

SAHRA eBlast – Aug 2 2020

Hon. Marco Mendicino COVID-19 Update July 24 2020

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TPS request assistance with an assault investigation

The Toronto Police Service (32 Division 416-808-3200) requests the public's assistance identifying a suspect in an assault investigation (Case #: 2020-1395651).

The incident took place on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at 6:12 p.m., in the area of Yonge Street and Lawrence Avenue West.

It is reported that:

- a 51-year-old man was walking southbound on Yonge Street when he was approached from behind by an unknown man
- the unknown man became involved in a verbal altercation with the man
- the unknown man then assaulted the man
- the suspect was last seen on the east side of Yonge Street, north from Lawrence Avenue

The suspect is described as black, late 30s to late 40s, approximately 5'8", short and had a thin goatee. He was wearing a light blue t-shirt, black or dark blue khaki pants, black running shoes, and black belt. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-3200, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, online on our Facebook Leave a Tip page, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

New Development Proposed for Avenue Road and Lawrence



On June 9th, 2020, Developer First Capital submitted plans to the City of Toronto for a major re development project at the northeast corner of Avenue Road and Lawrence. This development will be the largest undertaken to date for this section of Avenue Road.

Application Details:

- The total site is 2.7 acres, encompassing seven existing properties, extending from the current medical building at 272 Lawrence, winding west around the corner of Avenue Road and Lawrence up to, but not including, Royal Lighting. 272 Lawrence West itself borders 250

Lawrence West, which is being re-developed as a nine-storey condominium development (29.9 metres tall and 179 units).

- First Capital's development application proposes two new condominium buildings referred to as "A" and "B", and consists of 455 residential units. Details of these buildings are:
 - **Building "B", at the corner of Avenue Rd and Lawrence**, replaces Starbucks, Fancy Franks, veterinary clinic, the car wash, small fifteen-unit rental apartment building, Carlson Wagonlit travel, and CLLC Learning College. The proposal is for a **46.4-metre**-high condominium (15 floors) plus 4m of mechanical requirements: in comparison to other buildings on Avenue Road, the highest condominium to date, including the two under construction, is approximately 25 metres. As a further reference point for the proposed height, the building at 3018 Yonge Street on the southwest corner of Lawrence, is actually 4 metres less than First Capital's proposal. It is assumed that Pusateri's would be the second level retail tenant.
 - **Building "A" is proposed at the current location of Pusateri's** and would contain ten floors – **34.8 metres**. The first floor of this building will be approximately 7.6 meters tall.
 - Both buildings do not meet the required setbacks, step backs, and height as shown in the illustrations with the blue line being City of Toronto Mid Rise guidelines and the red line being the Avenue Road Study reference. Shadowing that would be cast on the surrounding open space and the opposite side of Avenue Road needs to be reviewed.

Image 1: Building B- North to South Section

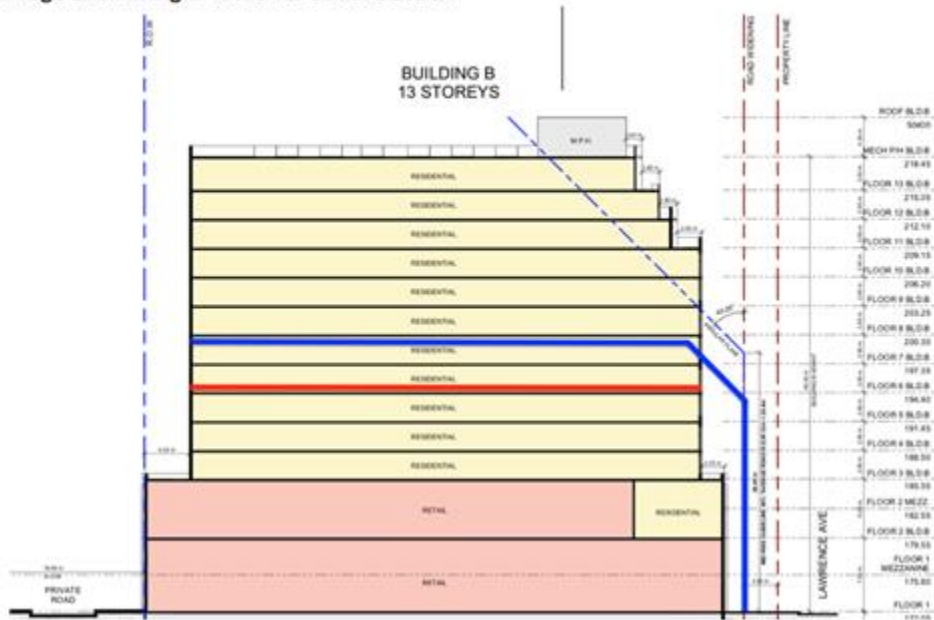
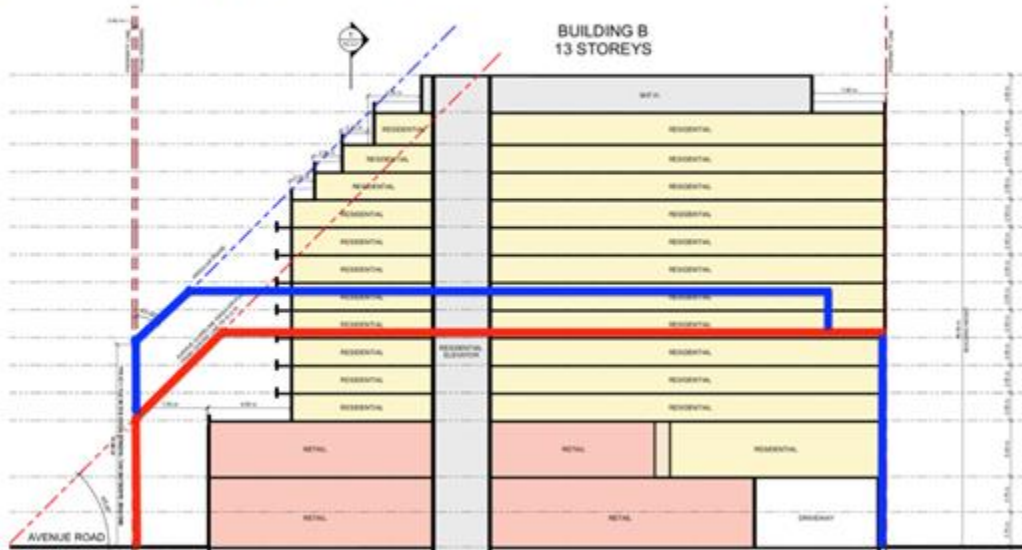


Image 2: Building B- West to East Section



- There is no public parkland dedication in the current proposal, as is required by the City.
- The proposal includes 605 parking spaces including retail and visitor parking. 600 of the parking spaces would be located in an underground garage.
- The transportation study completed by First Capital’s consultant (a requirement of the planning application) indicates that the impact on local traffic would be minimal, in spite of the additional 455 residential units and the delivery trucks servicing retail.
- Access to the development would be by two private driveways that enter/exit off Avenue Road and Lawrence. Unsignalized left and right turns are proposed to be permitted onto both of these streets within a short distance of the existing traffic light at Avenue Road and Lawrence.

All documents related to the Development Application submitted by First Capital are available for public perusal on the City of Toronto website - [LINK](#). The file reference is 20 153975 NNY 08.

Resident Association strategy to review the First Capital Proposal and next steps:

The location of this development touches four Resident Associations. These are: Lytton Park Residents' Organization, Bedford Park Residents Organization, South Armour Heights Residents' Association and Upper Avenue Community Association.

The Resident Associations are collaborating to ensure the development application proceeds in a way that is appropriate and respectful of existing and future residents. We have requested a meeting with the City Planner for the application and Councillor Mike Colle to discuss the application. The City Planning process requires a public community consultation meeting. The Resident Associations will inform the community via our respective newsletters when this meeting is scheduled.

We welcome your questions, comments, and input on this proposed development. You can email us at info@sahratoronto.com.

Council/Toronto residents against Construction Noise

SAHRA has provided updates on this issue in previous eBlasts. The City of Toronto Act was amended by the Province of Ontario [until October 2021] to allow for any "construction activity in the City between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m." This represents a significant departure from the City's by-laws, which permit noise from construction between 7 am to 7pm from Monday to Friday, 9am to 7pm on Saturdays, and not at all on Sunday. City Council approved Motions on June 30th to request the province to rescind Limitation 2 to [Ontario Regulation 130/20](#). It was a concerted effort between Councillors Matlow, Colle, Wong-Tam and Cressy supported by SAHRA, LPRO, FoNTRA, the Toronto Noise Coalition as well as 13 Residents' Associations in the downtown area that resulted in this Motion being presented and approved. We have now been advised that the City Clerk has submitted the request to the Provincial government but they are now recessed until Sept 13, 2020. We will continue to organize public support for this request, possibly in the form of a Petition.

Participate in The Isolation Run for Health Care Workers

Hon. Marco Menidicino invites bike or running clubs to participating in the Isolation Run for front-line health care workers. This is a friendly competition between other MPs and their ridings to run/walk/bike/kayak/wheel over the next 6 weeks to reach a total of 8,030 KM. If any members of SAHRA would like to participate they can sign up [here](#) and track their distance [here](#).

TTC Update

An update is attached on TTC matters including an overview of measures they are taking to provide safe and accessible transit for customers. Includes info on mask distribution, priority bus lanes, station accessibility, accelerating infrastructure upgrades, upcoming scheduled subway closures and Bathurst Station Photo ID Centre.

Additional safety and COVID-19 related information is posted online: <http://www.ttc.ca/COVID-19/index.jsp>. Please support safe transit in Toronto.

Toronto Public Library Update

This is a Stage 2 update – with Toronto moving into Stage 3 we would expect to receive an updated outline this week.

With Toronto in Stage 2 of the Provincial reopening plan, TPL is extending library service to provide in-branch computer access and scheduled holds pick-up. We are excited about this next step in the reinstatement of our services, and look forward to welcoming you back into our spaces. We continue to provide library services in the following ways. You can:

- [Return your library materials](#) at most branch drop boxes.
- Place holds on new materials and [schedule a time to pick them up](#) at most branches.
- [Reserve a computer](#) to use at most library branches.
- Experience [free and high quality programming](#) from home.
- Use a variety of our [online services](#) - from ebooks, eaudiobooks, movies and music, to online programs and learning tools.
- Sign up for an [Instant Digital Card](#) if you do not have a library card. This temporary card provides access to OverDrive, our largest collection of ebooks and audiobooks.

FoNTRA submission for review of TLAB

SAHRA is one of 30 residents' association in North Toronto who are members of FoNTRA (Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations). FoNTRA deals our concerns relating to the operation of the Toronto Local Appeal Body, which replaced the OMB. TLAB recently submitted their Annual Report to City Council. In response, FoNTRA submitted the attached expressing our concerns on (1) the time to deal with appeals has greatly increased and this means increased workload for all involved (2) the rules and procedures are increasingly complex which result in increased workload for adjudicators and staff and (3) wide disparity in decision outcomes compared with CofA decisions.

Circle of Care/Armour Heights Presbyterian Church – ZOOM Exercise Class

[Circle of Care](#) is now offering their exercise classes online through ZOOM. Circle of Care provides free exercise and falls prevention classes to older adults living in the community. Their Falls Prevention program is led by an Occupational Therapist and the Group Exercise Classes are led by trained fitness professionals. Classes are designed to help participants increase mobility, relieve pain and reduce the risk of falls by building strength and improving balances. Classes are funded by the Central Local Health Integration Network (CLIN) and are offered to eligible participants free of charge. If you have questions, please contact [Erin Stone](#) for details.

Go to <https://www.circleofcare.com/exercise-and-falls-prevention/> to view the upcoming Schedule and to Register.

COVID-19 Website Page

In an effort to keep our Members informed on COVID-19, we are communicating via our **eBlasts**. We have now created a dedicated Page under Information on our **Website** for these posts. You can access the link/button to COVID-19 Information for COVID-19 articles at <http://sahratoronto.com/>. This will take you directly to the Information/COVID-19 page.

Support our Shops Update

The Bedford Park Residents Organization has updated their lists of Shops on Avenue Road and Yonge that are open for business as of May 2 (see attached). This list is also available on SAHRA's website on the COVID-19 Page.

Better Living Website COVID-19 Updates

Better Living Health and Community Services actively updates their website to provide you with access to up-to-date and reputable sources of information and reference sources on COVID-19. They have a number of special support programs for Seniors. You can access their website here: <https://mybetterliving.ca/covid-19-resource-page/>