

2016 Fall NEWSLETTER



DEER PARK RESIDENTS GROUP

DPRG launches new, quarterly e-newsletter with the Fall 2016 edition.

The Deer Park Residents Groups' new e-newsletter, launched with this Fall 2016 edition, will be sent to all members on a quarterly basis, by season. The e-Newsletter will be more relevant with timely issues and will invite contributions from our members and the community at large. Stephen CameronSmith and President John Plumadore will be Co-editors in conjunction with the Communications Committee. This new format will help raise our profile within the Deer Park Community and with decision makers, both political and influential, to make our community more responsive to our needs.

DPRG elects a new President

The DPRG Board of Directors elected a new President and Treasurer at the June board meeting. John Plumadore was elected president and Joan York was elected Treasurer. The new president pledges more communication with members and raising the profile of the DPRG.

DPRG website

The DPRG website needs an upgrade and we are looking for volunteers with website skills to refresh the site and keep it up to date. If you have such skills, please contact:

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DPRG Membership

Our membership is 225 members strong as of September 2016. The Life Membership means we have a solid base to grow from, going forward.

Membership is open to all residents of legal voting age in Ontario who reside within the DPRG boundaries. The Directors, at their discretion, may approve persons who are not a resident within the DPRG boundaries but have an interest in the Deer Park community. As approved non-resident Members, they shall have all the rights and privileges of membership.

Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC)

Elizabeth Mason is the DPRG rep for the CPLC. Issues pertaining to policing in our community and updates on policing in Div. 53 are reported on at bi-monthly meetings. Elizabeth can be reached at 416-924-4868 for specific policing issues that are not being addressed in your neighbourhood.

1427 Yonge Condo Development Project

Community Planning, Toronto and East York District tabled a refusal report on the application to build a 42 storey condominium with ground floor retail on September 18, 2015. The report was accepted by Toronto and East York Community Council on October 6, 2015 and adopted by Toronto City Council on November 3 and 4 2015.

The developer came back with a revised proposal adding additional property (the Carl's Jr site, formerly the old Bank of Montreal and 4 additional commercial floors). One of the many issues is the city height limit of 30m and the developer asking for a height of 134m (4x the height and density). The developer is challenging the city's refusal at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) with their new plan.

The OMB pre-prehearing decisions were that a revised application with height increase (46 storeys) be submitted for a Council decision; that there be a process of mediation; that a new prehearing be held in April 2017, and a two week hearing in June. The DPRG will also participate in a mediation process.

The DPRG opposes the above condo/commercial project along with the City of Toronto and will be a "party" to the hearing. Jack Diamond, an Architect, will act as an expert witness on behalf of the DPRG.

We will keep DPRG members informed as the application unfolds over the coming months.

Airplane Noise

A meeting took place Sept 18, 2016 with the public to deal with the matter. NAV CANADA has hired Helios UK, an aviation consulting firm, to perform a “independent” review with “the interest of advancing the reduction of aircraft noise disturbance” for landing and taking off aircraft from Pearson Airport.

Flight paths are reviewed and set every four years with 2016 being a review year.

As a private corporation, NAV CANADA’s position and relationship to Transport Canada is murky. TANG and other stakeholders have been beating the drum on this issue for the last 4 years and nothing has changed. The Toronto Aviation Noise Group submitted a petition of 3,000 complaint signatures and were told by the Ministry to stop sending petitions.

It is felt that nothing will come out of the Helios review and it is just window dressing.

We await the report from Helios on its findings, conclusion and recommendations.

Rosehill Reservoir

Rosehill Reservoir is the oldest and largest in the city, dating back to 1874 when it was an open pond. It was enclosed in 1966 and is considered an essential City service as it supplies drinking water, storage for fire protection, and surge protection for the city.

The rehabilitation of the reservoir with the adjacent park area is scheduled to start in 2017 and is projected to take two to three years.

The rehabilitation includes a pre-design phase, which Toronto Water is undertaking with the involvement of parks staff. Long term plans for the reservoir are being developed as well as a heritage impact assessment which will include the Centennial monument and water features which are currently planned to be removed. The results will be presented at a Public Open House

Yellow Creek and David Balfour Park

For many years, families in the area have explored, walked, cross country skied in many parks and ravines around Toronto and environs. The City has neglected Yellow Creek (ravine), David Balfour Park and its many accesses.

The DPRG has joined forces with the Moore Park Residents’ Association (MPRA) and the Summerhill

Residents ‘Association (SRA) on the “call to action” to repair the badly neglected and degraded Yellow Creek and David Balfour Park. Cathie MacDonald and Joan York of the DPRG met with Councillors Matlow, Wong Tam and city staff. Together they attended the meeting in June, resulting in a proposal for a master plan to be forwarded to the Parks and Environment Committee and Toronto Region and Conservation Area (T.R.C.A.).

Representatives from the MPRA, SRA and the DPRG made a presentation on September 9th; a motion made by Councillor Wong Tam and Matlow was approved by the Parks and Environmental Committee which requires that Parks, Toronto Water and the T.R.C.A. report at the February Parks and Environmental Committee meeting. There are very good photos and descriptions of the ravine on the SRA website <http://www.summerhilltoronto.ca/assets/uploads/RavineCallToAction.pdf>

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