



# on Location

*“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”*

## BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED

A local resident recently noticed a 20-ton excavator show up on the lawn next door, without posted permits, no hoarding and no tree protection, just some fencing to block the front yard. They ripped out a tree just to park the excavator!



It is important to **be aware** of the process and **get involved** when something is not right. Did you know that tree protections and hoarding need to

be installed BEFORE permits are issued? A permit is required to remove a tree with a diameter of 30 cm, approximate thickness of a telephone pole. For full details on guidelines and what to do when a tree is being cut, CALL 311. Some good news. With the help of local residents, Councillor Crawford’s office, Forestry Department and 311, inspectors arrived at the above site and both issued notices of contravention.

The Association exists to tell these stories, to share information and to bring awareness. You can make a difference. Look at what was accomplished in this story.

*Stay tuned for next month’s newsletter on more news from this site. Learn how major construction to an 850sq.ft. home upgrading to 3000+sq.ft. passes COA approval identifying no variances. True Story!*

## NEIGHBOURLY SUPPORT AT COA

The Association participated at the November 24<sup>th</sup> COA hearings for 217 Oakridge Rd., 91 Neilson Ave. & 89-91 McCowan Rd. All refused! If the applicant appeals to TLAB our Councillor Crawford will be moving motions for the City to fight and oppose the appeal. Watch this YouTube stream to see how we organized to speak on behalf of the neighbourhood <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsnRWZge8-o> Per our mission statement, **“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”**

## Project News – on Location

### SAVE WINDY RIDGE

On October 27th, 2020, Samcor and LCH Developments submitted their proposal for an 11 Story 343-unit Condo at the intersection of Kingston Rd., Ravine Dr. and Windy Ridge Dr.

**What does this mean?** Irrevocable fundamental changes to the nature of this quiet neighbourhood. Impact to tree canopy and wildlife as well as to all that visit, cycle and walk Windy Ridge Dr. and waterfront trail through our neighbourhood. Massive increase in local density... perhaps 1000 plus additional residents in this one of several looming condos being proposed to this area.



At the gateway to our community **increased traffic congestion, & safety concerns** will result from the proposed Official Plan Amendment to rezone #2 & #4 Windy Ridge Dr. single family homes, and place their condo driveway for residents, and service vehicles entering and exiting directly on to Windy Ridge Dr. There is the concern that introducing over 300+ more condo resident cars will significantly increase traffic congestion at the 5-point intersection. It would promote a speedway up and down Bellamy Rd. adding risk to the student’s safety at Bliss Carman School on the NW corner of the intersection as well as to pedestrians, cyclist using the official city trail, visitors to Doris McCarthy Trail and other motorists. An additional safety concern is the increase of frustrated motorist accessing the Pioneer Gas Station as an illegal shortcut to bypass the light on Kingston Road.

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**Overflow and Congested Parking** onto residential streets impact from new condo residents, their guests, condo service utilities and visitors to Doris McCarthy Trail. The overflow of parking at Doris McCarthy Trail has **increased naturally** as more and more visitors look to access the waterfront trail. Provisions should be thoroughly considered where the TRCA's pedestrian pathway starts and the overflow parking today currently spills to Windy Ridge Dr., Bellehaven Cres. & Ravine Dr. The need for parking will only increase as the TRCA moves forward with the future Waterfront Trail Project.



Is putting 300 plus permanent residents at this site the right choice? Thought should be given to avoid parking congestion similar to Bluffer's Park!

**Like Bluffers** where there is a large sign posted at the entrance roadway when no parking is available, increased garbage is another concern. There will be increased costs for additional supervision by 311 and police as we experienced at Bluffers park.

There are a series of cascading problems for this location and the impact of the development on adjacent properties not only during construction but also for community future. The City should consider these problems and the financial remedial costs incurred if accepted as proposed.

Become a member of the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association by visiting [www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca](http://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca) and add your voice to influence change and bring the positive development to our neighborhood and community! Help spread the news & share our webpage details with your neighbours!

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

To learn more about the association and membership visit [www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca](http://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca)  
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## YELLOW TREE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association will be launching a Tree Ribbon Campaign to bring attention to the precious tree canopy that is at risk of being lost if decisions made do not give consideration to the value of these trees. The students of Bliss Carman School have been invited to participate as stewards. They recently visited 3 Windy Ridge Dr. to learn about benefits of trees and to collect badges that will be decorated with artwork by the students.



A treasure map will be created giving coordinates of the trees that will be pinned with badges of honor, artwork created by the students, pinned to yellow ribbons. Each badge will point to learnings to the tree age, value to existing ecosystem and more. Visitors will be invited to follow the treasure map and take part in a self-guided tour through the neighbourhood to discover treasure, our tree canopy.



The project has been postponed from fall of 2020 to spring of 2021 due to Covid restrictions in place for City of Toronto

### A Tree Memory

By Arthur Gross-Schaefer

An old man was planting a fig tree, when a Roman general happened to pass by. The general says to the man, "Don't you realize it will take twenty years before that tree will grow enough to give fruit, and you will be long dead by then?" The old man responded, "When I was a small child, I could eat fruit because those who came before me had planted trees. Am I not obliged to do the same for the next generation?"

**Next issue: Part 2- BE AWARE & GET INVOLVED & More updates on how "Together we preserve the unique nature of our Neighbourhoods"**