

ARECA Membership Application 2008

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!

Name: _____

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Membership Category and Donation Form

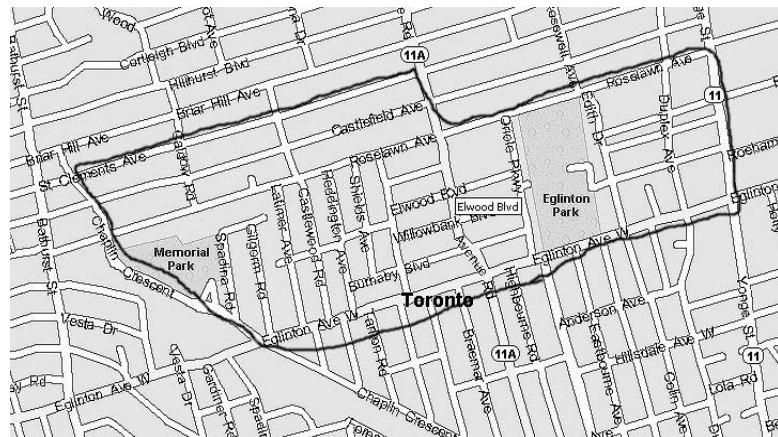
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Household	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation	\$ _____
Total		_____

Method of Payment:

Cash Cheque

Please return this form with payment
to the Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, November 13th
or mail or drop off to: ARECA, c/o 23 Elwood Blvd. Toronto, ON M4R 1B8



If you live within this area, you should be joining ARECA!

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November 2007

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

North Toronto Memorial Community Centre
7:30 pm. TUESDAY November 13, 2007

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 7:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, November 13, 2007 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, CORRA, 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 6, 2007 to the Secretary, Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o 504 Castlefield Ave., Toronto, M5N 1L6

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 pm. Tuesday. Nov 13, 2007

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of 2006 AGM
3. Financial Report
4. Election of Directors
5. Introduction of Special Guests
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

Ask yourself these questions ...

*Did you know that a developer has been buying residential properties on **Montgomery Avenue** and is planning to build a multi-storey tower next to the single family homes there?*

*Do you think the Crystal Palace proposal at the **Yonge-Eglinton Centre** was dead? Think again. The new owners have been talking to the City about it.*

*Have you heard that the derelict houses on the corner of **Orchard View Boulevard and Duplex Avenue** are going to be torn down and replaced with a parking lot? What do you think about that?*

*What is going on at **1066 Avenue Road**? Is the developer going to get permission to build a seven storey building on a street made up of mostly two storey homes? Is this going to set a precedent for Avenue Road?*

... then attend this meeting to hear first-hand about your neighbourhood and the issues currently facing us.

Guest Speakers Include:
Our City Councillor - **Karen Stintz**
Neil Cresswell, Manager of Community Planning for the North York District will be on hand to discuss Development in the ARECA area.
Our MPP - **Mike Colle**

ARECA's Web Site
www.areca.info
email:information@areca.info

Toronto's Official Plan

On July 6, 2006 the Ontario Municipal Board approved the City of Toronto's Official Plan. The Order was hailed as a victory for the City of Toronto, its residents, communities, businesses and environmentalists. The document, which was the product of an extensive consultation process with residents, urban experts, industry and other interested parties, outlined how Toronto was to evolve, improve and realize its full potential in areas such as transit, land use development, and the environment over the next 25 years. Mayor David Miller described the Official Plan as, "Council's vision and the public's voice on how to create the best quality of life for people who live, work, and invest in Toronto."

A key component of Toronto's Official Plan is its protection of the physical character of the City's low-rise neighbourhoods. So why is it that so many developers seek approval for developments that are inconsistent with the neighbourhoods they are in? The reason is simple: because they can.

The Official Plan can be amended and developers often cite their "right" to seek an amendment as a justification for their attempt to put in buildings that are too tall or too dense for the local neighbourhood. What is worse is that City officials often buy into this reasoning, entertaining applications that could destabilize the local neighbourhood and calling on community groups to organize themselves in response to such applications simply because developers have the right to bring them.

This is nonsense. The reason the Official Plan can be amended is so that it can realize the vision it enshrines. As the road map for successful city-building over the next 25 years the Official Plan needs to be able to adapt. The ability to fine tune the Plan ensures that it will stay on course. It makes a mockery of the Official Plan to amend it in a manner which is antithetical to the vision it enshrines. In essence, that is what the developers are doing -- they seek to amend the plan so that it will allow them to do the very thing it was designed to stop them from doing.

The community should not be forced to respond every time a developer decides to take a run at a neighbourhood. It is the job of city councillors and city planners to safeguard the interests of the community. When individual developers put their interest in profit above the community's right to a stable place to live city councillors and city planners should be able to stop them. We've armed them with the Official Plan, now they should start to wield it. Otherwise, the Official Plan really isn't worth the paper it is written on.

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One of the things we are often asked is "Who do I contact and where can I get the number and other contact information?" Listed below are some of the commonly requested numbers ...

Toronto Police Service - 53 Division:		City of Toronto:	
Emergency	911	Councillor Karen Stintz	416-392-4090
Non Emergency	416 808-2222		councillor_stintz@toronto.ca
Crime Stoppers	416 808-222-tips		www.karenstintz.com
Primary Response Unit	416 808-5300	Mayor David Miller	416-397-2489
Unit Commander	416 808-5314		mayor_miller@toronto.ca
Community Response Unit (main Number)	416 808-5319	North Toronto Memorial	
Community Response Unit	416 808-5354	Community Centre	416 392-6591
Community Response Unit	416 808-5328	Public Works	
Crime Prevention Officer	416 808-5337	Drains, Water, Sewers	
Community Relations Officer	416 808-5308	Spills	416 338-8888
Traffic Response Unit	416 808-5324	Garbage, Recycling,	
Criminal Investigation Bureau	416 808-5304	Yard Waste	416 338-2010
Street Crime Unit	416 808-5367/5323	Roads, Sidewalks,	
School Liaison Officer	416 808-5333	Traffic, Snow Clearing	416 338-9999
Major Crime	416 808-5306		
Youth Bureau	416 808-5351	www.city.toronto.ca	

Message from the President - Andrew Sabbadini

Development continued to dominate ARECA's agenda last year. This came as no surprise since our part of Toronto is one of the most desirable parts of the City to live in - and the developers know that. Over on Montgomery Avenue a developer has been acquiring residential properties between Young Street and Duplex Avenue. Their intention is to build a multi-storey residential tower adjacent to the single family homes in the area. At the Yonge-Eglinton Centre, the new owners are taking a second look at the old Crystal Palace proposal to see if it can be turned into a viable option. At Orchard View Boulevard and Duplex Avenue the City is close to finalizing a site plan for a temporary parking lot, while at 1066 Avenue Road everyone is waiting to see what response the developers will have to the community's concerns about their proposed development. Members of ARECA have been involved in speaking with the owners, the City Planners, the Councillor and the community regarding these proposed developments. ARECA has made an effort to keep everyone informed and to ensure that what happens at these sites is right for the community.

Over at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre our board member Bob Warren has been working hard over the last two years to get the Advisory Council back on track. Under Bob's leadership the Advisory Committee has purchased a security system for the inside and the outside of the Community Centre. They have also bought wall mats, new backboards, hoops and nets for the gym. These were things which the funding from the City did not cover.

ARECA directors are also officially involved in:

- * North Toronto Arena Board
- * Fontra
- * Corra
- * Working Committee Regarding Dogs Off Leash at Eglinton Park

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Dorothy Smyth's monthly article in the Town Crier Newspaper, which she writes on behalf of ARECA. Dorothy's articles keep everyone informed about what is going on in the community. I also want to thank Jim Baker for his excellent work on our website and Patrick Smyth for spearheading ARECA's response on the 1066 Avenue Road development. Collectively, the volunteer Directors have a huge amount of experience and give their time willingly. Thanks to Jim Baker, David Batori, Chris Gough, Gillian Jagasia, Matthew Kou, Erika Rubin, Rebecca Rosenberg, Patrick Smyth, Dorothy Smyth and Robert Warren for taking time to sit on the ARECA board and for giving back to the community.

In associations such as ARECA membership swells and shrinks depending on the events talking place in the community. I would strongly encourage anyone interested in getting more involved in their community to join ARECA. There are many interesting issues that we are involved in and we could always use additional members.

ARECA Financial Update

Our organization's fiscal position is sound although our limited resources require us to carefully prioritize where and how we spend money. While we have sufficient resources to carry on our activities and to focus on the highest priority issues to the community, greater financial resources would enable us to be active on a wider range of issues and to be even more effective in dealing with the issues on which we are already focusing. For that reason we continuously seek new members and would welcome any additional donations from existing members. (Please see Membership application form and return it today.)

ARECA can and does make a difference.

Feel welcome to contact us at any time.

Interested in being on the Board?

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