

ARECA (Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)

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ARECA Annual General Meeting

The ARECA Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Avenue West. We encourage residents to attend and we are expecting a good turnout. Past AGM's have been lively and informative and this year's is expected to be no exception. We have confirmation of the following speakers:

Councillor Karen Stintz

Constable Rick Langstone (53 Division Community Safety Officer)

MPP Mike Colle

Also invited to speak is MP Joe Volpe

Duplex and Orchard View soon to be safer ...

We believe that Duplex and Orchard View will soon be safer. The six derelict homes at the north-west corner that have been a great concern to people living in the area are soon to be demolished! Considerable weather damage and neglect have allowed the buildings to become sites for young people, the homeless and others, to use for their own purposes, despite the extremely hazardous and unsafe conditions of the dwellings.

On October 12, 2004, the North York Community Council showed vision and responsibility by voting in favour of the demolition application, despite City Staff's recommendation to refuse demolition. This happened largely because of the ongoing leadership and efforts of Councillor Stintz and her staff who listened and responded to concerns of area residents and ARECA. Deputations from ARECA Board Members were heard by the Community Council. Gillian Jagasia spoke on behalf of the ARECA Board and Bob Warren spoke on behalf of thirty-three petitioners who live within a block of the six derelict homes. The next step is for this to be voted on at City Council where we anticipate it will pass. The buildings should be down before year's end. The owner of the land has the obligation to ensure the area is maintained in a safe fashion.

53 Division - Toronto Police has new and larger boundaries!

53 Division of the Toronto Police has recently increased its boundary and therefore its patrol area. ARECA is in area `531` and, like the other 3 areas within the Division, is continuously patrolled by 2 patrol cars. Staffing for 53 Division has returned to an old level however, the boundaries have greatly increased. As a result, response times appear to be on the increase.

Councillor Karen Stintz

Supports Her Community Associations

At the October Board Meeting Councillor Stintz attended to present ARECA with a cheque in the amount of \$600.00. As part of a City Councillor's budget, there is

money to support Community Associations on their work on behalf of their Member's and the community. This is the first time ARECA recalls such money coming forward from a City Councillor. We thank Councillor Stintz for this. It helped ensure Membership Dues will remain the same in 2005.

Does the Minto Construction Project have you shaking?

Many media outlets have talked about the bad vibrations coming from the construction on Yonge Street of the Minto towers. We have reports that vibrations are being felt as far away as west of Yonge Street and north of Eglinton. Minto has 2 contacts for claims filed against them with respect to the construction project.

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Noise Emanating from the Cooling Towers on Top of the Greenwin Building

Since earlier this year ARECA has been involved in trying to get the noise generated from the cooling tower from the Greenwin Building located at 20 Eglinton Avenue West reduced.

Councillor Stintz requested that noise readings be conducted and the readings determined the noise to be in excess of the by-law. Municipal Licensing and Standards have issued two Notices of Violation in an attempt to bring Greenwin into compliance with the City's Noise By-Law.

To date Greenwin has reduced the number of operating cooling towers to two from six. This has been able to be done due to the temperatures getting colder. Also a higher barrier has been designed and the drawings are being submitted for a building permit. Greenwin Management anticipates the project to be completed by mid-January of 2005.

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 send a cheque for \$20 (\$10 seniors) for your 2005 membership, along with your name, address and phone number 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