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October 2021 Update

Your AVCA Executive wishes you and your family health and happiness as our community returns to a “new normal.” Our hope is that you have been able to meet again with family and friends during the summer while maintaining our public health guidelines. We have been working diligently on behalf of our community using online Zoom, Webex, emails and telephone conferences during this time. The focus of this Update is to outline some of the discussions that are impacting our community.

Good News – AVCA Winners

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



Judy at The Perfect Chinese Restaurant



Bill and Jan at Benjamin Moore



Anne at Mark's



Elaina at Jesse Jr Restaurant



Brian at East Court & Mike's BBQ

\$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!*

AVCA October 2021 Annual General Meeting

The AVCA Executive have decided in the interest of community safety the AGM will be postponed until October 2022. Please continue to email any suggestions to your executive at avcatoronto@gmail.com.

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.

An AVCA formal letter of opposition was sent to Mayor Tory and Toronto City Council prior to the September 30, 2021 council meeting. The decision of City Council was to defer 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 or contact

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Please express your concern and suggestions to 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. AVCA has met with our MPP Aris Babikian. Unfortunately, we have no news to report from Metrolinx. AVCA is in the process of escalating our discussion external to Metrolinx to help force proper attention and action from Metrolinx. 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. 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. The new Agincourt GO Station will open soon!

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.

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. AVCA has participated in online meetings to advocate for more police surveillance as well as more social services to support those in need of assistance. AVCA is also working with Toronto District School Board personnel to improve surveillance and lighting at our local schools. 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

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 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 and include your cell number.

Children's Safety

AVCA and our community advocated and was successful in having stop signs installed on Havendale Road and Lockie Avenue. Crossing these streets to visit the park or attend school will be safer for our children. Soon a speed camera will be installed on Lockie Avenue in front of Agincourt JPS. For Halloween Celebrations Ontario Public Health Dr. Moore and Mayor John Tory have given the go ahead and encourage trick or treating, however they ask everyone to be mindful of contact, interaction, distancing if participating in shelling out this year.

Bike Paths in North Scarborough

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. Please note that street markings from the Huntingwood Bike Lane now denote cycling passage along Belgreen, Havendale and Agincourt to allow safer bike connections to Agincourt GO Station. 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.



Huntingwood Day on August 22, 2021

Planning Complete Communities – Toronto City Planning

More online meetings for AVCA! Rhoda Potter 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.

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 2021 \$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.