



Agincourt Village Community Association

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AVCA welcomes many new neighbours to our community. If you have a new family living next door to you, please inform them of AVCA and encourage them to connect via email. We welcome your ideas and your participation as we experience changes in our community. Please let us know your thoughts by sending an email to avcatoronto@gmail.com.

Good News – AVCA Winners

Names were drawn at our recent events and the following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates! It looks like practical clothing and handy items were the focus for their gift certificates!

Bill at Canadian Tire, Tracy at Mark's, and Carole at Canadian Tire. My apologies for losing their beautiful photos during a computer transfer however I hope they enjoyed their gift certificates! And....



Novak at Canadian Tire

\$50 Gift Certificates Donated by Sheppard East Village BIA

AVCA members are encouraged to shop or use a service on Sheppard Avenue between Midland Avenue to Markham Road. Thank you to the businesses of Sheppard East Village BIA for supporting AVCA. Ernie McCullough has given more \$50 Gift Certificates to AVCA to be distributed to lucky members throughout 2024. It could be you if you are a paid 2024 member!

Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!

Community Involvement

Thank you to the many residents who participated in our April Community Clean-Up and our May Yard Sale. It is evident by the photos that many enjoyed the opportunity to be together for good causes! If you missed our 2024 events we hope to see you in 2025!



Havendale Park Day

On June 15, 2024 many residents enjoyed a day in the park with Dad's Dumplings, Homemade Cookies, Scarborough Spots Swag, Metrolinx Information, Nicholas' Art, Volleyball, Children's Bike Decorating, Games, and a Community Bike Ride led by Sarah Martin with the help of officers from 42 Police Division. We appreciated the attendance of MP Yip, MPP Babikian and Councilor Mantas. It's a wonderful event to connect with new and seasoned neighbours. Plan on attending in 2025!



Huntingwood Day – Saturday, August 24.

AVCA continues to work with partners to promote cycling safety in Scarborough. For the third year a Bike Ride is planned with Toronto East Cycle, Toronto Cycle and Bike Share. New this year - Bike Share will be joining us! Along with Councilor Mantas' support AVCA is advocating for Bike Share to be established in Northeast Toronto – the only quadrant of our City that does not have this facility. This will enable people who do not own a bike or cannot store a bike to use cycling to connect to public transit, shop, or enjoy our Scarborough Green Bike Loop! Come out and try out a Bike Share Bike!

**HUNTINGWOOD
DAY 2024
A CYCLE CELEBRATION**

Cycle Toronto **TORONTO EAST CYCLISTS** **BIKE SHARE TORONTO** **AVCA**
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WHEN & WHERE?

- Saturday August 24
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Bridlewood Park,
445 Huntingwood Dr.

ACTIVITIES

- 12:00 - Family Friendly Bike Ride -
- Meet with representatives from Bikeshare TO and learn about their services
- Free ABC Checks by CycleTO
- Free information on bike safety, bike trails around the GTA by TO East Cyclists
- Bike Decoration Giveaway (while quantities last) - Provided by AVCAtoronto.ca
- Light snacks

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Sheppard Subway Extension

Many of you attended the Metrolinx and MPP's meetings on the topic of building a Business Case for extending the "subway" from Don Mills to connect to the new McCowan subway station and perhaps go further to connect to the Toronto Zoo and the Rouge Urban National Park! Premier Doug Ford in his 2018 and 2022 Election platforms proposed a Sheppard Subway! If a subway can be built to Ontario Place – why not to our Scarborough attractions? Even more importantly - it would serve so many people needing improved public transit in Northeast Scarborough. The business case will be completed in Fall 2024 – that's when we need to advocate at the provincial level for budget to build it!

Please join our fight for improved Public Transit on Sheppard Avenue! Sign up at:
TheSSAC.com

Stouffville Corridor Noise Walls

Noise Wall update – Freedom of Information request

Your AVCA Executive is working hard to have Metrolinx fix the noise walls in the Agincourt area.

They were installed too short, 3.8 metres high instead of the specified 5 metres, and they are made of sound reflecting materials instead of the specified sound absorbent materials. As with most things with Metrolinx, this has been a very slow and agonizing endeavour spanning years.

On May 2nd, 2024, we received a letter from Kelly Hagan, VP Community Engagement, in effect just restating the Metrolinx position that all is fine.

Her letter contained three points:

- 1/ there is minimal differences between sound reflective and sound absorbent noise walls so it doesn't matter;
- 2/ our noise walls were built as the result of an optimization process that took place;
- 3/ the noise walls meet the requirements for noise reduction.

We take exception with these three statements. There is a large difference between sound absorbent and reflective materials. That's why sound wall manufacturers make both products and charge more for sound absorbent noise walls. And the environmental assessment for the Stouffville Corridor said it was mandatory the noise walls be sound absorbent when they are on both sides of the corridor as in the Agincourt area. We have asked Kelly Hagan to justify her statement.

Metrolinx must have some study which shows this minimal difference.

Optimization Process? What was this optimization process that secretly changed the specifications in the environmental assessment? There has never been a mention of an optimization process in the past. What does optimization process really mean? Is it an obscure way of saying oops? We have asked Kelly Hagan to provide the details of this process and how it led to a reduction in our noise walls. There should be some Metrolinx procedure and notes of the process on how it was applied to our noise walls. With the noise walls being less than what was specified by the environmental assessment, we have asked Kelly Hagan to provide justification to her statement that the noise walls still meet noise mitigation requirements. This just can't be a guess. There must be some empirical analysis showing this. Unfortunately, we have not even received an acknowledgement of our requests from Kelly Hagan.

To take this forward, your AVCA Executive is forced to issue three Freedom of Information Requests to Metrolinx for this information. These have been submitted. Let's see what happens!

Agincourt GO Station

AVCA Executive has worked with Metrolinx to have historical photos displayed within the new station. This has finally happened! Thank you to Judy and Margaret – long-time residents of Agincourt for their contribution in writing the information about these historical Agincourt establishments. Check out the photos when the station is open between 6:00 am – 11:45 am on weekdays!



AVCA is still working to have - mirrors installed at each of the stairways into the pedestrian tunnels, station open for longer hours, bike storage room open, continued maintenance of the landscaping and improved lighting in the pathways to the station on the north end. Should you encounter a safety issue at the station you need to press the *Help Buttons* or text *HELP* to 77777. Please email your concerns to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

Donalda Park & Havendale Park

We are fortunate to have Donald Park with a forest path, exercise equipment, benches and a paved pathway for walking. Even in winter exercise enthusiasts make their own pathway in the snow! At Havendale Park children enjoy the new playscape structure and lots of room to roam. We thank the City Parks department for conscientiously maintaining the parks for everyone's enjoyment.



Donalda Park



Havendale Park

AVCA Follow-Up to AGM Concerns

Community Safety

- E-bikes & E-Scooters to be addressed in City Bike Plan
- Bellefontaine Sidewalks to be installed Spring 2025
- Southlawn speeding - residents to request enforcement from 42 Division
- New noise by-laws were passed by the City Council
- Overnight Parking to be addressed by City Council
- Kittery/Huntingwood Cross Walk lights have been activated.
- Application for a crossing guard at Sheppard/Agincourt GO Station has been submitted.

Development

- AVCA continues to raise the issue of condominium development without increase in recreational facilities
- 19 & 21 Donald Crescent homes have not been completed by Spring 2024 as suggested by Councillor Mantas. AVCA will continue to advocate.
- Garden Suite zoning has been passed by City Council
- Major Street Study Proposal of six story buildings on Huntingwood Avenue, Midland Avenue and Kennedy Road was passed by City Council.

Public Transit

- New Street - Village Green Square to Sheppard Avenue Environment Assessment is completed. Next step is budget allocation from the City
- Councillor Mantas has put forward to City Staff to make Marilyn & Dowry Streets at the Stouffville track pedestrian access only
- Surveying is completed for installation of new lighting at the Lockie/Agincourt GO Station pathway
- Metrolinx Sheppard "Subway" Extension business case is to be completed by Fall 2024.

Concern for Unhoused Persons

- The Delta Shelter contract has been extended until December 31, 2025.
- Continue to report encampments to 311.

AVCA Annual General Meeting

Please watch in your email for the date and location of our October 2024 AGM. This year a guest speaker will be from 42 Division to address community and personal safety strategies. Your 2025 membership can be paid at that meeting and draws for the \$50 gift certificates will take place. Plan to be there to hear updates and provide your help and suggestions for AVCA's 2025 year!

WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch

We are fortunate to have members who participate in our WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch. To join send an email to avcatoronto@gmail.com and include your cell number.

AVCA Executive and AVCA Website

The AVCA Executive is working on behalf of our community as various changes, issues and impacts arise. Please check out our website at www.avcatoronto.ca. Please contact the Executive at avcatoronto@gmail.com with any suggestions, questions or concerns. **Thank you for your support of AVCA!**