



Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW
Residents Association

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“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”

YOU NEED TO BE INFORMED!

HOUSING REPORT - END TO SINGLE UNIT HOUSING!

Ontario's housing task force calls for:

Eliminating municipal policies that prioritize preserving “neighbourhood character”, more density in single-family neighbourhoods & “sweeping reforms” to build 1.5 million homes, (are they homes or profitable developments?).

Exempting projects of 10 units or fewer from public consultation when they only need minor variances, less scope to appeal projects.

Limiting municipalities from hosting consultations beyond what is required in the Planning Act & more provincial power over city planning. One example is a recommendation that municipalities eliminate “Single Family Zoning” and allow up to 4 Multi Tenant Units with up to 4 story tall structures to be built on those lots. Take note of page 9, & planned changes to Official Plan Characters of the Neighbourhood:

[Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods – Update Report \(toronto.ca\)](https://www.toronto.ca/expanding-housing-options-in-neighbourhoods-update-report/)

OUR VOICES MUST BE HEARD.

Send your concerns to: City Planning, Graig.Uens@Toronto.ca, your Councillor and copy the RA at info@csvsw.ca.

GARDEN & LANEWAY SUITES CONSULTATIONS

The RA contacted ALL Scarborough Councillors who still had the authority and opportunity to defer this motion when voting on February 2nd with the following concerns indicated in this briefing note, <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/Briefing-note-Garden-Suites.pdf>

The motion passed 17yes & 5 no. Our Ward 20 Councillor, **Gary Crawford** voted no. Paul Ainslie, Jennifer McKelvie and Mike Thompson voted for



Garden suites in spite of our personal and individual requests to pursue further needed improvements.

We, along with other RAs will remain engaged and monitor the outcomes of the 200 Garden Suite Review report.

This link will be updated with relevant info in the coming weeks,

[Garden Suites – City of Toronto](#)

Send concerns to Senior City Planner David.Driedger@toronto.ca, your Councillor and please copy the RA at info@csvsw.ca

NEXT PHASE OF WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROJECT

David Stonehouse, Director of the Waterfront Revitalization Project - “we are working to make the parks and paths resilient. The idea is to take the attention that has been made downtown to bring it here”. They are seeking your ideas on projects across Toronto’s Waterfront. You can provide input through interactive map and survey.

For more information visit the project website at <https://www.toronto.ca/WaterfrontNextPhase> .

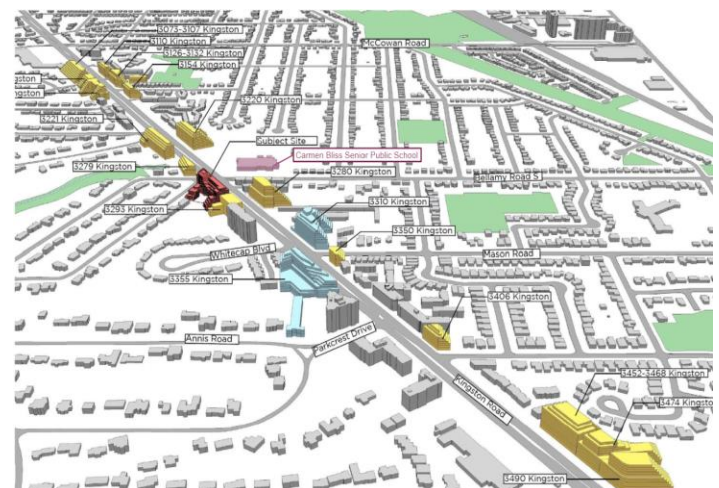
LOOKING at the BIG PICTURE

Community Consultation for 3310-3314 Kingston Road was held on February 6, 2021. This is one of 3 proposed condos currently within 100m of each other. Similar to other condo development applications along this stretch of Kingston Road between Brimley and Eglinton, the proposed development is out of scale and the orientation of the terraces, building amenities (including garbage pick up), main driveway and roundabout and encroach into single family home neighbourhoods - this is neither sensitive nor gradual and will impact traffic, parking and safety on Kingston Road and local streets.

Write to Councillor Crawford and let him know what your concerns are councillor_crawford@toronto.ca please copy City Planning Kelsey.Taylor5@toronto.ca & the RA at info@csvsw.ca

Community Consultation for 180-260 Brimley Road. The original notice sent out, stated the proposal of 384 Townhouse units and 2 Blocks (46 and 47) reserved for future development. In the meeting they said that those 2 blocks would consist of 3-4 story townhouse/condo models in excess of 1000 units.... overall development will be roughly 1300-1400 new units. The RA’s position is that appropriate development is building complete communities, planning for the infrastructure, and ensuring a proper transition to existing neighbourhoods. Write to Councillor Crawford and let him know what your concerns are councillor_crawford@toronto.ca Please copy City Planning Kathryn.Moore@toronto.ca, & the RA at info@csvsw.ca

To give you all a flavour of what is being planned all along Kingston Road following is a diagram from the City’s planning documents. You need to pay attention now; this change is coming sooner than you think!



East to West view Markham to McCowan:

Red & Blue colours for proposed condo builds. Yellow for potential condo sites. The current Bylaws and Official Plan direct a plan for development that is manageable, sustainable, and sensitive to the existing neighbourhoods. What plans are in place to implement effective solutions without bearing the burden on the current and insufficient infrastructure? We want to see community planning from City Planning!

BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED

Part 14 of a monthly series

This project is currently at the framing stage of work. After many stop work orders and delays on the construction due to safety infractions, not building to plan and other issues, the builder appears to be following the plans which were approved by the City.

It has been a community effort to engage the Building Dept and also stay abreast of the work being completed. You are within your right as a community to be informed and to know that developers are kept in check. To stay informed means to learn and understand the building process and which departments to speak to when an issue arises. Reach out to the RA if you are unsure of what steps to take. Residents are also allowed to request information about all projects through the City of Toronto - Freedom of Information Act - there is a cost to request documents and drawings, but it is well worth it to stay informed and engaged. It is important to keep a close eye on projects which are already suspect to issues of non compliance. There is still a lot to do at this project and the community continues to pay close attention to the work being done.

We share these stories because we believe an informed community is a strong community. As a resident, it is important to BE AWARE & GET INVOLVED when you notice something is not right.

NEIGHBOURLY SUPPORT

COA February 10:

On Comrie Terrace, the neighbours were in support so the application was passed.

On Oakridge Drive the application was refused, you can watch the Hearing that was from 18:31- 54:06 in the YouTube link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFf_exHtVcs

Very concerned about some of the messaging from the applicant in the hearing!!

On Eastville Avenue application for property severance request to build two homes on a corner lot. Despite significant opposition the variances were approved by COA outside of the 4 tests citing this would increase housing.

On McCowan Road this application was approved after their **third time** at COA for their variance requests despite neighbourhood safety concerns expressed about minimal setbacks at this busy corner of Anson and McCowan.

HELP FOR OUR 4-LEGGED RESIDENTS

One of the things that is special about our neighbourhoods is the biodiversity of wildlife that travels through our community forest.

A useful contact to be aware of is the Toronto Wildlife Center (TWC), a non-profit, charitable organization, funded solely by donations, is the only agency in Toronto that aids TO wildlife. If you discover a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal you can reach out to this group for assistance.

<https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com/what-we-do/wildlife-hotline/>



DETAILS FOR THE JUNE 2022 PROVINCIAL ELECTION

The next Ontario provincial election in 2022 is just months away. on Thursday June 2nd, for more details follow this link.

<https://www.blogto.com/city/2022/02/next-ontario-provincial-election-2022>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Visit: www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca

Call: 647-245-3277 Email: info@csvsw.ca

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SPECIAL DELIVERY!

The Treasure Map and student artwork from the RA Tree Ribbon Campaign was delivered to The Scarborough Historical Society for safekeeping and to leave a record of treasures currently found in our neighbourhood forest, our trees. The Tree Ribbon Campaign was launched in 2021 to bring attention to our neighbourhood forest at risk of being lost if the decisions made do not consider the value of our mature trees. Ribbons that marked the location of 20 Majestic Trees throughout the tour have now been taken down but you can still follow the tour using the photos to find the location of trees, in fact our hope is the trees on this tour can be visited for many years to come.



What remains to be seen

is what will be discovered when someone compares the treasure map from this 2021 tour to the landscape in 20 years? Will these majestic trees, treasures, still be found standing in our neighbourhood forest?

A BIG thank you to The Scarborough Historical Society for the safekeeping of the Treasure Map and record of the treasures currently found in our neighbourhood forest. To learn more details on the Tree Ribbon Campaign,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/FINAL-CSVSWRA-Tree-Ribbon-Campaign-Poster-with-impbedded-map-link.pdf>

You can also watch a video of the tour,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mOHMOiUrRw>

THE CSVSWRA 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hard to believe it's been a little more than a year since the RA was formed! On February 22, we had our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) for **Voting Members**. Thank you to Councillors Crawford and Ainslie for joining as special guests and taking the time to respond to the many questions from our Members. The existing Board of Directors has been voted in to continue their good work and our President has stepped down in part to make room for a successor. The Board will continue to direct the business of the RA and is grateful to Tom for his dedication over the last year. We are looking forward to a future town hall with all members. Thanks for all the many many hours dedicated by our volunteers! More challenges and projects for 2022, if you have time come join our team.

Our greatest strength is the support of our residents, we need a strong voice, help spread the word so "Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods", **Associate Membership is FREE**

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/become-member>

NEXT ISSUE: Updates on OUR PLAN TO, more conversation on

THE BIG PICTURE & more updates on how

"Together we preserve the unique nature of our Neighbourhoods"