



Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW
Residents Association

on Location

“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”

BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED

Part 11 to a monthly series

When we started this series, we did not anticipate still telling this story a year later. Onsite construction has stopped since July when the Fourth STOP WORK ORDER was issued. The framing work installed in July 2021, prior to proper permit approvals, has now been removed. Currently, most of the materials, strewn about the site, appear to no longer be usable. You can catch up on what has been happening in this series via this link:



<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/BE-AWARE-GET-INVOLVED-SERIES-CATCH-UP-vs2.pdf> The concerns reported at this site are echoed throughout our neighbourhoods. This is why it is important for residents to BE AWARE & GET INVOLVED

NEIGHBOURLY SUPPORT

COA November 17th:

On McCowan Road - This egregious development was refused by COA. The designer made some last-minute changes prior to the hearing to remove 6 of their 12 variances, but 3 of the remaining variances were still not minor so the application was refused by COA.

2448-2450 Kingston Road - This development was affiliated with another condo development that was approved by COA last month. The RA assisted local neighbours that do not have a Residents Association. We focused on one of the seven variances for the side yard setbacks above the 6th floor, as the proposed side yard setback was reduced and not minor nor desirable. The COA agreed with our opposition of this variance and there was an amendment made restricting the side yard setback reduction above the 6th storey. Six other variances were approved by COA. The local neighbours appreciated our help once again at this COA hearing. Working together to preserve our neighbourhoods!

TLAB November 23, 2021:

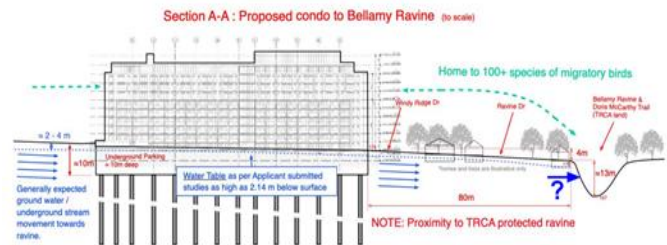
The TLAB adjudicator approved the mediated settlement for a home on BROOKLAWN AVE. Case File Number: 20 179354 S45 TLAB. Thanks to community petition, Councillor Gary Crawford advocated for city legal representation. Consequently, settlement negotiations between the owner and the main Parties transpired with a full resolution with the City. The original 5 variances were reduced to 3, involving concessions with the reduced height and type of roof, reduced floor space index and a modest increase of lot coverage. Our community appreciated the assistance of City Council Jason Davidson. Conditions of a pre- and post-construction survey report are required as part of the mediated settlement. These are noted as private, and not a responsibility of TLAB.

Marina Tadenc, Editor *on Location*

LOOKING at the BIG PICTURE

Although we were not able to see or hear all questions submitted by residents at the October 5th, 2021 Community Consultation, it was clear from what we did hear that residents are concerned about the environmental impact for the 3291 Kingston Road Condo Proposal and they want to know why the TRCA is not involved in assessing the impacts to the Bellamy Ravine and Doris McCarthy Trail which are just metres from the proposed site.

How will diversion of underground streams impact neighbouring homes, trees and protected areas?



We have been advised that Toronto Water will be assessing the impacts and looking into further studies as needed. We have been witnessing frequent and intense storms and excessive amounts of rain falling on our city. The City's risk assessment study of flooding in Area 50 (which covers this area) is incomplete and hence, potential impacts are currently unknown. The scope of this project was recently expanded which suggests that there may be relevant impacts. Considering that 3 condo developments totalling over 800 units are proposed along Kingston road between Annis Road and Bellamy/Ravine Drive, there should be detailed studies that collectively report on the consequential impacts to the watershed and environment.

Write to Councillor Crawford and let him know what your concerns are (councillor_crawford@toronto.ca) Please copy City Planning (Christian.Ventresca@toronto.ca) and the Residents Association (info@csvgsw.ca).

FRAMEWORK FOR MULTI TENANT HOUSES (Update)

The October 4 MTH City Councillor discussion resulted in a referral of decision and for City staff to study the issues further. Have they understood our concerns? Will bylaws enable enforcement of temporary “POP UP” MTHs that are a growing trend in our neighbourhoods? The City's framework needs to be revised to be workable with major improvements in MLS's ability to inspect and enforce. We understand the need for affordable housing and we agree with our Scarborough Councillors who supported a more effective plan preventing a potentially problematic implementation. Mayor Tory indicated a lot of Community Consultations so we will wait for these opportunities to engage and wait for the Staff to take action.

HOW TOGETHER WE PRESERVE OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

The City has scheduled Laneway Suites, Garden Suites, the Official Plan Review and more with Amendments to come before PHC and City Council between now and the end of January 2022.

The City hosted public consultations for Transform TO Net Zero Strategy

Oct 4 - Environment and climate Change,

Oct 7 - Housing and Intensification

Oct 14 - Future of Work and Employment

Oct 15 - Neighbourhoods and Complete Communities

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/official-plan-guidelines/official-plan/official-plan-review>

The staff report and Transform TO Net Zero Strategy will be considered at the December 2nd meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC), and are also scheduled for the December 15/16 session of City Council.

GARDEN SUITES EVALUATION CONSULTATION

The blanket infill proposal of Garden Suites imposed across physically diverse environmental Toronto communities is a serious concern to our residents of Scarborough.

Read letter of concerns submitted by RA,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/CSVSWRA-Garden-Suite-Letter-Nov-30-2021.pdf>

LANEWAY SUITES EVALUATION CONSULTATION

The initiative (laneway suites) doesn't affect Scarborough very much, as we have very few laneways in Scarborough. But the rules & requirements that are established for laneway suites will be the template for what the City calls "garden suites", which will enable the construction of small homes in all backyards (no laneway required).

Read letter of concerns submitted by RA,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/Laneway-suites.pdf>

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Regarding Item IE26.6 Actions to Reaffirm Toronto's Tree Canopy Target

Read letter of concerns submitted by RA,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/Actions-to-Reaffirm-Torontos-Tree-Canopy-Target.pdf>

SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

Did you know that 1 in 4 Canadians are acting as caregivers? This means that you or someone you know is likely supporting someone with a mental or physical health concern. Each caregiving journey is unique. It can be a few weeks or decades, it can be a few hours a week or can be 24/7. Each experience comes with questions and at times can negatively impact caregivers. While this experience can feel isolating you are not alone. The Caregiver Wellness Program at the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities aims to provide answers and support for caregivers at no cost. We offer education, group or individual counselling and system navigation. We connect with all those in the circle of care providing unpaid care at all stages of the caregiving journey. To learn more about the program check out our website at <https://www.schcontario.ca/schc-caregiver-wellness.htm> or email me at caregiverwellness@schcontario.ca.

Contributor: Amy Stephenson, Program Coordinator Caregiver Wellness

We have updated our FAQ & ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE & RESOURCES TAB to include these details. To see these details and other questions visit,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/community-support/faq-resources>

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>

311 TORONTO AT YOUR SERVICE

In a November 1st News Release the City announced 311 has added the option submitting a service request online with the ability to track status and event opt-in to receive real-time status updates via text (SMS) or email notification by using the following link, <https://www.toronto.ca/home/311-toronto-at-your-service>.

You can still call 311 or email 311@toronto.ca and you should always call 911 for emergencies. It is important to keep a record of your service request number for follow up or if escalation is required.



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It is important to MAKE THE RIGHT CALL at the right time, to get the service you need. Knowing when to call 311, the police non-emergency line or 911 will ensure you get the right help at the right time. If you are not sure how to reach out for assistance our Community Support Tab has some simple guidelines on steps to take, visit

www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/community-support

BYLAW REVIEW

Share your opinion and ideas...

Animals Bylaw Review, deadline to complete the survey is December 17.

[Animal Bylaw Review – City of Toronto](#)

Property Standards Bylaw Review, deadline to complete survey is December 20.

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/public-notices-bylaws/bylaw-enforcement/property-standards-keep/?fbclid=IwAR2vufZCULs1V4sfU38ILWSCNJR3E3Z6Su1FAiGvloklddK5LhfJOV37mMSw>

Expanding Housing Options - Multiplexes Survey

https://s.cotsurvey.chkmkt.com/?e=234541&h=61976A7F32258F0&l=en&fbclid=IwAR12D0MpnhMwevwxXBwflI0BKQB1UwgBcpr2FufJEP_G-hOOrxguAaLiIV4



OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS OPEN NOVEMBER 27!

Do you want to know where to find some outdoor winter fun?

Follow this link to learn about skating, tobogganing and more....

https://www.toronto.ca/news/outdoor-ice-rinks-set-to-open-november-27-as-part-of-welcome-to-winter-plan/?fbclid=IwAR3UVy4_d34PcvQ1yoF-p_lq8wsgPyKPR9tKEY6Gnca1HZG3hwIDLQLKDJsN



Membership Corner

Our greatest strength is the support of our residents. Invite your friends and neighbours to become members, help double our numbers! **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

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