



Agincourt Village Community Association

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April 2022 Update

Your AVCA Executive wishes you and your family health and happiness as our community returns meeting with each other and at the same time remembering public health safety measures. We have been working diligently on behalf of our community using online Zoom, Webex, emails and telephone conferences during this time. In this Update let's celebrate our successes as well as highlight initiatives that are impacting our community.

MORE Good News – AVCA Winners

The following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates in 2021! The Certificates were spent in support of our local shops and services:



Hye-Young at "大三元"



Susan & Elmer at Canadian Tire



Kira at Puppy House Grooming



Yuriy at Canadian Tire



Joanne at Part Source



Derrick at Savorology

\$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 2022. It could be you if you are a paid member! *Let's continue to shop these local businesses to help them get "back on their feet!"* **Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!**

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10:00 am - Community Clean-Up in Havendale Park. We will meet in the park and span out into the neighbourhood where there is an area in need of our attention.

Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 9:00 am -2:00 pm – Yard Sale at 66 and 62 Agincourt Drive. Please collect your no-longer-needed dishes, toys, books, trinkets, lamps, etc. (NO furniture or clothing) Items can be dropped off at 62 Agincourt Drive, 38 Agincourt Drive, 5 Lockie Avenue or 43 Southlawn Avenue between 4:00 – 8:00 pm *Tuesday May 24-27.* Your discards are someone else's treasures!

Saturday, June 11, 2022 – Meet your neighbours in Havendale Park 10:00-12:00. More details will follow at a later date.

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 recently met with other Scarborough Community Association Presidents as we continue to oppose this proposal.

City Council deferred the vote on legalization of multi-tenant housing with recommendations for review of the plan directed to City staff. The report is due back sometime in 2022. Information is available at www.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. Please express your concern and suggestions to councillor_mantas@toronto.ca.

Stouffville Corridor Train Noise and Noise Wall Concerns

AVCA continues to voice to Metrolinx, the concerns of residents living along the train tracks. The noise wall concern is always raised at our virtual Agincourt GO Station CLC meetings and AVCA is in constant contact with our MPP Aris Babikian. Metrolinx continues to study the matter. As the number and duration of the trains are increasing following their reduction during COVID, you are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train noise to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

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. Recent discussion topics have included improvement of lighting, condition and maintenance of the Lockie to Tracks Pathway as well as the Marilyn to Tracks Sidewalk; no GO

Station access to washrooms, seating, phone plug-ins, amenities and bike storage after 11:00 am on weekdays or anytime on weekends, and security at the North Pedestrian Tunnel area. AVCA hopes the new Agincourt GO Station will completely open soon!

Finch Smart Track GO Station

Information will be coming soon regarding the building of this station. AVCA has expressed concern that there will be no parking, cycling on Finch Avenue is unsafe and pedestrians will need to walk long distances to catch a train at Finch Smart Track Station due to the way surrounding communities were planned. Commuters must be dropped off by a friend at the Kiss n Ride, take a TTC bus and pay another fare to board the GO train or pay taxi fare to reach the Finch Smart Track GO Station. Please email your comments to TorontoWest@metrolinx.com.

Scarborough Subway – McCowan Station

AVCA continues to participate in meetings regarding the beginning of the Scarborough Subway Big Dig at the corner of McCowan and Sheppard. Metrolinx is starting the digging of the tunnel at this location and burrowing south to Kennedy Station. Our concern for the McCowan Subway station is that there is NO COMMUTER PARKING planned for the station. The plan for this station is to have a bus terminal only. AVCA is advocating for commuter parking! Please address your concerns to torontoeast@metrolinx.com. More information can be found at metrolinxengage.com.

Sheppard Subway – McCowan to Don Mills

AVCA wishes to clarify that the Scarborough Subway does not continue along Sheppard Avenue from McCowan to Don Mills. At present the Sheppard Subway is only a dotted line on the Metrolinx map and is not funded. If you have concerns about this “incomplete loop” please email MPP Aris Babikian at aris.babikian@pc.ola.org and Councillor Mantas at councillor_mantas@toronto.ca.

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. Our new police contact in charge of Crime Prevention is PC David Lenchuk at 7964@tps.ca. Please help yourself and our community by reporting unusual or unsafe occurrences to 311 and police at 416-808-2222 or email www.torontopolice.on.ca.

WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch

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

Bike Paths in North Scarborough

Are there any riders interested in attending a weekly evening bike ride on one of these paths? Meeting place and selection of path would be shared with those who are interested. Please respond to avcatoronto@gmail.com. North Scarborough has a network of bike paths that are a great way to experience your neighbourhood. For more information:

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

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. AVCA is looking forward to the resurfacing of Huntingwood Avenue with safer and more appealing vehicle and cycle designation. 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. A Bike Share location is being proposed for Agincourt GO Station.

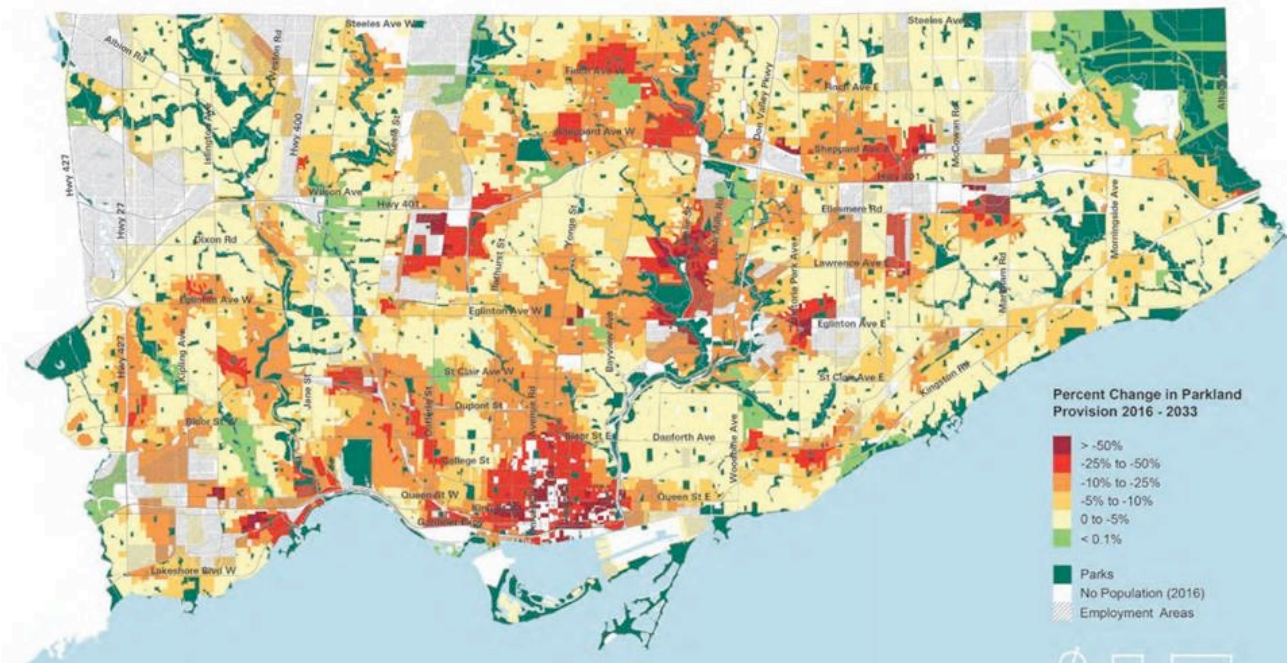
Derelict Building at Midland/Sheppard- 4189 Sheppard Avenue

For 20+ years our community has been exposed to this run down building frequented by trespassers, broken fences, graffiti and dumping! We will not take it anymore! Housing is needed in Toronto – why hasn't this land been developed? Due to the many condominium developments our area is experiencing reduction in recreational and park facility opportunities – why can't this land be taken over by the City of Toronto to meet the recreational needs of the present and many residents moving into our area? It's time to email Councillor Mantas at councillor_mantas@toronto.ca.

Taken from Toronto Official Plan

Expand the diagram and note the percent change in parkland provision in our area by 2033 due to development. (-50%)

Figure 11: Impact of Growth on Parkland Provision, by Percent Change



Planning Complete Communities – Toronto City Planning

AVCA is following the city planning to increase housing resulting from the provincial Growth Plan for the Golden Horseshoe. Our community is located in close proximity to higher order transportation ie Metrolinx Stouffville Corridor and thus impacted by housing planning around major transit stations. Garden suites, duplexes, triplexes, and low-rise housing on major streets are being discussed. Let's ensure that housing includes increased recreational and social services for the new and existing communities. More information is available at www.toronto.ca/ehon.

Scarborough Community Associations' Letter to Scarborough Councillors

AVCA Executive met and signed a letter to our councillors regarding community concerns of inaction of the Committee of Adjustment and Planning and Building Departments to preserve our family oriented Scarborough neighbourhoods. It appears in many Scarborough locations speculators are buying and building large structures for multiple rental purposes. Often this happens without community notification.

Resident Art Gallery

Located within our boundaries is a local artist's art gallery. Please contact Nickolous Hadzis at nhadzis100@yahoo.ca for more information.

AVCA October 2022 Annual General Meeting

The AVCA Executive plans to hold our AGM in person in October 2022. Stay tuned for the actual date when a location is secured. Please continue to email any suggestions to your executive at avcatoronto@gmail.com.

Membership Has Advantages - 2022 AVCA Membership

Thank you to the many residents who have paid their 2022 membership! Your names have been entered into the draw for 2022 \$50 gift certificates. We will continue to draw names from the paid membership! 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 membership at the AGM which is 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.

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.