



Agincourt Village Community Association

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On Canada Day Canadians from coast to coast to coast will celebrate like we never have done before. This year is the perfect opportunity for each of us to wave our flags proudly and show the rest of the world the capacity of the “true north strong and free.”

AVCA is again sponsoring our “Big Red Leaf” in Agincourt Mall for Canada Day. Paint, draw or write your thoughts of why Canada is the best country in the world and post them on our “Big Red Leaf!” Or visit our “Big Red Leaf” and enjoy the messages!



AVCA also challenges you to post many Canadian flags on your front lawn, in your windows and on your front doors to celebrate our rich heritage and diverse culture. Post, draw, paint or create as many flags as you can. **AVCA on July 1, 2025 will count all of the flags within our AVCA boundaries – Kennedy to Midland and Finch to the CPR tracks!** Let’s see our neighbourhood burst into a symphony of red and white!

The Delta

As you are aware The Delta has been used to house unhoused clients during and since COVID. The Delta is being gradually decommissioned with clients being given housing opportunities or a space in a different shelter. Presently there are 82 residents at the Delta and by October 2025 the decommissioning will be complete. The owner of the hotel has begun renovations with the aim to complete the process by Spring 2026.



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Good News – AVCA Winners

Names were drawn at our AGM and the following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates!



Donna
AV Fishing Tackle

Miranda
Puppy House Grooming

Luigi & Michlina
Fursat

\$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 2025. It could be you if you are a paid 2025 member!

Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!

The Benefit of Establishing AVCA

Your AVCA Executive along with your help works to enhance our community. Since its inception in 2015 AVCA through collaborating with our MP, MPP, Councillor, City Staff and Metrolinx has accomplished the following: more stop signs, Sheppard crossing guard, Huntingwood /Kittery crosswalk, more support from 42 Division, Metrolinx Agincourt GO Station North Tunnel, decommissioning of The Delta, pedestrian barrier at Lockie/Agincourt Path, no left turns 7-9 am on Kennedy to protect neighbourhood from drivers rushing to the station, clean up of encampment left over garbage on West Highland Creek banks, 40 km on various streets, no U-Turn signage, more sidewalks, neighbourhood events, etc.

How to Pay Your AVCA 2025 Membership

As previously decided AVCA requests \$20 per household per year. These monies pay for meeting room rentals, printing of flyers, business cards, signage, website host, and various expenses. As AVCA is non-profit, should there be excess monies donations would be made to charitable organizations or spent on public spaces within our community.



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Please help by paying your 2025 membership if you did not pay at the AGM. Cash or cheque *payable to Agincourt Village Community Association* can also be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3. You will receive a 2025 membership card and your name is entered into the \$50 Gift Certificate Draw.

Community Involvement

Tree and Shrub Planting happened on a cold day on April 5, 2025. The City offers communities free trees to plant in their backyards to increase Toronto's Tree Canopy. Many neighbours braved the cold to start planting!



Our Community Clean-Up happened on April 26, 2025 when many residents met up to make us proud of our neighbourhood by picking up litter from Donalda Park and the surrounding area. Well Done Group!



Fun was had by everyone at our annual **Yard Sale** on May 10, 2025. Thank you those who donated your items so that others could discover them as treasures! Much appreciation goes to Gervais Party Rentals namely Cleveland who donated tables to display the items and Richard & Ching for the use of their yard. The proceeds from the sales help sponsor community events and extra items are donated to local agencies.



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Havendale Day on May 31, 2025 was a huge success this year! The highlights were local food kiosks, Toronto Zoo, Rouge National Urban Park, Scarborough Spots, 42 Division Auxiliary Police Bike Safety discussions, family bike ride with 42 Division police escort, children's treasure hunt, soccer clinic, volleyball and general chats with neighbours! Watch for next year's event – it is a great time to meet neighbours and have fun!



Congratulations go to Rhoda Potter, President of Agincourt Village Community Association. In a ceremony at Agincourt Public Library on March 20, 2025 MP Jean Yip presented Rhoda with the King Charles III Coronation Medal. This medal is awarded to people who have made significant contributions to Canada and their communities. The executive of AVCA congratulates Rhoda for this honour. Keep up the good work in making our community better.





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Sheppard Subway Extension

AVCA continues to support the 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! Even more importantly - it would serve so many people needing improved public transit in Northeast Scarborough. Premier Doug Ford in his 2018, 2022 and 2025 Election platforms proposed a Sheppard Subway! AVCA debuted at the provincial budget consultations in January 2025 and has sent a letter to Premier Ford and Finance Minister Bethlenfalvy. A letter has also been forwarded to Metrolinx Chair of the Board Donald Wright and CEO Micheal Lindsay. You can help by sending an email to MPP Aris Babikian at aris.babikian@pc.ola.org.

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

Agincourt GO Station

The Stouffville Corridor GO trains now run hourly and more frequently during commuter times morning and evening. If you are enjoying a game, show or dinner downtown – the last train now leaves Union Station northbound at 12:12 am! Check the Agincourt GO Station schedule for exact times!

AVCA is still working to have the station open for longer hours, open bike storage room, 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.

Agincourt Noise Walls

AVCA continues to request more information from Metrolinx through Freedom of Information and the Privacy Commission regarding the inadequate noise walls on the Stouffville Corridor between Marilyn to Finch. Like the Eglinton Crosstown and Finch LRT that are not completed - AVCA Executive feel there are remaining deficiencies in Agincourt that have not been addressed. Hopefully with the new Metrolinx CEO some progress will be made!



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311, 211, 911 Reporting

Help keep our community safe – if you see something say something!

- 911 to Police for emergencies
- Non-Emergencies call 416-808-2222
- Parking Enforcement 416- 808-6600
- 311 – Municipal complaints ie garbage, encampments, long grass, unlicensed multitenant houses
- 211 – for Mental Health concerns
- You can also report online, and you can call Crime Stoppers Anonymously

42 Police Division has shared the “Community Guide to Report a Person Missing”.

The guide is available in digital format in the link: <https://www.tps.ca/missing/>

New Neighbours

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.

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!