

ARECA 2013

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ARECA working to be ahead of the game and to make development in the Community better for residents, the general public and the developers ... JOIN US ON TUESDAY 6, NOVEMBER ... DETAILS INSIDE

This year's AGM **focuses on Community Planning**. Invited guests include Mike Colle, MPP Eglinton-Lawrence and Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner. Mike Colle has been showing leadership on the redevelopment plans for Postal Office Station 'K'. ARECA supports the creation of a Heritage Neighbourhood Designation for the area occupied by Station 'K' and encourages retention of the historical aspects of the High Point in North Toronto. Jennifer Keesmaat is the new Chief Planner for the City of Toronto. Jennifer's experience as an Urban Planner includes major master planning projects across Canada including Lethbridge, Moncton, Regina and Halifax. Both have a vision for the Public Realm and Open Space that is shared by ARECA.

Of the old Municipalities that now make up Toronto, the Old City of Toronto was already the most dense. Since Amalgamation in 1998, the greatest Intensification has been within the Old City boundaries. The pressure this has put on communities throughout Toronto has been enormous. Through membership in the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations (CORRA) and as a founding member association in the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA), ARECA participated in and helped craft the 2006 Official Plan. Currently the City is preparing the first 5 Year Review.

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ARECA's greatest concern is for **retention of Open Space** as Intensification keeps its pace. As the Private Realm has grown the Public Realm has shrunk. Small property owners have to make room for condo buildings that are going higher and higher. ARECA understands that this is a fact of life. ARECA also understands that whatever community open spaces we still have are being occupied by more and more residents. One estimate is for between 15,000 and 20,000 new residents to soon come to Eglinton-Midtown. Nearly half of the buildings have either already been built or approved by Council.

The greatest impact of increasing building height and density is on our neighbours. Neighbourhood loss of sunlight and privacy is profiting developers and can impoverish quality of life for existing residents. ARECA has identified this as a major concern with our public processes. It is an area where a community association has a role to play. Unfortunately, neighbourhoods are generally ill-equipped to defend the Official Plan. The range of challenges Intensification has brought has been extensive. In a world stocked with lawyers and experts, funding OMB fights about height and density is unsustainable. ARECA and most other community associations operate on a volunteer basis fully dependent on private donations.

ARECA continues to show leadership and work with other neighbourhoods challenged by Intensification. We believe in Pre-Application discussions with developers. We are eager to engage with the North District Community Planning Department to establish comprehensive "community-based planning" for North Toronto and Eglinton-Midtown. ARECA's position is that regardless of the amount, magnitude and extent of development that occurs - it requires the **production of a good and comprehensive Public Realm outcome.**

Stable, safe 'Neighbourhoods' and stewardship in the Public Realm is the focus of the volunteer directors on the ARECA Board. They are excited to have Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat attend the ARECA Annual General Meeting. Her vision for how the City will protect and enhance the Public Realm, and how organisations like ARECA can have input, are commendable. Mike Colle has extensive knowledge of the challenges when faced with Intensification. This is an excellent opportunity to hear from people who play major roles in shaping where we live. **We encourage you to attend this meeting.**

Tuesday, November 6th, 7:00 pm at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

ARECA invites you to a Special Evening - Nov. 6/12

We are very pleased to announce we have planned an evening with the City's new Chief Planner, Jennifer Keesmaat

With the vast amount of ongoing development, the proposed developments and future vision for the ARECA area and next to us, we welcome the opportunity to meet and hear what Ms. Keesmaat has to say.

Ms. Keesmaat, an urban planner, started with the City in September. Her experience includes major master planning projects across Canada including Lethbridge, Moncton, Regina and Halifax.

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to and speak with the person who will play a major role shaping the look of Toronto in the years to come. We look forward to seeing you at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre.

TAKE NOTICE that the annual general meeting of the members of the Avenue Road-Eglinton Community Association will take place at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, Nov. 6, 2012 for the following purposes:

- * Election of Directors and Approval of financial statements.
- * Discussion and consideration of any other business or issue raised at the meeting.

In addition to its regular activities the Association has representation on a number of Boards and Committees including the Arena Board, Community Police Liaison Committee 53 Division, Community Centre Advisory Council, FoNTRA and other organizations. INTERESTED RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AS DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Directors' meetings are held monthly, excluding July and August.

Members are entitled to vote by written proxies submitted to the Secretary of the meeting. Nominations for directors must be in writing, submitted on or before November 5, 2012 to the Secretary, Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o 659 Oriole Parkway, Toronto, M4R 2C1

AGENDA 7:00 pm. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of 2011 AGM
3. Financial Report
4. Election of Directors
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment - Guest Speakers

Guest Speakers Include

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, City of Toronto
Mike Colle, M.P.P.
Terry Mills, Arris

Current Issues of Concern to the ARECA Community Include:

- * Orchardview/Duplex pedestrian crossing.
- * Eglinton Park Refurbishment
- * Premium Building 36 Eglinton West. - 36 Storeys.
- * Roselawn - Contaminated development site.
- * Yonge/Helendale - 29 storey Development Application.
- * Helendale - 25 storey Development Application.
- * Henning/90 Eglinton west - 36 storeys Pre Application.
- * Toronto Hydro Building Eglinton/Duplex - development site.
- * Postal Station 'K' and Historic Neighbourhood Designation.
- * The Eglinton LRT

Learn about these and add any concerns you might have that ARECA should know about.
Visit www.areca.info or email information@areca.info

The Eglinton Crosstown LRT ...

Construction begins this year and the LRT is scheduled to open by 2020. Among the 26 planned stations, there will be ones at Bathurst Street, Chaplin Crescent, Avenue Road and of course, Yonge Street. ARECA is working diligently to try to get the best possible outcome for the Avenue Road station. Planned properly, the new LRT Station will be a community benefit.

Over the next number of years we can expect traffic disruptions along Eglinton. We have learned the TTC land at Eglinton and Duplex (the old bus bays) will be used as a staging area for the construction in an effort to minimize disruption.

More details can be found at www.thecrosstown.ca

Prepare for the Snow

Here's a reminders since it's almost winter and time to prepare for snow.

As soon as the snow begins, Toronto Transportation Services sends out its fleet of salt trucks to the expressways, main roads and local roads. If the City receives between 2.5 and five centimetres of snow, the plows are sent to the expressways and then the main roads. Plowing then takes place for the duration of the storm.

When the snow stops and if the snow accumulation reaches eight centimetres, plows will be sent to the local roads. Normally, local road plowing will be completed between 14 and 16 hours after the storm has ended.

Property owners are required to clear their sidewalks of snow 12 hours after a storm has taken place.



The City of Toronto's levels of service for snow clearing meet those set by the Province of Ontario for municipalities and road authorities. These levels of service were adopted by Toronto City Council in 2009.

Residents who have questions about snow clearing efforts in their area can call the City at 311. If you need more information about the city's plans for snow clearing, visit toronto.ca/transportation.

Please don't push snow back onto the road. It's against the law, hampers snow clearing efforts and is dangerous for pedestrians and motorists.

Here are some interesting and useful links:

www.areca.info/developments
www.midtownplan.ca
www.toronto.ca/
www.toronto.ca/311/
www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/
www.ontario.ca/
www.mikecolle.com/
www.karenstintz.com/
www.canada.gc.ca/home.html
www.joeoliver.ca/

Snow Clearing for Seniors and the Disabled

If you are a senior or disabled person and require the City's sidewalk snow clearing service, you may download an application form (PDF) and submit it to the City along with the required documentation. If you have any questions about the form, the service or are unable to print the form, telephone 311.

Interested in learning more about any of these items?
We have links to these and much more at www.areca.info