



Agincourt Village Community Association
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October 2016 Newsletter

President - Rhoda Potter

First Vice President - Randy MacDougall

Second Vice President – Vacant

Secretary - Christine Lincoln

Treasurer - Richard Yang

Membership – Vacant

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Website – Vacant

Metrolinx Committee – Randy McDougall, Heather Ioannou and Rhoda Potter

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
7:00 pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
4156 Sheppard Avenue East

AGINCOURT COMMUNITY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to announce that all of the necessary documentation has been filed and **Agincourt Village Community Association** ("AVCA") has been registered as a legal Not-for-Profit Association. Membership continues to grow. Fees have been set at \$20 per household, per year but paying now ensures your membership until the end of 2017!

Your \$20 will pay for the costs involved in registering AVCA as a legal not-for-profit association; cover printing flyers and this newsletter, rental of meeting rooms, and other costs incurred in the general maintenance of the association. Note that any excess funds realized by AVCA will be donated to an appropriate cause, as directed by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting each October.

**The first Annual General Meeting of Agincourt Village Community Association will be held
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
4156 Sheppard Avenue East
Members and non-members are welcome!**

For information or concerns, contact Rhoda Potter at AVCA at avcatoronto@gmail.com.



Community Clean-Up April 23, 2016

Many of our neighbours and friends came out on a cool but sunny Saturday morning to clean up the Agincourt Village Community. We picked up lots of the stuff, some from Donalda Park but by far the majority was found at Agincourt Station and surrounding pathways. Come on Metrolinx – be a good provincially funded agency-citizen. Please pick up your own garbage!

AVCA Has Been Working for the Community

Since February 2016, AVCA has been working to affect positive change. Many local issues have been brought to the attention of the **City of Toronto** and decision makers, issues that affect the value of our homes and the continued enjoyment of our Village, many involve development and developers.

- Help make our neighbourhood safer by signing our petition to have the speed limit on Agincourt Drive reduced to 40 km per hour.
- As they rush to catch the train, drivers coming south on Kennedy Road are avoiding the left turns at Sheppard Avenue by turning onto Havendale Road and careening down Agincourt Drive when our kids walk to school. Councillor Karygiannis has been asked to consider banning left turns from Kennedy Road onto Havendale Road between 7:00 and 9:00 in the morning.
- Councillor Chin Lee has agreed to have City transportation staff conduct a traffic study regarding traffic on Havendale Road, Huntingwood Drive and Finch Avenue.
- Councillor Norm Kelly has been asked to consider prohibiting left turns onto Sheppard from the parking lot at 4002 Sheppard Avenue on the North East Corner of Kennedy Road.
- 42 Police Division has been proactive in the community and has been asked to monitor our area for speeders. To ensure the safety of our children, we have also requested a Crossing Guard at the traffic signal at Sheppard Avenue and the Station entrance.
- AVCA has attended and will continue to attend presentations regarding the Scarborough subway, City of Toronto Steeles Avenue grade-separation and Metrolinx Lakeshore East rail expansion and any other initiative which may impact Agincourt Village.
- Developers are ignoring tree-cutting by-laws in our community. There are neglected properties on our own streets. This reflects badly on the rest of the properties. Please pick up construction debris, keep your hedges trimmed and grass cut. Phone 311 or contact 311 online to report any issues that you see on your street..
- It is long past time to do something about the ugly vacant lot at the corner of Midland Avenue and Sheppard Avenue. The derelict condition of the Kennedy Road and Sheppard Avenue intersection needs to be addressed. Help us by contacting 311.
- AVCA President, Rhoda Potter has become a member of 42 Division Community Police Liaison Committee. Community police concerns are taken to the CPLC monthly meetings.
- AVCA representatives have attended City Committee of Adjustment meetings where consideration is being given to lot severances as well as demolition and home re-building.
- Good News: Finally, four new street lights have been installed at Agincourt Drive and Sheppard Avenue and the green space there is now being maintained.

Metrolinx

Over the past three years, our community has endured many Metrolinx community consultations and information presentations regarding the twinning of the tracks and the construction of the new Agincourt Station, however no Master Plan has been forthcoming despite numerous requests.

Our concerns over pedestrian safety are paramount, especially the safety of our children using the historic pathway over the tracks at Marilyn Avenue to Lockie Avenue, a pathway which connects our community.

Our neighbourhood is defined by our stately trees – trees which were damaged and destroyed by incompetent Metrolinx contractors.

There are no apparent plans to construct overpasses or underpasses at Havendale Road, Huntingwood Drive and Finch Avenue or to increase parking at the station.

AVCA continues to communicate these and our many other concerns to Metrolinx.

- In early August, 2016 a letter was sent to Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig. A standard canned response was received October 5, 2016.
- On the first day of school September 6, 2016, AVCA's President, Rhoda Potter and AVCA's Vice President Randy MacDougall toured the neighbourhood with Metrolinx community relations officers and a representative from Councillor Chin Lee's office. They were shown our concerns for the safety of our children as they cross Sheppard Avenue at the station entrance. They saw our children avoiding commuters jostling for parking spaces in the full station parking lot. They saw kids navigating around illegally parked cars at Lockie Avenue, Agincourt Drive, Dowry Avenue and Marilyn Avenue. They watched as pedestrians crossed the tracks breathing in the fumes and hearing the noise from the trains.

We continue to express our concerns to our elected representatives both Federally and Provincially.

- In September, Executive Members Randy MacDougall and Christine Lincoln pointed out the areas of concern to MP Arnold Chan on a walk through the station area.
- In October, Executive Members Rhoda Potter and Randy MacDougall showed the student safety concerns to Toronto District School Board Superintendent Andrew Howard.
- We continue to meet with MPP Soo Wong every two months. On October 6, Members of AVCA were present at a Town Hall Meeting at St Timothy's Anglican Church arranged by MPP Wong at which Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca and Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig were in attendance.

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