

SAHRA Information – Feb 27 2019

Neighbourhood Scam

A SAHRA member wrote to us today about a scam they encountered in our Neighbourhood. It involved a supposedly empty car blocking in their legally parked car. When the owner tried to move their car, three men appeared, accusing the owner of damaging their car and demanding payment. It is recommended that you call the Police if this should happen to you.

Another reason not to use mobile devices while driving

A Distracted Driving conviction will have far reaching effects – not just on your driving record but on your pocketbook as well. The Automobile Protection Association article (<https://www.apa.ca/newsitem.asp?id=1128>) states “Because of the increased fine and suspension, this will now be rated by insurers as a “major” offense instead of a “minor” infraction. With this elevated designation comes serious premium impact. A “major” offense is ineligible in the regular market for new business and renewals for most insurers. Because major offenses carry a surcharge, only substandard or “grey” market carriers will consider writing drivers with these offenses. This would mean a substantial increase in your premium or a cancellation for underwriting reasons upon renewal. Even if you received the ticket prior to Jan 1, 2019, if it appears on record, an insurer can and will charge for it as a major offense.”

SAHRA’s Annual General Meeting

This year’s Annual General Meeting will be special! Aside from the routine business meeting, we will have special speakers to address our Members.

- **Crime Discussion**
- **Councillor Mike Colle will speak to us on Work In Progress and Important Issues since his start as our Councillor in Dec, 2018**

Please plan on joining us for this Community Session!

Date: **Wednesday April 3, 2019**
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson Ave

City Public Consultations

The City of Toronto is reviewing the following bylaws and wants your feedback!

1. Clothing Drop Boxes Bylaw Review

February 28, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall, Committee Room 3

The aim of the review is to discuss potential improvements to the Clothing Drop Boxes Bylaw to ensure that clothing drop boxes remain safe and maintained. More information: <http://ow.ly/SqGe30nltzE>

2. Body Rub Parlours and Holistic Centres Bylaw Review

March 4 – March 19, 2019

The aim of the review is to update the licensing bylaw to promote public health and safety, as well as effective oversight and enforcement. There will be four public consultations and five stakeholder meetings. More information: <http://ow.ly/zPdw30nGZC8>

3. Vehicle-For Hire Bylaw Review

March 4 – March 19, 2019

The aim of the review is to discuss potential updates to the bylaw for taxicabs, limousines and private transportation companies, such as Facedrive, Lyft and Uber. There will be nine public consultations, each focused on a specific area of the bylaw. Topics to be discussed include accessibility, vehicle equipment and public safety. More information: toronto.ca/vehicleforhirereview

There are a number of ways you can be involved and help shape policy. Visit the consultation websites for more details on how you can:

- Attend public consultations
- Submit written feedback
- Subscribe to email updates

Feedback from these consultations will be used to inform reviews of these bylaws. Reports on these reviews are expected to go to City Council in the second quarter of 2019.

FoNTRA Submissions

FoNTRA is comprised of 27 member residents' associations representing 170,000 Toronto residents. Links are provided for two of their recent Submissions to the Ministry on Municipal Affairs and Housing.

- Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Horseshoe 2017 (29-Jan-2019)
- Housing Supply Consultation (4-Feb-2019) – Executive Summary and Full Report