



# Agincourt Village Community Association

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## September 2019 Update

Your AVCA Executive is encouraged with the growing membership and especially the interest everyone is taking in exhibiting pride in our surroundings. What each resident does with their own property impacts the lives of neighbours and our entire community. When we see residents cutting lawns, parking legally, maintaining homes and even clearing weeds and litter from public spaces the community is enhanced. AVCA is proud to represent you. Keep it up!

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 following issues continue to be addressed. Level train track/street crossings at Havendale Road, Huntingwood Avenue and Finch Avenue within our association boundaries are of major concern for AVCA. It is AVCA's understanding that Metrolinx/City of Toronto has commissioned an Environmental Assessment of these sites which will begin in the Fall 2019. AVCA continues to demand pedestrian barriers at these locations in the interim to the installation of grade separations. Regarding crossing guards - as mentioned in the July Update, AVCA has requested crossing guards at Midland/Lockie Avenues and Sheppard Avenue/Entrance to Agincourt GO Station. Concerning student walking safely - a continuous sidewalk has been installed on Agincourt Drive and painted crossing will be installed at Lockie Avenue/Agincourt Drive. Continuous sidewalks in other areas are being addressed. Speeding on our streets is of grave concern to many in our community. Your help in contacting 42 Police Division online at [torontopolice.on.ca](http://torontopolice.on.ca) supports AVCA's initiative to make our streets safer.

### AVCA Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Agincourt Library at 155 Bonis Avenue, Scarborough. Two speakers have been arranged. Come out to meet your neighbours, learn about how to report concerns to the City of Toronto, become aware of City of Toronto recreation activities available to you, receive AVCA updates, and discuss your community. Attend and win a door prize! We hope to see everyone!

**Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at Agincourt Library at 155 Bonis Avenue, Scarborough**

Speaker: Gary Yorke, Director for 311 City of Toronto speaking about city services

Speaker: Karen Lau, Community Services Supervisor, Scarborough Area City of Toronto speaking about facilities/activities in the surrounding area

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

The winners were Scott and Tracy Rastin who will spend their certificate within the Sheppard East Village BIA. Thank you to Sheppard East Village BIA for the \$50 donation. We welcome continued community support of the businesses in this BIA between Markham Road and Midland Avenue on Sheppard Avenue.

### **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. Of better still bring you \$20 membership fee to the October 22, 2019 AGM. 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. In September 2019 Metrolinx CEO Phil Verster & staff, MPP Aris Babikian & staff, Councillor Karygiannis & City Staff walked in our community and met with Rhoda Potter and Randy McDougall. Safety, train noise, sound walls, drainage, and lack of parking were discussed. Details will be shared at the October 22 AGM – please attend! AVCA encourages you to express your concerns and suggestions to Metrolinx Prince Hall at [prince.hall@metrolinx.com](mailto:prince.hall@metrolinx.com) or drop in at the Metrolinx office at 4142 Sheppard Avenue East.

### **Change in Metrolinx Agincourt GO Station Train Schedule**

It's still a Monday – Friday schedule! Did you know:

- the earliest south bound train leaves Agincourt GO Station at 6:00 am?
- the latest afternoon south bound train leaves Agincourt GO Station at 4:01 pm?
- the latest evening north bound train leaves Union Station at 11:15 pm?
- the latest evening south bound train leaves Agincourt GO station at 00:01 am?

The good news is Agincourt residents can take in an early dinner and return home on an 11:15 pm train, however the bad news is Agincourt residents who live close to the tracks sleep only between 00:01 am – 6:00 am!

### **Agincourt GO Station Adopt-A-Station**

Thank you to our Adopt-A-Station Committee who is partnering with Metrolinx to enhance our present and future new Agincourt GO station building and parking area. Families are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 19, 2019 to draw Hallowe'en decorations on the windows in Agincourt GO Station and to learn about Rail Safety. Follow our website at [www.avcatoronto.ca](http://www.avcatoronto.ca) for more details. Who knows what ghostly images may be created! Check out the work in person at Agincourt GO station or visit #MyAgincourtGO.

### **Scarborough Health Network**

The SHN consists of sites at Birchmount Campus, Scarborough General and Centenary hospitals. Concern from the community has been expressed due to the proposal to remove the obstetric and pediatric units from Birchmount Campus on October 30, 2019. Eight associations of Northern Scarborough (CANS) have expressed community concerns and community demonstrations have been well attended. Changes are happening within the Scarborough Health Network and AVCA encourages you to subscribe to SHN ENews at [shn.ca](http://shn.ca). A Telephone Town Hall was held on September 17, 2019 in which AVCA members participated. As residents of Northern Scarborough let's be informed and express our desire for quality health care.

### **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 [avatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avatoronto@gmail.com).