



Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association

on Location

“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”

BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED

Part 10 to a monthly series

There has been no activity at this site since July when Toronto Building issued an order instructing the owner/builder to stop all work and obtain the necessary approvals. This is the Fourth STOP WORK ORDER for this site. Toronto Building confirmed they will continue to monitor and will address complaints and deviations and non-conformance as they arise.

Catch up on what has been happening in this series by following this link: <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/BE-AWARE-GET-INVOLVED-SERIES-CATCH-UP-vs2.pdf>



Residents shared this photo of another home in our neighbourhood that remains unfinished and vacant. They reported **many calls to 311 for enforcement have been made over the last 7 years** and pointed out other homes in the same state that can be found throughout the neighbourhood. Another example of a support system that is struggling to meet the demands for concerns it is

meant to support. A vacant home tax is currently being reviewed, homeowners who choose to keep their properties vacant, rather than renting or selling them, are subject to a tax. The City wants to hear from you on how this tax should work in Toronto.

Take some time to complete the following survey.



<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/property-taxes-utilities/vacant-home-tax/>

NEIGHBOURLY SUPPORT

September 21st COA updates:

On Gradwell Drive, residents and the RA participated but even with strong neighbour opposition the proposed development for this out of scale home was approved.

October 20th COA updates:

At 2380-2382 Kingston Road, concerns with regards to development proposals are being raised all along Kingston Road. The RA Planning Team helped our neighbours in Cliffside at COA even though it was out of our RA boundaries. Impact on nearby properties and incursion into existing neighbourhoods was raised by local neighbours. It had 8 variances and 7 of them for lack of amenities for the future residents. Lack of parking will be offered in an already difficult area to park in. This development was approved.

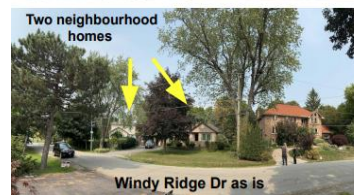
Marina Tadenc, Editor *on Location*

LOOKING at the BIG PICTURE

More than 100 residents joined the rescheduled Community Consultation meeting on October 5, 2021 for **3291 Kingston Road, 3 & 4 Windy Ridge Condo Proposal**. Immediate feedback from our membership indicates there is a significant gap between what the community feels is an appropriate development and the applicant's "vision". Following is a summary of some of the concerns that were shared with City Planning, https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/Executive-Summary-LCH-APP_RESPONSE_20209863ESC200Z_01212021.pdf

We are looking to City Planning to ensure care for our neighbourhood and local environment including Bellamy Ravine. LCH has been asked to resubmit a design that is responsive to the City's and the community's concerns. If you missed the Community Consultation see link to recording: <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/current-events-projects/association-projects/>

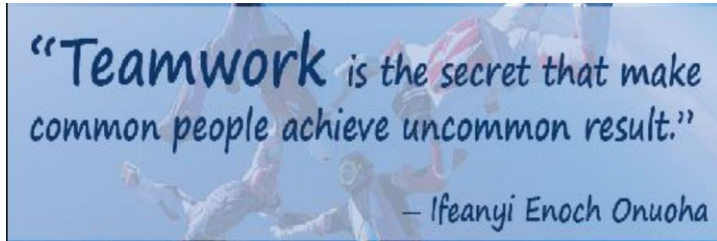
Councillor Crawford reiterated his position of opposition to intrusion into Neighbourhoods and the redesignation of 2 & 4 Windy Ridge. **Write to Councillor Crawford and let him know you agree**, let him know what your concerns are. (councillor_crawford@toronto.ca) Please copy City Planning (Christian.Ventresca@toronto.ca) and the Residents Association (info@csvsw.ca).



It is alarming what is being proposed for our neighbourhoods. In addition to the active proposals, there are other conceptual similar scale projects suggested along Kingston Road. See our BIG PICTURE map that has had more than **5500 views!** See our December newsletter for analysis. <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-V1dBqxR4GSIZBxOeVusDmb34ufJZlCP&ll=43.7350905540572%2C-79.223535&z=14>

We will continue to follow up with the City and to advocate that they look at all active proposals and impact together at 3291, 3355, 3310, 2800, 2880 Kingston Rd. & 321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd. Our greatest strength is the support of our membership, add your voice to the decisions being made in our neighbourhoods and become a member.

On Hill Crescent this development was refused for a second time. There were 137 petition signatures from surrounding neighbours in opposition for this development & a letter from Councillor Ainsley. <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/PLN-CA-Councillor-Letter-OCT-18-2021.pdf> To understand what we are dealing with in our neighbourhoods, take some time to watch how the RA and Residents joined together to try to preserve the Character of our Neighbourhood. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqkXMohVZvw> A BIG thank you to the team of volunteers that dedicate many hours of their free time, 'Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods'



CITY WIDE FRAMEWORK FOR MULTI TENANT HOUSES

Toronto is not a homogeneous city. Toronto has many unique physical characteristics encompassing the urban built dense core and the suburban environmentally green perimeters. Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke do not have legalized rooming houses; however, we do have pop up & illegal rooming houses.

Having examined the MTH Review, www.Toronto.ca/MTHreview, your CSVSWRA Directors, our members and many other RAs and residents sent their concerns to Mayor Tory and Toronto Councillors regarding the 'blanket proposal' to legalize rooming houses across the entire city.

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/Re-Upcoming-October-1-2021-Council-Review-of-CITY-WIDE-FRAMEWORK-FOR-MULTI-TENANT-HOUSES.pdf>

Our global climate crisis, absence of stringent regulations and a streamlined complaint process, inadequate number of enforcement officers with limited authority, delayed enforcement funding to late 2022, and most importantly, the safety of the tenants were some of the expressed concerns. The October 4 MTH City Councillor discussion resulted in a referral of decision and for City staff to study the issues further. We appreciate the support of our Scarborough Councillors who supported a more effective plan preventing a potentially problematic implementation.

Contributor: Wendy Hooker, Member CSVSW RA

New FAQ tab FOR YOU!

Over the last year you have asked us many questions. We thought your questions were important and wanted to share the answers with all our membership.

Have a look at our NEW FAQ tab created from the questions you asked us, <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/community-support/faq-resources/>

We believe an informed community is a strong community. If there is something you think should be added to this document, please let us know by emailing info@csvsw.ca

The Association wants to learn, collect, share and build knowledge and be long lasting in the support we provide to the community.

WE WANT TO FIND THE ANSWER AND SHARE IT... THERE MAY BE SOMEONE ELSE THAT HAS THE SAME QUESTION YOU DO!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To learn more about the association and membership visit www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/csvsw>

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving is a time a year when we reflect and give thanks for what we have. The Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents. Association was glad to help support the Thanksgiving Food Drive for Scarborough Food Security Initiative. We had help from



two of our young honorary Association member volunteers to make a delivery on Saturday, October 2nd at the Scarborough Junction Community Farm located at 3595 St. Clair Ave. E.



Membership Corner

Since our incorporation approximately a year ago, the CSVSWRA has been busy and has made amazing progress across our catchment area. We have only been able to do this with the help of our members. Community involvement is the single most important aspect of our success. We are looking to build on our successes and progress and to grow our membership. Membership development is a very important part of community preservation and we would like to ask you, our members, to speak to your family, neighbours and friends. Ask them to look at our website and join the hundreds of members who know that our neighbourhoods, community and environment are so important. Please contact us if you have something to share or if you want to help. We are always looking to meet more local residents to build our team! Our greatest strength is the support of our residents. Accept our invitation and add your voice to the decisions being made in your neighbourhoods! Share details with a neighbour to help us double our numbers!



JOIN US! Associate Membership is free.

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

Contributor: Anthony Lombardi, Director CSVSW RA

TRANSFORM TO

Watch this short video for introduction to "Our Plan Toronto" and take some time to fill out a poll to share your thoughts on key issues, values, and strengths that you think the City should focus on for this review <https://s.cotsurvey.chkmt.com/?e=240619&h=E3903C423D53EA9&l=en> Take some time to catch up on this important initiative for Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods and subscribe for updates. <http://www.toronto.ca/EHON> . Watch for more updates in our next newsletter. We will post videos for these sessions to our Facebook site when available. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/csvsw>.

NEXT ISSUE: Part 11 - BE AWARE & GET INVOLVED find out what happens next at this site! True Story! More conversation on THE BIG PICTURE & more updates on how "Together we preserve the unique nature of our Neighbourhoods"