



Agincourt Village Community Association

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October 2022 Update

After two years of cancelling in person meetings our AVCA Annual General Meeting will happen! All residents, AVCA members and residents who are new to our community are invited to meet in person

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

6:30-8:00 pm at

Agincourt Library

155 Bonis Avenue

As mentioned in the September 15, 2022 email Executive Elections will be held at that time for President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please send candidate names for these positions to Gisella at ladelgi@yahoo.com by Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Good News – AVCA Winners

The following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates in 2022! It looks like food was the focus for their gift certificates! The certificates were spent in support of our local shops and services:



Hanny&Wang at Red House Bakery



Paul at BAO Buns



Tammy at Beef Noodle

\$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 Event

On *Saturday August 20, 2022* AVCA partnered with Toronto East Cycle to host Huntingwood Day to promote cycling safety, participate in the Huntingwood & Scarborough Green Loop Bike Rides, and to celebrate cycling in Scarborough with increased safe cycling connections. Many residents in our community cycle and as e-bikes and e-scooters become increasingly popular it is essential to abide by cycling safety rules.

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 as Metrolinx continues to study the matter. Trains have increased following their reduction during COVID and 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 awaiting a November meeting with the Metrolinx Community Liaison Committee at which time the issue of the new station only being open between 6:00-11:00 am will be addressed. That means after 11:00 am commuters do not have access to washrooms, warm seating or assistance with ticket purchase challenges! It is the AVCA Executive's opinion that our community deserves access after 11:00 am given that provincial tax dollars built the new station. Please help by emailing your concerns to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

Scarborough Subway – McCowan Station

AVCA continues to participate 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 is advocating for commuter parking! Please address your concerns to metrolinxengage.com.

Community Safety Walk with Mayor Tory & Councillor Mantas

AVCA Executive and a number of residents from our community as well as our Metrogate neighbours, 42 Division Police, and The Delta Shelter Support Services met on September 13, 2022 to discuss safety concerns. Our issues included the need to have the Neighbourhood Community Police Officers in our area in Ward 22 and to improve responses when residents feel unsafe or encounter a person in need of assistance. **It is paramount that we make reports to 311 & 416 808 2222.** Data will help individuals in need and our community gain support!



Report on Community Concerns

Residents have expressed concerns of loitering, inappropriate language and vandalism in the Agincourt Mall area, parks and street intersections. Through AVCA's encouragement a second walk was arranged and a report of the results of both walks is being written by an agency hired by the City. Rhoda Potter continues to advocate for our community safety through a Community Liaison Committee, letter to the Chief of Police, and letter to Mayor Tory. **Please help by making reports to 311 and 416 808 2222.** Your reports not only help the person in need but also provide the data essential to increase support for community safety.

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.

AVCA's Big Red Leaf, Mayor Tory & Councillor Mantas

It was a pleasure for Rhoda Potter and Sarah Martin from AVCA as well as Garni Atam from Centrecorp to meet Mayor Tory and Councillor Mantas in front of our Big Red Leaf at Agincourt Mall on September 26, 2022. We had an opportunity to celebrate our community and highlight our needs.



Federal Electoral Redistribution Boundary Proposal re: Loss of Scarborough Agincourt Riding

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the virtual or in-person meetings, signed a petition or written your comments to the Federal Elections Commission. If you have not done so you have time to email your concerns.

Submissions:

Send your individual **submissions by October 29, 2022** to ON@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca.

Online Petition:

SCRO has launched an online petition on [change.org](https://www.change.org/ScarbRidings): <https://www.change.org/ScarbRidings> We encourage you to read and sign it so we can send a strong message of support to the Commission before the **October 29, 2022 deadline**.

AVCA October 2022 Annual General Meeting October 26, 2022

An agenda will be forwarded through email closer to the date. Your \$20 membership for 2023 can be paid at the meeting. Email any suggestions of discussion topics to your executive at avcatoronto@gmail.com.

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.

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