



Agincourt Village Community Association

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AVCA August 2017 Update

AVCA fully endorses Agincourt GO station access and train increase BUT only AFTER the infrastructure - namely safe pedestrian crossings, grade separations and noise mitigation - is complete!

Let's Demonstrate Our Issues

Join AVCA to demonstrate our issues regarding the Minister of Transportation's doubling trains decision and Metrolinx's lack of support for our Community.

Tuesday, September 19 – 5:30-7:00 pm

Pathway at Marilyn Avenue/GO Train Tracks

Media will be present! AVCA has connected with other associations with similar concerns. Placards will be provided by AVCA. First come - first served in choice of placard!

Doubling of Metrolinx Trains to 34 Trains per Weekday

AVCA is troubled by the following three issues:

1. Increased Safety Anguish

The children in the catchment area for seven schools cross the tracks between Finch Avenue and Sheppard Avenue. AVCA has requested of Metrolinx that safe pedestrian crossings be installed prior to the increase of any trains. The children cross the tracks at grade level in most cases with no pedestrian barrier! Yet the trains increased June 26, 2017!

2. Noise & Diesel Fumes

Metrolinx promised noise walls both sides of the tracks between Old Kennedy Avenue and Sheppard Avenue. Partial installation of the east noise wall has only begun. Increase of trains yields increase of noise in this predominantly residential area! Air Quality from diesel fumes is unhealthy especially with the Metrolinx cutting of our 100 year old tree canopy. Yet the trains increased June 26, 2017!

3. Waste of Taxpayers' Money

On June 26, 2017 - We as taxpayers on Stouffville Corridor have empty trains running between Union and Unionville on one track designed for 1970s freight trains. Presently at Agincourt GO station the 10:04 am- 4:01 pm Metrolinx trains are sparsely utilized and the 7:42 pm-11:16 pm Metrolinx trains are vacant. Why is Metrolinx - a provincial agency - wasting our money by running empty trains?



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Our placards include the following messages:
Student SAFETY at Risk in Seven Agincourt Schools,
NOISE Walls Now,
No RESPECT for our Community,
Empty Trains = WASTED MONEY,
Grade Separations Before Train Increase,
Stop the Train NOISE,
Poor Planning = EXTRA COST! Extra Pain!
Increase SAFETY before Train Increase,
Quiet! Children Sleeping Zone,
Our Children's SAFETY is Vital,
NOISE Wall – Two Years Behind Schedule,
Oh No! Another UPX fiasco,
Six Hours Sleep – Not Enough,
Stop the 11:16 pm South Bound Train,
Health Hazards – NOISE + Diesel Fumes,
More Trains = Sleep Deprived Children,
Politicians – Start Helping Us!

Metrolinx Office at 4142 Sheppard Avenue

Continue to drop in and voice your concerns and suggestions.

Summer Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and Thursdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

AVCA in Scarborough Mirror July 2017

Reporter Rahul Gupta interviewed Rhoda Potter and Randy MacDougall prior to publishing some of our frustrations regarding lack of addressing our community issues. Check out the July 27, 2017 article online at <https://www.insidetoronto.com/news-story/7449700-scarborough-residents-surprised-at-timing-of-stouffville-go-expansion/>.

Rooming House Legalization

Thank you to all who attended the consultation meetings and signed our petition. We overwhelmingly opposed this City of Toronto proposal and will continue to voice your concerns. Please participate in Councillor Jim Karygiannis' survey.

<http://karygiannis.net/wp/local-engagement-3>

40 Kilometre Signs on Agincourt Drive

The signs are up! Hopefully our drivers will slow down, make full stops at the Lockie Avenue/Agincourt Drive intersection and create a safer community.

Join Councillor Chin Lee for Movie Night Friday, September 1 – See attached flyer.



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AVCA Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar for our AGM – featuring speakers, door prizes and community connections! Memberships of \$20 per household will be collected. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM free of charge.

***Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church
4156 Sheppard Avenue***

Speakers:

James Perttula, Director, Transit and Sustainable Transportation City of Toronto

Topic: City of Toronto Public Transportation

Constable Gary Gomez, 42 Police Division

Topic: Community Safety Tips - Keeping Yourself and the Community Safe!

Ward 41 Associations Community BBQ

Organized by: Agincourt Village Community Association, Brimley Forest Community Association, C.D. Farquharson Community Association, Richmond Park Community Association and Rosewood Taxpayers' Association.

Saturday, September 16 at 12pm - 2pm

Woodside Square Shopping Centre, 1571 Sandhurst Circle at Finch Ave East

We will celebrate the collaboration and success of Ward 41's diverse neighbourhoods through the perseverance and support by our community associations and dedicated residents. It is an afternoon to mix and mingle, grab a hot dog, learn about the services our city has to offer, and further discover the neighbourhoods we live, play, and work in. It is also a chance for Ward 41 to come together and celebrate Canada 150 with entertainment and activities for all ages to enjoy.

42 Division Community Liaison Police Committee Conference - Road Safety

Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 pm

Agincourt Community Centre, 31 Glen Watford Drive

Speakers: Kerry Schmidt, OPP- Safety on our Roads and Steve Kee, IBC Director

Communications – Auto Insurance Fraud and Awareness

Displays by MADD, CAA, CanBike, TPS Traffic, CARSP, etc.

Our politicians are elected by you to help our community. If you have a community concern, email your elected politician. Thank you to those who have emailed your MPP, Councillors and Metrolinx contacts!