



Agincourt Village Community Association

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AVCA welcomes many new neighbours into our community. We look forward to meeting you in person at our Community Clean-Up, Meet-Up in Havendale Park and Yard Sale in the Spring. Please let us know by sending an email to avcatoronto@gmail.com if you would like to join our Neighbourhood Watch at AVCA WhatsApp.

Good News – AVCA Winners

The following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates in 2022! It looks like gadgets were the focus for their gift certificates!



Julie at Canadian Tire



Dave 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 2023. It could be you if you are a paid 2023 member!

Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!

Community Online Safety Meeting

On January 31, 2023 AVCA facilitated an online meeting with speaker Sargent Richard Shaw from 42 Police Division. Residents gained information and tips of how to individually and collectively maintain a safe community. Some of the main tips included Be Aware of Your Surroundings, Keep Your Cars and Doors Locked and Report Unusual Community Happenings to **416 808 2222**. A small event for you may relate to a bigger event that 42 Division is tracking. As a follow-up Sargent David Lenchuk has provided pamphlets that may be of benefit to each of us. Please see the attached files on Break and Enter Prevention as well as Auto Crimes.

Neighbourhood Community Officers

It is AVCA Executives' opinion that Neighbourhood Community Officers are of great value to communities. AVCA has sent a letter to Chief of Police Myron Demkiw to request Neighbourhood Community Officers be reinstated in our community within Ward 22. The recent City of Toronto passing of the Budget included 16 new Neighbourhood Community Officers – please help us gain Neighbourhood Community Officers by sending that request to Councillor Mantas at councillor_mantas@toronto.ca.

Stouffville Corridor Train Noise and Noise Wall Concerns

AVCA will continue to voice to Metrolinx, the concerns of residents living along the train tracks. AVCA is in contact with our MPP Aris Babikian. AVCA has engaged GTA Strategies as lobbyist to assist in finding a solution to the impact of the train noise. Meetings with Metrolinx continue. You are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train noise to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

Agincourt GO Station

Construction on the new station is nearing completion. AVCA Executive is concerned that Agincourt GO Station is locked after 11:45 am. That means after 11:45 am commuters do not have access to washrooms, warm seating or assistance with ticket purchase challenges! 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.

Scarborough Subway – McCowan Station

AVCA participates in meetings regarding the Scarborough Subway Extension. Our concern is No Commuter Parking is being planned for the McCowan Subway Station. The plan for this station is to have a kiss & ride and bus terminal only. AVCA has sent a letter to the Chair of Metrolinx Board to which we received a response of no parking plans for this station. AVCA will continue to advocate for commuter parking! Please address your concerns to metrolinxengage.com.

Community Help for the Homeless

As you are aware The Delta Hotel is housing 400 people and has been used as a Shelter since 2020. The Shelter is contracted by the City to remain in place through 2024. Given the housing challenges that exist in Toronto AVCA has requested The City Plan for housing these 400 people when The Delta is decommissioned. AVCA continues to request in the Community Liaison Committee meetings that action statements from the Community Safety Walks as mentioned in the last Update, be enacted. Please continue to make reports to **311 & 416 808 2222** when you encounter a person in need.

Donation to Food Banks

AVCA along with five other community associations known together as Community Associations Northern Scarborough had prior to COVID, facilitated Community BBQ's. Funds for the BBQ were donated by businesses in the community. Given the present times the CANS group decided our remaining funds would be best used by Community Food Banks. Thus, funds were donated to Agincourt Services Community Association and Rising Sun Foundation Food Bank.

Multiplex Housing Expansion – Deadline for Comments March 10, 2023

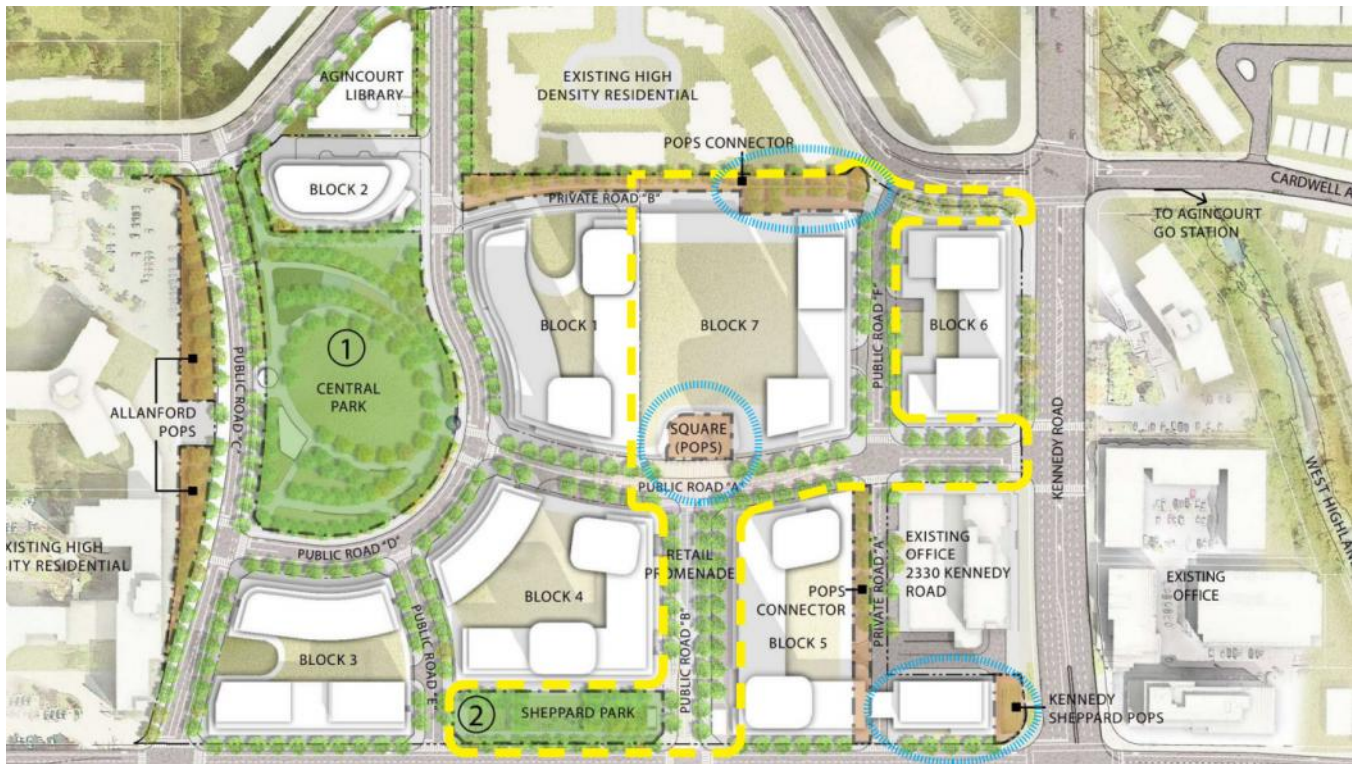
The City of Toronto Multiplex study is one component of the City’s [Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods \(EHON\)](#) initiative. This study focuses on permitting multiplexes – residential buildings containing up to four units (apartments)– across Toronto’s low-rise neighbourhoods. More information can be found at toronto.ca/ehon. Go to the multiplex link. *Please provide comments by March 10, 2023 at EHON@toronto.ca or fill out the survey provided on the website.* Your opinion matters to AVCA as a letter will be forwarded on behalf of the community. Please send your thoughts to avcatoronto@gmail.com by March 8, 2023 and your comments can also be sent to Councillor Mantas at councillor_mantas@toronto.ca.

Federal Electoral Redistribution Boundary: Scarborough Was Heard

Thank you to everyone who participated in the virtual or in-person meetings, signed a petition or wrote your comments to the Federal Elections Commission. The Commission proposed that the Scarborough Agincourt Federal Riding name remain and the western boundary extend to the 404. Although the report must be finalized, it appears that Scarborough will maintain six Members of Parliament.

Agincourt Mall Redevelopment

North American Development Group submitted a Site Plan application to the City last year for development of Phase 1 of the project and it is actively being reviewed and discussed by both parties. There are ongoing discussions regarding the Detailed Development Plan for the public roads and servicing of the site. Overall, things are proceeding well. See below the proposal for Phase 1.



AVCA Membership 2023

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. Cash or cheque payable to *Agincourt Village Community Association* can be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3.

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.