

ROCKWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2012

Forest Park Circle Rezoning Application: 0Z 12/009 W3

Recently this summer, Forest Park Circle Ltd., the developer of the two apartment buildings located at 4100 Ponytrail Dr. and 1850 Rathburn Rd. E., submitted a rezoning application requesting a 16 story building (condominium), 3 low rise apartment building (4 storeys each) and 105 town house units while maintaining the two existing 18 story apartment buildings. That's when the flurry of emails and phone calls came into RHA. The concerns for this type of development are many: Traffic – The increased amount of traffic that this will add to an already congested area seems unappealing. There are already problems with vehicles being parked at the Kingsbury Plaza because the vehicle owners do not want to pay for parking in their own buildings.

Pollution – With traffic comes the increase in pollution and local air quality for our neighbours. Greenbelt - This area has always been prided for the park areas that we can walk and our children can play. Also important is that there are approximately 250 trees on this site of which a significant number of large trees would need



to be removed to accommodate the proposed development. That's alot of mature trees which have increased the value of our area and are a pride of Rockwood Village's greenspace.

Here's the final point: According to this part of the City of Mississauga's amended Official Plan, this parcel of land is not located within an area approved for increased density. The developer is almost at the maximum density permitted at its location under the City's current zoning.

This proposal as it is will cause many problems in our neighbourhood and as stated per the concerns above, it will definitely bring down the value of our homes.

In advance of any Planning and Development meeting at the City, Councillor Fonseca will be holding public meetings for all residents to voice concerns and ask questions. RHA will be posting updates through email alerts and our website www.rockwoodvillage.ca

John Hardcastle is the Planner for this application and all questions and concerns should be made to his attention. His contact information is: john.hardcastle@mississauga.ca, 905-615-3200 x 5525. Please copy any written correspondence to Councillor Fonseca at chris. fonseca@mississauga.ca JM



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Hello everyone! We hope you enjoyed a great summer!

Congratulatons and welcome to your Board of Directors who were elected at the AGM in May. This is a group of committed individuals who give their time and energy into keeping the RHA an active organization. Here's a summary of what we've been working on for you.

Immediately following the AGM, was the June 6, CENAC (Community Environment Noise Advisory Committee) meeting, attended by Director Gord Crymble. Gord has been instrumental in questioning GTAA on the Early Turn Trials, noise complaints and GTAA procedures. CENAC meetings are public and any resident may attend. You may find agendas and minutes to the meeting at the following site.

www.torontopearson.com/en/ aboutpearson/noise/cenac/#

In June RHA attended the Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing at City Hall to present our views on the variance application submitted by Morguard Realty Holdings, the landlord of Kingsbury Plaza, requesting to permit a convenience restaurant with a drive-thru at the plaza. Details of the outcome are on page 3. At the same time, a Rezoning Application and an appeal to the City of Mississauga amended Official Plan was submitted by the developer, Forest Park Circle Ltd, of 4100 Ponytrail and 1850 Rathburn Rd. E. RHA Directors met to discuss our position that we do not approve the application as it stands. (Details in our cover story.)

In July, RHA Director Joe Silva attended a meet-and-greet with the Federal Minister of Transport, the Honourable Denis Lebel, at the Etobicoke Civic Centre. This event was organized by the Markland Woods Homeowners' Association, in neighbouring Etobicoke, in order to bring light to the neighbourhood's concerns over the GTAA night flight issue. Also in attendance was Councilor Chris Fonseca who spoke on behalf of Ward 3 residents about the significant and growing public opposition and the lack of a proper public consultation process by the GTAA in support of their application.

The Minister listened to our concerns and assured the audience no decision would be made in the near future and that national infrastructure matters had to be dealt with first.

Thank you to all residents and members who have submitted their membership fees. In case you missed us in the last newsletter, a membership form is included in this issue. We truly appreciate your support.

RHA is now embracing social media! Feel free to "Tweet" and "Like" our pages to keep up to date on City and local issues. Please welcome Nicole Danesi, our Communications Volunteer, who offered to help us out this year. Nicole is a second year student at UTM in the Communication, Culture, Information Technology Program. If you would like to get involved with the RHA, please contact us at rha.executive@gmail.com or through our new Facebook and Twitter pages. IW

GOOD NEWS...

Do you have special news;
a milestone event, seasonal holiday
specials, a community service
coming up

Share it with us in the next newsletter - the HOLIDAY ISSUE DEADLINE NOVEMBER 15, 2012

CITY HALL UPDATE

Drive-Thru Denied

Over the summer, an application was submitted to the City of Mississauga, requesting the Committee of Adjustment to authorize a minor variance to permit a convenience restaurant with a drive-thru at 1891 Rathburn Road East; the old TD Bank and KFC on the south side of the Kingsbury Plaza where Longo's is situated. The Committee of Adjustment is authorized by the Ontario Planning Act to grant minor variances from the provisions of the Zoning By-law and is an independent body wherein Mayor and Members of Council do not sit as members.

The big issue was safety in crossing the drive-thru lanes from the street to the building. Also, that area already has traffic issues with entering and exiting the plaza. Thanks to Director Gord Crymble who attended the Committee of Adjustment meeting on June 14 and submitted his concerns as to safety and parking congestion at the plaza. Thanks to the residents in the surrounding homes who also submitted their opinions on this application. RHA received notice mid June that the application had been denied by the Committee of Adjustment.



CHRIS FONSECA Councillor, Ward 3

Friday is YOUR Day! Let's talk...

Communication is the key to any successful relationship and I value your feedback and input.

To ensure you are receiving the quality service you deserve, I have reserved Fridays in my calendar for residents that would like to meet with me regarding City and/or Regional issues.

Please call to reserve the next available time.

www.chrisfonseca.ca on Facebook - chris Fonseca - City of Mississauga on Twitter - @Chris Fonseca3

CALL 905 • 896 • 5300 chris.fonseca@mississauga.ca

Thanksgiving Food Drive Kicks Off September 24!



Hunger is on the rise and The Mississauga Food Bank is working hard to keep up! Our goal for this year's Thanksgiving Food & Fundraising Drive is to raise 145,000 lbs. of food and \$60,000 to help those fighting hunger. Join us Thanksgiving weekend at Mississauga Loblaws and Metro grocery stores, where we will be handing out paper collection bags and accepting donations.





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Staying Aware helps Protect your Family and Home

What's going on in our beautiful, safe and respected neighbourhood! Imagine our shock to hear that one of our neighbours had experienced a home invasion, while they were home!

The incident occurred on August 23, 2012 between 8:30pm and 10:30pm. The homeowners had arrived home at 7:30pm, started dinner and were upstairs in the main area of their bungalow style home. It appears that after 8:30pm, when the evening turned to dusk, the suspect entered the home from the backyard through a screen door and walked down a few steps into the raised basement. At this point, they took a number of items and left the premises through the back door, all the while the homeowners were

upstairs on the main floor completely unaware of the activity downstairs. It

wasn't until after 10:30pm when they went to get something from their

HOME SAFETY TIPS

- Keep track of who enters your home, either through contractors, service and repair personnel, and even home parties where you may not be familiar with all of your guests.
- Install exterior lighting around and check frequently to ensure burned out light bulbs are replaced.
- Install timers for interior and exterior lighting to turn on and off when not at home.
- Close and lock the doors and windows when no one is in the home, including the garage.
- Keep your eyes on the street: are their unmarked vehicles sitting on the street that you've never seen before and look out of place?



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basement did they notice some items missing. After police investigation, it was determined that the exterior potlight at the back entrance had been unscrewed.

According to Peel Regional Police's fact sheet on Crime Prevention Basics, "before a crime can happen, three things must be present. There must be a victim. There must be criminal desire and, there must be crime opportunity. Crime opportunity is the pivotal factor"

Many of us in Rockwood go throughout our day on auto-pilot, faced with the multitude of daily tasks on our minds, unaware of our surroundings. Sometimes, all it takes is a look around as you enter or leave your home to ask yourself - does everything look right or is something out of place in my surroundings.

For more information visit www.peelpolice.ca
Click on the tab Crime Prevention and select Personal Safety
and Asset Protection and you'll find a multitude of fact sheets
on such topics such as Personal Safety, Home and Property,
Travel and Vehicle and, Child Safety.

Stay Aware...Don't become another statistic. RW

PEEL REGIONAL POLICE MONTHLY MEETINGS

2nd Thursday of every month: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: 4600 Dixie Road

Upcoming meetings: October 11, November 8

The 12 Division PCLC - Police Community Liaison Committee is a dedicated group of citizens, whose main goal is to bridge the gap between police and community.



The monthly meetings are committed to developing and promoting a positive partnership between residents, community stakeholders and Peel Regional Police through pride, communication, prevention programs, public awareness and guidance. Speakers from diverse backgrounds address the 12 Division PCLC at each meeting to build awareness of the programs and services they provide.

Please join us. The Community Liaison for 12 Division is Constable Sandro Strangio, 905 453-2121 ext. 1260 or sandro.strangio@peelpolice.ca.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cell Phone Tower Proposal — Community Notifications

RHA received notice this month that Bell Canada is proposing to put a 25m cell phone tower at 1575 South Gateway Road which is the southeast corner of Eglinton Ave.E. and Dixie Rd.

Bell has determined the need for the new antenna in order to adequately provide coverage and service to the future customer base in the area south of Eglinton Ave. East of Dixie Rd.

Industry Canada, an agency of the federal government, has the authority to regulate telecommunication towers under the federal Radio Communication Act. Because of this, the City of Mississauga has no authority under the provincial Planning Act or City By-laws to stop the installation of a



telecommunication tower.

Industry Canada is required to follow the City of Mississauga's Telecommunication Tower/Antenna Facilities Protocol however, Industry Canada makes the final decision on whether or not a tower facility can be constructed.

For more information on the proposal, a copy of the Community Notification is put on RHA's website www.rockwoodvillage.ca

The City of Mississauga's
Telecommunication Tower/Antenna
Facilities Protocol can be found at
www.mississauga.ca/file/COM/
Interim_Protocol.pdf

Also check out MIRANET's site for more information of cell phone tower issues in Mississauga neighbourhoods. miranet.ca/articles/cell_phone_towers.htm RW

If you would like to extend your comments to Bell, please mail, email or fax between the business hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm by October 7, 2012 to:

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Rockwood Homeowners' Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

May 2012 - April 2013

Other interest

Please check your interest above

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WAR OF 1812: THE BIG PICTURE!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7:00 P.M. MAJA PRENTICE THEATRE

3650 Dixie Rd. at Burnhamthorpe Rd. *Guest Speaker*: Dr. Carl Benn, Chair of the Department of History, Ryerson University. For information call 905-615-3500, ext. 3660.

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FICTION BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 10AM -11:30 A.M.

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
Burnhamthorpe Library, 3650 Dixie Rd. at Burnhamthorpe Rd.

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TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 16, 23, 5-6:30 P.M.

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The City of Mississauga is reviewing how to best fund its stormwater
management program which includes: roadway drainage systems,
stormwater management ponds, rivers, creeks and ditches.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT & NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CENAC) MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, – 4:00PM

GTAA Administration Building 3111 Convair Drive, Toronto Contact: GTAA CENAC representative at 416-776-3941 www.torontopearson.com/en/aboutpearson/noise/cenac/#

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Forest Glen Public School • Oct. 2 & 23 - 7:00PM Glenhaven Senior Public School • OCT. 22 - 6:30PM Glenforest Secondary School • OCT.24, NOV.21, 7:00 PM - 8:30PM

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