark/Edgecombe), residents of Rosewell Gardens, and Bedford

Glen we want to thank you most sincerely for your support and let you know that we will continue to work relentlessly on behalf of the community.

Together we a stronger.

Local Mapping Workshop

Are you an expert in our neighbourhood? Do you love telling people about local landmarks and hidden gems? Are you interested in helping make walking in Toronto easier? Then please join a local mapping workshop and help inform the rollout of Toronto 360 (TO360), the City of Toronto’s pedestrian wayfinding strategy.

In early November, the City’s Transportation Services Division is hosting four separate local stakeholder consultation events to inform detailed mapping for TO360— please refer to the attached map to see the detailed boundaries of the areas that will be mapped in each workshop.

The dates, times, and locations for these workshops are:

Area	Date	Time	Venue
North York Centre	Monday, Nov 5	4:00 – 7:00pm	North York Central Library — Meeting Room #1 5120 Yonge Street
Midtown	Tuesday, Nov 6	6:30 – 9:30pm	North Toronto Collegiate Institute— Cafeteria 17 Broadway Avenue
Scarborough Centre	Wednesday, Nov. 7	4:00 – 7:00pm	Scarborough Civic Centre — Committee Room #1 150 Borough Drive
Yonge North	Thursday, Nov 8	4:00 – 7:00pm	Agricola Lutheran Church — Basement 25 Old York Mills Road

You can attend any of the workshops that cover an area in which you have interest or expertise. The same presentation will be given at the start and halfway through each workshop, so you may wish to time your arrival accordingly (the attachment includes a detailed breakdown of the agenda for each workshop). You can also drop in at any point during the workshop – it is not necessary to be present for the full duration.

About the workshops

The November workshops are the first of two planned rounds of local area stakeholder consultation. The purpose of this first round of consultation is to share and seek feedback on draft wayfinding maps. Specifically, we will be seeking feedback about:

- the accuracy of the maps;
- places of interest and destinations;
- major pedestrian routes and barriers; and
- District and Mini District names.

The feedback from this consultation will inform the development of refined wayfinding maps (which will be the focus of the second round of consultation) and inform future sign placement.

RSVP

If you are able to attend, please RSVP by contacting Casey Craig, third party facilitator with Swerhun Inc., at: ccraig@swerhun.com or 416 572 4365. When you RSVP, please include your name, your organization, and which meeting(s) you're planning on attending.

About TO360

TO360 is an effort to help people find their way by making streets, neighbourhoods, and the city more legible. Last year, the City began a 5-year rollout of mapping and signage in select pedestrian areas after the successful completion of a pilot project in the Financial District in 2015. The City is currently in **Year Two** of the rollout, which is focusing on mapping the area centred on Yonge Street from St. Clair Avenue to Steeles Avenue as well as Scarborough Centre. We have attached a sample of detailed mapping produced in another part of the city. To learn more, please visit www.toronto.ca/wayfinding.

Christmas Bazaar – Armour Heights Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 17

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson Avenue

Come and enjoy Armour Heights famous homemade pies and baking, visit our spectacular artisans and get ready for the upcoming season!

This is a popular event in our community. They are looking for collectibles, Silent Auction items, silverware, new stuff, etc. – if you can help in any way please contact the church office at 416-485-4000.

New SAHRA Website

Please visit our new and improved website at <https://sahratoronto.com/>

Armour Heights Public School

Good news – Community Safety Zone signs have been installed both ways on Wilson to cover the area near Armour Heights Public School. There is also a “Watch your Speed” sign on Wilson, westbound between Yonge Boulevard and Saunders.

Crime Update

SAHRA Directors have applied and been accepted to join the Community Police Liaison meeting.

1560 Avenue Road @ Douglas

The history on this 3 storey building (looks like 4 storeys) is available on the website at <https://sahratoronto.com/development/commercial-developments/1560-avenue-road/>. An application for additional variances was heard by the Committee of Adjustment on August 30, 2018. It was Refused. The Applicant then appealed the decision to the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB). A Notice of Hearing has been received setting the Hearing Date as February 15, 2019.