



Agincourt Village Community Association

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AVCA welcomes many new neighbours to our community. If you have a new family living next door to you please inform them of AVCA and encourage them to connect via email. We welcome your ideas and your participation as we experience changes in our community. Please let us know your thoughts by sending an email to avcatoronto@gmail.com.

Good News – AVCA Winners

Names were drawn at our recent event and the following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates! It looks like restaurants and handy items were the focus for their gift certificates!



Bill at Katsuya



Margaret at Canadian Tire



Fran 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. Ernie McCullough has given more \$50 Gift Certificates to AVCA to be distributed to lucky members throughout 2024. It could be you if you are a paid 2024 member!

Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!

Fun in Donalda Park

We welcomed many families who carved pumpkins and brought them to the park in October prior to Halloween. Adults and children alike carved and lighted their jack-o-lantern creations. What a great opportunity to meet our neighbours – AVCA is planning more of these get-togethers!



AVCA Follow-Up to AGM Concerns

The Executive met with Councillor Mantas on November 14, 2023 to bring to his attention items that members raised at the October 17, 2024 AGM:

Community Safety

- E-bikes & E-Scooters to be addressed in City Bike Plan
- Bellefontaine Sidewalks to be installed Spring 2025
- Southlawn speeding - residents to request enforcement from 42 Division
- New noise by-laws to be introduced by the City
- Overnight Parking to be addressed by City Council
- Kittery/Huntingwood Cross Walk lights to be activated by December 2023.

Development

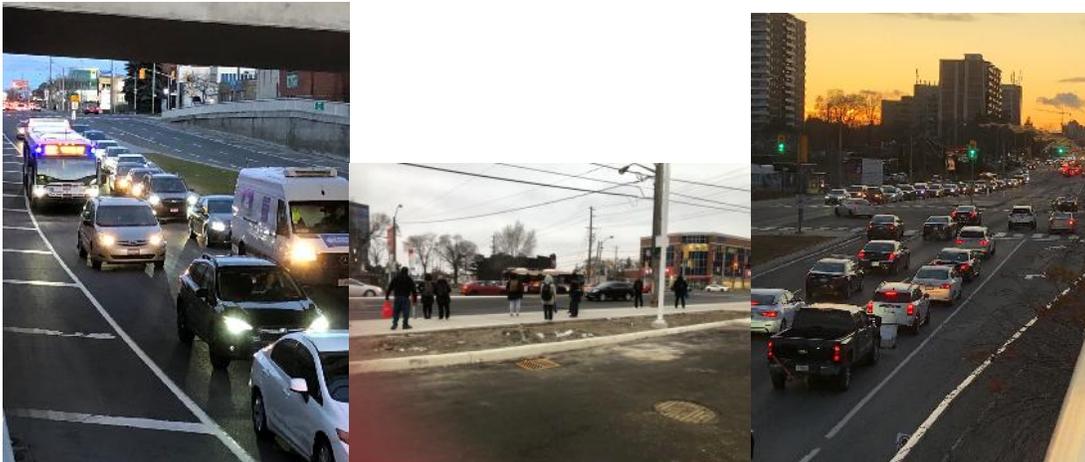
- AVCA raised the issue of condominium development without increase in recreational facilities
- 19 & 21 Donalds Crescent homes to be completed by Spring 2024
- Garden Suite specifications have been passed by City Council
- Major Street Study Proposal of six story buildings on Huntingwood Avenue will be opposed by Councillor Mantas.

Public Transit

- New Street - Village Green Square to Sheppard Avenue Environment Assessment remains unfinished
- Councillor Mantas has put forward to City Staff to make Marilyn & Dowry Streets at the Stouffville track pedestrian access only
- Councillor Mantas supports the Sheppard Subway Extension proposal between McCowan & Don Mills.

Concern for Unhoused Persons

- The Delta Shelter contract was to expire in August 2024 however City Council on February 7, 2024 voted to extend the lease until December 31, 2025.



Photos by Rhoda Potter on Sheppard Avenue

Sheppard Subway Extension

Many of you attended the Metrolinx meeting on the topic of building a Business Case for connecting Don Mills and McCowan subway stations with higher order public transit. It was very evident at the meeting hosted by MPP Babikian and MPP Cho that those people in attendance prefer the “Missing Link” to be a subway. Thus, AVCA is working with other Scarborough community associations and interested groups to help Metrolinx build the business case for a subway. AVCA is meeting with Metrolinx, advocating with MPP Babikian and deputing at the Provincial Budget Consultations. Note: AVCA has documentation of 1986 discussions of Sheppard Subway with an actual Environmental Assessment that was completed, Agincourt Secondary Plan that included higher order transit and former discussions of the Sheppard LRT. NOTE also: Premier Doug Ford in his 2018 and 2022 Election platforms proposed a Sheppard Subway! Now we are back at a business case!

Please join our fight for improved Public Transit on Sheppard Avenue! Sign up at:
TheSSAC.com

Stouffville Corridor Noise

For residents who live along the corridor train noise is distracting and unhealthy the likes of which was supposed to be diminished by the “Noise Walls.” However, AVCA has written evidence that the specifications for noise wall height and absorption material were not followed with the installation of our variety of heights and sound reflective noise walls. Thus, AVCA is in constant dialogue with Metrolinx, MPP Babikian and Minister Sarkaria. AVCA is planning a demonstration and to those who have been given posters to create messages – we are waiting for Spring weather for our “Demonstration” event! Thank you for your creative work!

Stouffville Corridor GO Train Reduction Concerns

Ya! We now have Stouffville Corridor trains on weekdays 6:00 am – 7:12 pm and on weekends 8:00 am – 7:12 pm. However, we have NO EVENING trains for those who work other than the 9:00 am -5:00 pm hours, who attend college or university, who need to reach evening appointments or who want to enjoy a sports game, concert or show downtown - this is a tremendous inconvenience. AVCA is working tirelessly to ascertain a timeline for reinstatement of evening trains as well as to have the New Agincourt GO Station open to the public for warmth and washroom access past 11:45 am on weekdays and all day on weekends. Ridership cannot increase unless trains are running! You are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train reduction to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

Agincourt GO Station

AVCA Executive is working with Metrolinx to have historical photos displayed within the new station, mirrors installed at each of the stairways into the pedestrian tunnels, station open for longer hours, bike storage room open, continued maintenance of the landscaping and improved lighting in the pathways to the station on the north end. 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.

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course

During the Winter, you are invited to walk, snowshoe, cross country ski and just enjoy the outdoors at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. No golfing allowed! The entrance is off Birchmount Road, parking lot is plowed and washrooms are open. Let's take advantage of our local green space.



AVCA Yard Sale

Consider decluttering your cupboards and contributing articles to our AVCA Yard Sale which will happen again in May 2024. More information on drop off dates will be forthcoming. It is a wonderful event with people finding new treasures, meeting neighbours and enjoying the day! Unsold items are donated to local agencies!

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 Membership 2024

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 Membership

Thank you to all residents who have paid their 2024 membership. A membership card is distributed to your mailbox upon receipt of your contribution.

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.

Thank you for your support of AVCA!