



# ARECA

## Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association

*More than 20 Years working on behalf of the Community  
1988 - 2011*

### Community Alert

## ORCHARD VIEW BLVD. - STREET CLOSURE

The closure of Orchard View Blvd will be reviewed at the January 2012 North York Community Council. The opportunity to pass comments to the local councillor closed on October 14th.

We lost a huge community benefit when Councillor Stintz and Council approved the removal of open space at the corner of Yonge and Eglinton. Our area has long been identified as "deficient in open space". The Yonge and Eglinton area continues to intensify yet our open spaces are being eliminated.

Councillor Stintz referred to the closure of Orchard View as, "this important community initiative", but **the community was not invited to participate in the decision**. Furthermore, there is a section of our community that has mobility and access issues that need to be addressed and consulted before a local street is closed off.

Part of the local councillor's justification for closing Orchard View was that it was considered "unsafe". ARECA would agree with that. There have been many public meetings where the issue of public safety and the need for a traffic study have been raised. **ARECA's belief is that a proper traffic study prepared by the Transportation Department should have been done long ago and certainly before Orchard View was closed. Among other things, our neighbours need to know where the displaced traffic will flow and how existing unsafe conditions will be improved.**

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

ARECA encourages every neighbour to **write, phone or email** the councillors on the North York Community Council and **ask that our request for a traffic study at Orchard View/Yonge/Duplex be acted upon as quickly as possible and before any street is closed off.**

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