



# Agincourt Village Community Association

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Happy Chinese New Year to all! 新年快乐

Many items that impact our community have come to the attention of AVCA Executive in the last week. Please read carefully and attend these meetings that interest you. AVCA Executive will be representing you and voicing concerns and suggestions. Please join us!

## Official Plan Review Transportation Meeting

*Tuesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm* at Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive. The presentation is facilitated by City of Toronto Transportation Planning Department who are reviewing transportation policies related to the transit, cycling, street related maps and scheduled and automated vehicles. We feel this review impacts Sheppard Avenue public transportation and road/rail grade separations in our area. As we were just made aware of the meeting this week we do not have much information to share with you at this point. For more information: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/official-plan-guidelines/official-plan/official-plan-review/>

## SHN Birchmount Campus (Scarborough Grace Hospital) Townhall Meeting

*Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm* at Lamoreaux Community Centre, 1900 McNicoll Avenue. In the Mirror recently AVCA learned of the Women's and Children's Program Review which has been completed for Scarborough Grace Hospital. Through meetings and discussions this week AVCA has learned of the proposal to remove the Pediatrics and Obstetrics Departments from Scarborough Grace Hospital. Please attend this Townhall Meeting to voice your opinions.

## Metrolinx Community Advisory Committee

Representatives of our community as well as three AVCA Executives will be attending the next advisory meeting next month. Please forward your ideas regarding the Metrolinx changes in our community to [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) by *February 28, 2019*. AVCA will take your ideas forward.

## Agincourt Mall Redevelopment

Rhoda Potter President represents AVCA on the Local Advisory Committee which meets with the North American Development Group and the City of Toronto Planning Department. Please forward your questions and concerns to [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) to be taken forward to the LAC.

## What Happened to “The Green Space” at Agincourt Drive/Sheppard Avenue?



This weekend Friday, February 8, 2019 -Monday, February 11, 2019, Ellis Don Construction will be tunneling under the Metrolinx GO train tracks at the south end of Agincourt GO station to install the south pedestrian pathway. Our “Green Space” has become a construction site. AVCA will work very hard to have this changed when the construction is complete! An “Agincourt Village” sign? Benches? Shrubs and Trees? Lighted pathway? New east covered stairway to new east platform?

### 2019 AVCA Membership Dues Are Due

Thank you to many residents who have paid your membership! As previously decided AVCA requests \$20 per household per year. These monies pay for meeting room rental, 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. Cash or cheque *payable to Agincourt Village Community Association* can also be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3.

### Winners of \$50 Gift Certificate

Sheppard East Village Business Improvement Association has donated four gift certificates for the year – in the amount of \$50.00 – that would be made available quarterly to one of our AVCA members, through a ‘lucky draw.’

Our second draw was on *January 14, 2019* at our AVCA Executive meeting. Our winners were Carol-Ann and Gary Bowers. Congratulations! Gary chose to spend the winnings at Food Basics at Sheppard Avenue/Markham Road. Get your 2019 membership money in for the next draw coming soon!



#### Agincourt GO Station – Adopt-A-Station

Our Agincourt Community has added “life” to the windows of Agincourt GO Station. We welcome more participants as more projects and events are planned. Contact Rhoda Potter at [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com). Check our work out at Agincourt Station, at #MyAgincourtGO or online in the Scarborough Mirror December 20, 2018.

#### AVCA Spring Yard Sale

Save your junk! It’s another person’s treasure! A May 2019 Yard Sale is planned and the date and location will follow. Remember no clothing or furniture but we accept all other small items!

#### Associations of Northern Scarborough BBQ

AVCA is again partnering with five northern Scarborough associations to facilitate a Free Community BBQ on Saturday, June 1, 2019 in Agincourt Mall parking lot. Mark your calendar for this our third

annual event which proves to grow every year. Volunteers for the day are needed and sponsorships to fund the event are being secured. Contact [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) if you can help.

### Safety Concerns

AVCA continues to advocate for safer “at grade crossings” of the Metrolinx tracks, reduction of speeders, safer school zones and safer pedestrian access within our community. Recent discussions have been held with Agincourt Junior Public School Council, Councillor Jim Karygiannis, and Scarborough Transportation Department to specifically focus on Lockie Avenue in front of the school and the intersection of Lockie Avenue and Agincourt Drive. Strategies for safety improvements are being considered.

### Reporting to Police

Our 42 Police Division do a fantastic job however they need our support. Online reporting is available at [torontopolice.ca](http://torontopolice.ca). Go to “File a Report.” Illegal parking, driving complaints and local traffic issues can be reported online. Let’s help our police assist our community.

### Citizens’ Climate Lobby in Scarborough

*Saturday, February 9, 2019, 12:30 pm* at 25 Lauralynn Crescent, Scarborough, ON M1S 2H3

A chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby is starting in Scarborough.

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/> Check out the CCL Canada website. Cheryl Mcnamara, who started CCL in Toronto will come to this launch meeting to give CCL background information and answer your questions. RSVP to 416-993-6384

Your AVCA Executive will continue to advocate for our community with Councillor Jim Karygiannis, MPP Aris Babakian and MP Jean Yip.

### Communication

Together we are stronger. We have lots happening in our community. Please contact us with suggestions and concerns at [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com).