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**“Celebrating 20 years serving the Community”**

With much going on in the Community, ARECA urges you to read this newsletter and visit [www.arena.info](http://www.arena.info) to stay current.

**1. 1066 Avenue Road** - The proposal has been passed by North York Community Council and Toronto City Council. Permits and other approvals are not yet in place. ARECA, in conjunction with its legal advisors, is considering an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Please visit [www.arena.info](http://www.arena.info) regularly for updates.

**2. Dogs Off Leash in Eglinton Park** - ARECA has been involved with this issue since it first emerged. City Parks staff did a preliminary review of Eglinton Park recently and reported that **the park is not being considered for off-leash activity**. If you are concerned with dogs running off-leash in Eglinton Park, contact Park Manager Darrell Vossen. 416 392-0730.

**3. Montgomery Avenue Apartment Proposal** - ARECA actively voiced its objection to the re-designation of a section of Montgomery Avenue to an apartment neighbourhood. ARECA continues to support the current Official Plan. North York Community Council unanimously turned it down and it is anticipated City Council will also deny this request.

**4. Orchardview/Duplex** - ARECA was a key player in having the derelict homes demolished and special permission granted for a temporary parking lot. We continue to watch for development plans and will work to ensure what is approved is within keeping.

**5. Avenue Road Traffic Study** - Councillor Stintz has met with some area residents to address traffic concerns on Avenue Road between Eglinton and Lawrence. Most concerns are safety related, specifically, volume and speeding. Potential solutions range from the short term, such as increased enforcement of speed limits and timing of traffic lights to the longer term such as realigning Avenue Road south of Lawrence.

The City is expected to update this Avenue Rd. traffic study (volumes, speeds, number of accidents) by the end of June and issue its recommendations by the end of summer, **ARECA encourages all motorists to drive within the speed limits**.

**6. RioCan sign** - ARECA is hearing from many residents that the RIOCAN sign atop their building is far too bright. This is currently being looked into and if it bothers you, contact the Councillor's office at 416 392-4090.

**7. RioCan - Yonge Eglinton Centre:** On May 1st, Councillor Stintz held a meeting for the six local resident groups to discuss the "talk" about a potential application to alter the existing open landscaped space at Y/E corner. You may recall a few years back that Greenwin brought forward plans to build the "Crystal Palace". That proposal was met with opposition from many individuals, all local community associations and Councillor Stintz.

While no formal plans have been submitted to the City, it is obvious that RioCan is planning to do so. They have some ideas on their web site - [www.riocanyec.com/home.html](http://www.riocanyec.com/home.html). Additionally, the Councillor had expected an application to enclose the open space by this time. ARECA sees this as a very important development.

The minimum required "landscaped open space" has already been reduced when the movie theatres and book-store were built. City Staff are re-visiting the by-law and attempting to get a clear understanding of what landscaped open space means, particularly with respect to public access.

Attendees were assured there would be public consultation once plans are submitted. The Councillor was asked if her position had changed since 2004 when she opposed any development on the open square. She did not answer the question directly, rather she seems to be taking a wait and see approach with respect to what proposal eventually is submitted.

If you, like many of your neighbours, treasure the Y/E open space, value that open space feeling when you come out of the subway; then watch for more news on this and do get involved.

Councillor Michael Walker asked about the Y/E Study. This began years back and still is incomplete. Its purpose is to look at the entire area so good planning and development can be assured for this intersection. The old bus bays will, some day, be developed as will the buildings on the east side, north of Eglinton. The Minto towers, when fully occupied, will have tremendous impact on the intersection. **ARECA made the point that this should not be looked at as individual "silos" - rather there is the need to look at the entire intersection. We hope people are listening!**

Many people in ARECA have been in the neighbourhood and involved for a long time.  
We are creating a history of ARECA for the web site.  
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