



# Agincourt Village Community Association

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## June 2021 Update

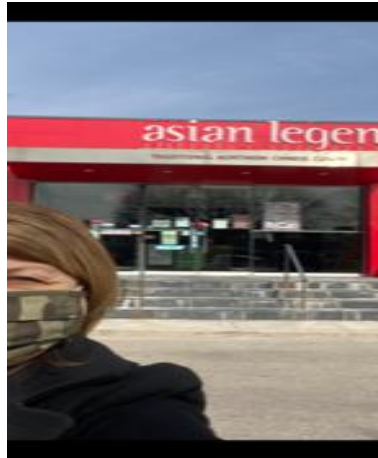
The light at the end of our COVID tunnel is visible. With vaccines, follow through with Public Health advice and care we will reach the end of this tunnel. How happy we will be to socialize with family and friends again! Thank you to the many residents who helped others in our community as we weathered the COVID storm.

### Good News – AVCA Winners

The following three AVCA members won the last \$50 Gift Certificates to be spent in support of our local shops and services:



Pauline at Caribbean Food Store  
Congratulations!



Lydia at Asian Legend



Bruce 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. More \$50 Gift Certificates have been given to AVCA to be distributed to lucky members throughout 2021. *Let's continue to shop these local businesses if open for services, take out or parcel pick-up, and again when they open their doors!*

### Multi-Tenant Housing

As discussed at previous AVCA AGMs and at signed petitions at our former Yard Sales, AVCA has taken the stand to oppose legalizing Rooming Houses (Multi-Tenant Housing) in Scarborough. Rhoda Potter and many other members have attended and posed questions at the recent Online Public Meetings. Many of you answered the survey. Thank you!

A formal letter of opposition is being sent to the City Planning & Housing Committee from AVCA regarding legalizing Multi-Tenant Housing as it is presently proposed. The virtual public meeting, on video, is to be held on Monday June 28 at 1:30 pm

The meeting is being conducted by the Planning and Housing Committee (PHC) as an extension of their final Monthly Meeting before summer break. Submissions can be made to the meeting by presentation or in writing. The PHC will receive input and review the staff proposal in order to make recommendations to the Toronto City Council for their consideration. Further details are as follows:

- The public can present their views regarding the City proposal
- The draft zoning bylaw amendments will be available starting June 15 at: <https://www.toronto.ca/MTHreview>.
- Written comments can be sent by email to [phc@toronto.ca](mailto:phc@toronto.ca), or by mail to City Clerk's Office, Attention Nancy Martins, Administrator, Planning and Housing Committee, 100 Queen Street West, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, Toronto ON M5H 2N2. Phone: 416-392-4579
- To address the Committee directly, register by email to [phc@toronto.ca](mailto:phc@toronto.ca) or by phone at 416-397-4579. Registrations must be received by 25 June at 12:00 pm. They will provide further instructions
- You can follow the June 28 meeting live at [www.youtube.com/TorontoCityCouncil-Live](http://www.youtube.com/TorontoCityCouncil-Live)

*Written letters should also be cc'd to Councillor Mantas at [councillor\\_mantas@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_mantas@toronto.ca).*

### **Garden Suites**

The Planning & Housing Committee is also proposing suites to be built in backyards. AVCA is following this proposal very carefully. Information regarding this proposal can be found at [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) or contact

David Driedger  
Telephone: 416-392-7613  
Email: [David.Driedger@toronto.ca](mailto:David.Driedger@toronto.ca)

Allison Reid  
Telephone: 416-392-1295  
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Please express your concern and suggestions to [councillor\\_mantas@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_mantas@toronto.ca) as well as

### **Stouffville Corridor Train Noise and Noise Wall Concerns**

AVCA continues to voice to Metrolinx, the concerns of residents living along the train tracks. Our last virtual meeting was in February 2021 with Randy MacDougall and Rhoda Potter pressing Metrolinx for valid noise testing and appropriate noise mitigation, especially since, when completed, train noise interruptions can be every 4 minutes during the day. Unfortunately, we have no news to report from Metrolinx or our MPP Aris Babikian. AVCA's discussions will continue. You are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train noise to [torontoeast@metrolinx.com](mailto:torontoeast@metrolinx.com) and/or [aris.babikianco@pc.ola.org](mailto:aris.babikianco@pc.ola.org).

### **Agincourt GO Station**

Construction on the new station continues. Your AVCA Executive meets monthly and virtually with the Metrolinx Community Liaison Committee to learn the station progress and to highlight community concerns and suggestions. Discussion topics have included security cameras, lighting, accessible access to the station, pathways, drainage on adjacent properties, noise wall completion, pedestrian and cycling connections and station artwork.

### **Scarborough Subway – McCowan Station**

You may have noticed the demolition of the car dealerships on the northeast corner of McCowan and Sheppard. This is to make way for the beginning of the boring of the tunnel for the subway which will extend from McCowan Station to Kennedy Station. More information can be found at [metrolinxengage.com](http://metrolinxengage.com).

### **Community Safety**

AVCA continues to be in touch with 42 Division Community Police Liaison Committee, Shelter Support Services at The Delta and our neighbours at Metrogate on Village Green Square.

### **WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch**

Let's help each other and help 42 Division as well. Keeping an "eye" out for unusual happenings and reporting them to 311, 416 808-2222 or online at [torontopolice.ca](http://torontopolice.ca) ensures a safe community for all. We are fortunate to have members who participate in our new WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch. To join send an email to [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) and include your cell number. We are proud of our close-knit community as one neighbor describes us – "a hidden village."

### **Wild Animal Support**

We live in a beautiful neighbourhood where we experience many encounters with different types of wildlife, raccoons, skunks, opossums, foxes, coyotes, squirrels, a variety of birds including birds of prey. In the majority of cases all of these creatures are harmless if left alone and will not bother or harm you, but in some cases animals may need assistance due to injury or abandonment, or they can be causing damage to a property. If you encounter either scenario, we urge that you do not try to engage with the animal on your own and that you contact a trained professional in wildlife rescue or wildlife control to assist with the situation. Below are a few suggested contacts for the humane treatment of urban wildlife:

- Toronto Wildlife Center – Primarily Rescue of injured, sick or abandoned animals  
416-631-0662
- AAA Gates Wildlife Control – Animal Control, great reviews on professionalism removing unwanted guests, check out their YouTube channel also for demonstrations.  
416-750-9453
- You can also call 311 – the link below is a great reference for interactions with wildlife in the city.  
<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/animals-pets/wildlife-in-the-city/>

### **Bike Paths in North Scarborough**

North Scarborough has a network of bike paths that are a great way to experience your neighbourhood. Below is a link to the Toronto.ca website that will take you directly to the Toronto cycling map. Zoom in on the Agincourt area to see the network of trails and how to access them.

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/cycling-in-toronto/cycling-google-map/>

- Scarborough Finch Hydro Corridor East Trail
- North Scarborough Green Loop
- Huntingwood bike Lanes
- L'Amoreaux Sports Complex and North Park Trail
- East Highland Creek Trail

### **Huntingwood Drive Bike Lanes**

As many Agincourt residents cycle on sidewalks for their own safety AVCA is in contact virtually with Cycle Toronto to improve safe cycling in North Scarborough. Commuters need cycle access to Agincourt GO Station, students need safe bike access to schools, many residents cycle instead of using public transit and there are those who cycle for pleasure and exercise. As North Scarborough is the only area in Toronto without Bike Share and the Bike Share Loop, AVCA is working to help those who would like to rent a bike for periods of time.

**Where are we?**



Send your guess to [avacatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avacatoronto@gmail.com)!

### **Membership Has Advantages - 2021 AVCA Membership**

Thank you to the many residents who have paid their 2021 membership! Your names have been entered into the draw for March, April and May 2021 \$50 gift certificates. More lucky draws will be held!

As previously decided AVCA requests \$20 per household per year. These monies pay for meeting room rentals, printing flyers, business cards, signage, website host, Zoom membership, and various expenses. AVCA usually begins collecting our next year's membership at the AGM which was not possible this year. Cash or cheque *payable to Agincourt Village Community Association* can be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3.

### **A Laugh, Giggle or Smile**



### **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](http://www.avcatoronto.ca). Please contact the Executive at [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com).