



Agincourt Village Community Association

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January 2020 Update

Your AVCA Executive wishes everyone Happy New Year and Happy Lunar New Year that is upcoming! We hope you enjoyed Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza celebrations.

Let's Speak Up for Our Community

Our community needs you – needs you to help our community. When you see City of Toronto issues in our community that need to be addressed please report them to 311. When you encounter Metrolinx concerns or suggestions please contact Prince Hall at prince.hall@metrolinx.com. When you experience issues that need to be dealt with by 42 Police Division please make a report online at torontopolice.on.ca – file a report.

“Neighbourhood Watch” goes a long way toward keeping us all safe and healthy.

AVCA Advocates for Community Safety

The at-grade rail crossings at Havendale Road and Huntingwood Avenue continue to be safety concerns for our community. We await the results of the Environmental Assessment for these crossings as well as Finch Avenue. In the mean time to increase pedestrian awareness of safe sidewalk/track crossing, new signs and painted sidewalks have been established. It is AVCA's understanding that Metrolinx will install pedestrian barriers at the Havendale Road and Huntingwood Avenue rail crossing locations. Following AVCA's advocating, cement parking barriers have been installed in front of Agincourt JPS between the sidewalk and Lockie Avenue. Speeding on our streets continues to be a concern although electronic speed signs have been erected and moved throughout our community. Please drive at or below the speed limit – you can be a good example to other drivers!

Be a Winner of a \$50 Gift Certificate Donated by Sheppard East Village BIA

Thank you to Sheppard East Village BIA! Again for 2020 the SEV Business Improvement Association has donated \$200.00 to AVCA to be given out in \$50 gift certificates to residents who have purchased membership for the year 2020. That means if you paid your 2020 membership fee at our October Annual General Meeting, your name is already in the basket for the next draw! Four draws will be made throughout 2020 – the first one being at the February AVCA Executive meeting. We welcome continued community support of the businesses in this BIA between Markham Road and Midland Avenue on Sheppard Avenue. Please pay your 2020 membership for a chance to be a winner!

2020 AVCA 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.

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 membership card.

Metrolinx Agincourt GO Station/Stouffville Corridor

AVCA Executive continues to dialogue with Metrolinx staff as the work on the Stouffville Corridor and Agincourt GO Station progresses. Safety, train noise, sound walls, drainage, and lack of parking are ongoing topics. Since many of the residents who have sound walls erected in their backyards between Marilyn and Finch Avenues have expressed concern that these walls are not providing noticeable noise mitigation, AVCA is seeking more answers from Metrolinx to mitigate train diesel engine, brakes and bell noise. AVCA encourages you to express your concerns and suggestions to Metrolinx Prince Hall at prince.hall@metrolinx.com or make an appointment to meet at the Metrolinx office at 4142 Sheppard Avenue East.

Agincourt GO Station Adopt-A-Station

Our Adopt-A-Station Committee in partnership with Metrolinx hosted a very successful event at Agincourt GO Station on December 14, 2019 with over 60 participants from our community. With the artistic talent of Kseniya Tsoy, Agincourt “Past and Present” was replicated on the station’s west windows. Children and adults used their drawing abilities to decorate the east windows. MPP Aris Babikian and Councillor Jim Karygiannis joined in our festive fun and Santa even attended to learn about Rail Safety! Food was collected for the Scarborough Rosewood Food Bank. Special appreciation goes to our AVCA members Sarah and Bill Martin for their creative contributions. Follow our website at www.avcatoronto.ca for more details. Check out the work in person at Agincourt GO Station or visit #MyAgincourtGO.

Weekend Trains at Metrolinx Agincourt GO Station

Did you know that you can take an 8:01 train south to Union Station on both Saturday and Sunday? Or return from Union Station at 00:15 on both Saturday and Sunday? Or travel south on an hourly basis on Saturday and Sunday? Or travel north to Mount Joy on an hourly basis on Saturday and Sunday? Parking at Agincourt GO Station is available at any time on the weekend! Check the schedule at gotransit.com.

Scarborough Civic Centre Free Concerts

Many AVCA members enjoyed the free December concert in the rotunda at Scarborough Civic Centre. Monthly concerts happen and it has been suggested that more AVCA members may like to attend. The address is 150 Borough Drive. Check out the concert schedule at <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/sunday-concert-series-at-scarborough-civic-centre/>.

Condominium and Housing Development

AVCA continues to be involved in discussions as we anticipate the redevelopment of Agincourt Mall, increase of condominiums in our area, rebuilding of homes and redevelopment on the southwest corner at Midland and Sheppard Avenues. Your comments are welcome and will be included in our discussions. Please be aware that building applications, city permits and if applicable tree protections are required. Thank you to residents who have made the City staff aware of bylaw infractions – it takes everyone to work together to encourage change that maintains our village environment of which we are proud!

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 avatoronto@gmail.com.