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ARECA plans to meet with Top of the Trees to review their application for rezoning at Montgomery/Helendale Avenue and Duplex Avenue. ARECA is a participant at the OMB Hearing beginning on February 9th, and is reviewing the material provided by all

parties.

RIOCAN

It looks like RioCan wants to increase the heights of the existing 2 towers and close in another portion of the open space at the NW corner of the Yonge/Eglinton Centre. These plans have been drawn up before the release of the Yonge-Eglinton Focused Review and new Secondary Plan. A Public Meeting on the Focused Review is to be held on Wednesday February 4, 2009 at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West. A public meeting organized by Councillor Walker was held at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre on January 22nd.

Memorial Park Soccer Dome

ARECA has learned that the traffic study on Chaplin Crescent between Eglinton Avenue West and Roselawn Avenue, which was due to be done prior to March, has been postponed because of the weather. Recently TTC buses have had to be diverted from Chaplin Crescent due to the snow and parking problems. ARECA believes that this would have been an ideal time to conduct a traffic study as it is typical of the problems that Chaplin Crescent encounters during winter.

1066 Avenue Road

Neighbours and pedestrians have reported that once again no snow clearing is being done on the Avenue Road sidewalk at 1066 Avenue Road. The owners of the demolished St James Bond Church site are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the property and are liable for accidents arising from uncleared sidewalks. Readers concerned about the safety of the sidewalks at this location should report the lack of snow clearing to the City of Toronto at 416 338-9999 or contact the Councillor's office at 416-392-4090 or by email councillor_stintz@toronto.ca.

Roselawn Avenue Sewer Work

The City of Toronto will be replacing sewers on Roselawn Avenue from Rosewell Avenue to Duplex Avenue. The work is scheduled to commence January 19th and be completed in April 2009. The Construction Notice from the City advises that work will

be carried out from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Construction may involve some weekend and evening hours.

The Notice also advises that the sewer trench will be within the road pavement, and sewer service connections will be extended up to the property lines where applicable. All work will be within the City's property limits. The road will be closed to the general public except for local traffic only. Local access will be maintained where possible. Road detours will be provided. Driveway access may be disrupted for a short period of time. Also on-street parking may be restricted during the construction period (daytime). Residents displaced from parking during construction may park on adjacent streets. Residents must not park where on-street parking is strictly prohibited.

The following instruction appears to have overlooked the time of year that this work is taking place. The Notice states that, "Residents are further advised that private installations such as planted landscaping, irrigation systems and/or lighting features that are located within the City property may be in conflict with the construction process. To avoid unnecessary damage to private installations, owners may remove these at their own cost prior to construction as per the previously circulated Public Notice in October 2008. The City is not responsible for damage to any private property within the City's road allowance." ARECA thinks that it is unlikely that any landscaping, irrigation system, lighting system or fixtures could possibly be removed safely at this time.

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 2009 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.