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The Newsletter for YOUR

Community

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Derelict
Buildings

STILL STANDING ... STILL NOISY ... STILL NO ACTION !!!

Greenwin
Building

Duplex and Orchard View soon to be safer ... MAYBE NOT!

We reported in November that an arrangement had been made for the derelict buildings, a major concern to many, to be demolished. Our Councillor, Karen Stintz, was instrumental in leading the way on this issue and leading both Community and City Councils to go against a staff recommendation not to permit the demolition.

We have now learned these unsafe and unsightly buildings may not come down!

It seems the owners of the buildings have changed their mind and do not want to spend the money to make the land safe.

ARECA believes this is wrong and in bad faith. People, including many residents, a member of the ARECA Board and ARECA itself as well as Councillor Stintz went out on a limb and have been betrayed. Council itself granted special permission and the owners have chosen to turn their backs!

What do we do now? We encourage you to write, telephone, fax, or email Councillor Stintz and let your disappointment and dissatisfaction be heard!

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Sssssssshhhhhhhh ... Oh wait ... the noise continues!

The ARECA Board has been working on the noise issue in the neighbourhood. It seems many have noticed the noise emanating from the Yonge-Eglinton area, reaching deep into the far corners of ARECA.

The noise is from cooling towers atop the Greenwin Building at 20 Eglinton West. Steps were taken earlier than usual to reduce the number of cooling towers in operation from 6 to 2. With the assistance of Councillor Stintz and her staff, we reported that sound barriers which should eliminate the noise problem are anticipated to be installed by mid-January, 2005.

Well, seems this is **NOT HAPPENING!!!** However, in a letter from **David Willott, Director of Operations of the Yonge-Eglinton Centre** he says "... **the residents to the west of our complex have been experiencing noise from the rooftop equipment above the levels set by the City of Toronto ... We have been assured by our consultants that the required work can be in place and operational in early April of this year**".

ARECA will continue to keep an ear on this issue and hopefully we will all enjoy the quiet as we look forward to spending more time outdoors.

Dates worth noting:

1. The **Annual Meeting of the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Advisory Council** will be held on a Saturday afternoon in May - date is to be determined. If you use the Centre, you may want to attend this event to learn more about its future. Call 416 392-6591 in early April for the date.
2. Planning a Reno this year? The City is conducting **Renovation Forums** this Spring. Call 416-338-0338 for information and to register.

St. James Bond United Church Likely to be a memory!

At the January ARECA Board Meeting we met with representatives of St. James Bond United Church located at Avenue Road and Willowbank. On March 6th, members of the congregation voted to amalgamate with Fairlawn United Church. The amalgamation would take effect on June 1st, 2005.

This would leave the Church without its key users and another use for the building and/or land would result. As explained to the Board, there are 3 possibilities.

One is for another religious group to purchase.

Two is for the building and land to be sold to a developer.

Three is for St. James Bond to develop the site itself but that is highly unlikely.

So, we likely face a major development on this site which is just over a 1/2 acre in size. The new Official Plan is in place and will apply to any development on this site. We are investigating how the site will be zoned if no longer used as a place of worship.

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How will this land be developed?

We do not know at this time. We do know that we will do our utmost to ensure that whatever is developed is within the character of the neighbourhood and zoning/building regulations.

Is this a big deal?

YES! It may be the largest single development within the ARECA boundary this year.

What can you do?

ARECA is committed to keeping the web site current on this issue. Visit www.areca.info and stay informed.

There is strength in numbers! ARECA will stay on top of this. If you have yet to join, please use this page to do so. We will need to demonstrate significant concern and the best way to do this is with **“strength in numbers.”**

ARECA Membership 2005

The continued strength of any organization is often measured by its numbers. More and more, decision makers ask the question “How many people do you represent?”

The ARECA Board believes the Membership Fee is affordable to our community. If you believe as hundreds of households do that ARECA must continue to be active and strong, renew or take out your Membership now!

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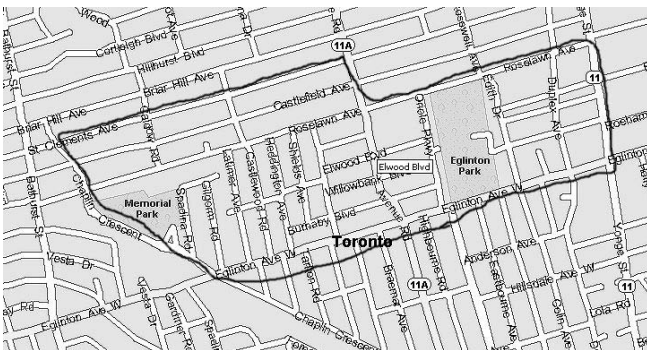
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