



ARECA
(Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)
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Postal Station “K” Sold

Postal Station “K”, located at Yonge St. and Montgomery Ave, has been sold and re-development plans are currently being drawn up. The ARECA board has met with the new owner, Rockport Group. It has been ARECA's position since we first learned of the sale of the Post Office that the area should be designated an Historic Neighbourhood. The Postal Station building stands on the site of Montgomery's Tavern, where William Lyon Mackenzie launched the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. This is also the High Point of North Toronto.

With the intensification and transportation development at the Yonge and Eglinton intersection the High Point should become the new town centre. The Yonge Eglinton intersection will soon be characterized by tall buildings and massive transportation infrastructure. Soon the open space there will be gone. The intersection of Yonge and Montgomery (Montgomery Place) is now the heart of small town North Toronto. It's not known yet what will become of the Post Office building.

Looking for Photos of Station “K” Original Doors

Should the Post Office building or the facade remain, the new owners would like to replicate the design of the original doors. Apparently, the original doors were made of bronze but there are no photographs or renderings to be had. If any local resident has pictures of them, please get in touch.

Other Developments

In the immediate area there are two other large development applications on the edge of Montgomery Place. Both are requesting similar height and density as allowed on the NEON site, located adjacent to the North Toronto Library at the corner of Orchardview Blvd, and Duplex Ave. This will make the block more intensified than the Growth Centre immediately to the south. How these buildings integrate with the Post Office project and the open space area in front is important. These developments represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity for excellence in planning. ARECA continues to work with local planner Terry Mills to develop and put forward a comprehensive plan for the area's public realm. Apart from its historic qualities, this is now one of the few remaining open spaces along Yonge Street. A number of ideas have been formulated and will be circulated to

City Planners, property owners and local politicians and residents. ARECA is planning to host a public meeting to present these ideas.

Section 37 Money Allocations

A second meeting on the distribution of Section 37 monies flowing from the re-development of 36 Eglinton West saw the majority of the funds being allocated to improving the street-scape on Orchardview Boulevard between Yonge and Duplex. ARECA is pleased with this outcome. The public realm improvements outlined in the 'ARECA Statement' called for this. However, we were disappointed that the pedestrian intersection at Orchardview and Duplex remains 'as is'. The Transportation Department has promised to improve the sidewalk and pavement markings. ARECA believes the intersection requires an island to improve public safety. ARECA was disappointed also that no funds were allocated to improving the pathways and stairs in Eglinton Park. Conditions there during and after periods of rain make parts of the park impassable.

ARECA is a volunteer community association representing the views of residents in matters that affect our community in North Toronto. ARECA represents the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue West, Yonge Street, Roselawn Avenue, Avenue Road, St Clements Avenue and Chaplin Road. If you live in the ARECA area please join your community association. To join or to renew your membership send a cheque for \$20 (\$10 seniors) along with your name, address and phone number and email address to Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o Membership Secretary 23 Elwood Boulevard, Toronto M4R 1B8. Note if you wish to receive fax or email updates from ARECA please include these with your membership details or email us at information@areca.info.