

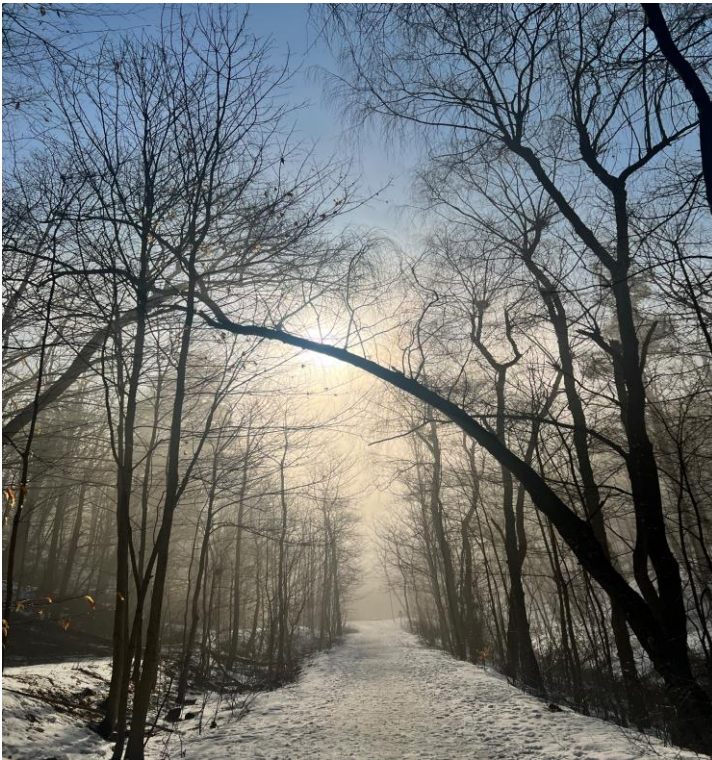


Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW
Residents Association

on Location

“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”

Holiday Message 2022/2023



*The Doris McCarthy Trail dusted with a white carpet of snow 2022
beautiful all seasons of the year!*

This is a very special time of the year as it gives people a break from the hustle and bustle of our everyday life.

This year I stop and reflect on this unprecedented time in our world as another year draws to a close. Hardships, not only here at home but for many people around the world, are causing worry for the future.

Just from the stories shared in our newsletter there is no doubt that change is happening quickly in our neighbourhoods. Impact, accountability, & consequence need attention. We need to think globally, act locally, and advocate for good change together.

It is during these difficult times we must remain grateful. Simple things like meeting with an old friend, an uplifting conversation, opening the door for a stranger whose hands are full, a walk outdoors, watching children build a snowman, all simple things to help us to stay optimistic for the future.

Stay optimistic, stay safe and may the holidays be full of celebration and lasting memories.

Sincerely,
Marina Tadenc

On behalf of Board of CSVSWRA Directors

Marina Tadenc, Editor *on Location*

LOOKING at the BIG PICTURE

The initial Ontario Land Tribunal case management conference was held November 30, 2022 for proposed Condo Development at 3291 Kingston Rd (plus 2 and 4 Windy Ridge Dr). Eight concerned residents registered for Party Status and more than 30 Participant letters were submitted. Disappointingly **only 3 of the Party Status requests were approved**, 2 of the abutting neighbours and the **Incorporated RA**.

There are a series of cascading problems with what is proposed on this unique site and the massive scale of this development. We must ensure the many valid objections raised are reviewed so the right decisions are made for this neighbourhood. City Planning has not responded to RA follow ups asking for the criteria, tests and justifications for rezoning of #2 and #4 Windy Ridge Drive, which are zoned single family home residential. Many of the deficiencies in the reports provided by the developer have not been addressed and studies do not take into consideration nearby similarly-sized proposals and cumulative impacts. As a Party the RA will endeavour to ensure that appropriately-sized development occurs on the site and that studies are completed so the true impact of these developments is revealed. In order to do this, **CSVSWRA must engage legal counsel, a planner, and other experts.**

The following was presented in a meeting with the City Solicitor to highlight some key concerns

<http://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/Concerns-Presentation-to-City-Legal-OLT-21-11-22-REV.pdf>

Toronto Forestry has also recommended against this development as it removes more than 80 mature trees and creates irreparable harm to the ecosystem and ecology of the area. Councillor Crawford has said he continues to oppose the rezoning of this site and agrees more than the standard City studies are needed for this environmentally fragile area.



Putting this condo at the entryway of the Doris McCarthy Trail and this tree lined community is like knocking out someone's front teeth, nothing pretty about it!

If you are concerned or interested to know more, please contact us at info@csvsw.ca.

See Call to Action message for fundraising, <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/current-events-projects/association-projects/>

HOUSING ACTION PLAN

Where is the community consultation?

The October 4, 2021 City Council discussion on Multi Tenant Houses (MTH) resulted in a referral of decision and Council requested that City staff to study the issues further.–Mayor Tory, you indicated a lot of further community consultations; **WE have been WAITING** for these opportunities to engage. **It was a shock to see item (CC2.1 2023 Housing Action Plan) be referred to Committee and approved without any opportunity for public comment!** The Rooming House matter is bundled with the "Plan" on the Council agenda without a staff report or prior Committee review!

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2023.CC2.1>

See letter of concern submitted by RA,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/CSVSWRA-Letter-To-John-Tory-Re-MTH-By-law.pdf>

CC2.1 - 2023 Housing Action Plan

City Council on December 14 and 15, 2022, adopted the following:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to develop a "2023 Housing Action Plan" for the 2022-2026 term of Council to enable both market, non-market and hybrid housing production in order to achieve or exceed the provincial housing target of 285,000 new homes over the next 10 years, and report to the Executive Committee no later than March 2023 on how this Plan can be actioned in ways that further Toronto's climate goals and good planning, including enhancing the public realm and encouraging the creation of vibrant 15-minute neighbourhoods where most local trips are made by active transportation or by transit; the plan is to include the items listed below and, for each item, the timelines for City Council approval and implementation, potential units created and any other considerations:

Mayor Tory and most Toronto Councillors approved rooming houses and multiplexes across the city with no revisions as requested from the residents. The new zoning and licensing bylaws come into effect on March 31, 2024. Until then, the current restrictions on multi-tenant houses apply. We noted the 8 councillors voted against the proposal including Mike Thompson and Paul Ainslie. They have obviously considered the many concerns. For further details on the decisions, please see the following:

<https://www.toronto.ca/news/toronto-city-council-approves-mayor-john-torys-2023-housing-action-plan-for-the-2022-2026-term-of-council/>

There are a lot of questions which need public answers.

- How is the city going to manage rooming houses when they don't/can't enforce the illegal ones?
- The Plan suggests schools can sell off their school yards to build housing when they don't have enough resources or funds to support the planned growth.
- Where is the Retail & Green Spaces going to be located?
- Our Subway stations are removing parking lots for condos which are not affordable housing. The suburbs do not have the needed transit for cars to go away so where are they going to park?
- and not least... WHAT PLANS ARE THERE FOR IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE to meet the needs of our fast-growing communities?

Parking will no longer be a requirement for new development. Our public transit is poor and complete communities accommodate those who cannot get around by bike like seniors, differently abled people and small children. Residential and walkable communities will disappear.

The RA will follow up and with a request for the new applications, regulations & enforcement of the December 14 approval of MTH & Multiplexes. It is our understanding that the city staff is tasked for this report by March 2024 for councillor approval. **We must express our voices of specific concerns** (complete communities, biodiversity, addressing the negative impacts of climate change and protection of our living conditions with truly affordable and equitable access to housing, not creatively called "affordable").

Change is coming quickly; we need to build a strong voice!

Share the RA newsletter with friends and neighbours, and invite them to join us! <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/become-member/>

WHAT CHANGES WITH THE FORD GOVERNMENT'S

NEW LEGISLATION? A lot.

Bill 23 has repealed 36 specific regulations that allow conservation authorities to directly oversee the development process. Without immediate action ... catastrophic loss to homes and communities will continue to increase in severity and cost, year after year, the Insurance Bureau of Canada's vice-president of climate change and federal issues, Craig Stewart, was quoted as saying. In the end, conservation authorities don't make final decisions about development; that's up to municipalities. "The role of conservation authorities is to try and make sure houses aren't going to be swept away in a flood or fall over the Scarborough Bluffs, TRCA head, Brian Denney said. "It's an important part of the process." <https://thenarwhal.ca/ontario-conservation-authorities-development/>

Bill 23 document: -

<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-23>

Councillor Ainslie was interviewed on CBC Ottawa on the contentious bills like Bill 23 More Homes Build Faster Act.

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2137022531824>

See CELA alert page:

<https://cela.ca/reviewing-bill-23-more-homes-built-faster-act-2022/>

Kindly sign MPP Doly Begum petition to amend Bill 23,

[Protect the Greenbelt.](#)

Listen to MPP Mary-Margaret McMahon question Ford re: Bills 23 and 39, <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qwR03xSTWt4>

Message from MM, the fight is not over! We have seen the government back down in the past few months with the use of the Notwithstanding Clause and we must keep pushing them to show that they have misread Ontarians on the Greenbelt. Stay tuned for ways you can help fight to save the Greenbelt!

Bill 39: A Special Council meeting to allow members of City Council to discuss the proposed legislation, and to permit residents of Toronto to have input on the Bill was requested.

See letter of concern from RA,

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/CSVSWRA-Letter-To-John-Tory-Re-Bell-39.pdf>

See concerns raised by FONTRA for Bill 23, Bill 39 & changes to the Greenbelt Plan <https://fontra.com/news/>

NEIGHBOURLY SUPPORT

10 November 2022 COA Hearing -

On Markham Road - Application for an extended side addition was refused.

On Allister Avenue- Case is still before TLAB waiting for a response from the Appellant's lawyer.

19 January 2023 Hearing - five properties -126 Dorset Road, 24 Anson Avenue, 42 Guildcrest Drive, 134 Gradwell Drive and 57 Colonial Avenue

BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED

Part 20 of a monthly series

For more than 2 years the Community has called and continues to make calls extremely concerned and still requesting answers to the questions regarding this house construction. No WSIB - no proof of Liability insurance - no City of Toronto builders' license, continual stop work orders. Again, residents were told that Toronto Building is not authorized to control who carries out construction further to an issued building permit. Toronto

Building can only carry out inspections and take enforcement action as deemed appropriate. Toronto Building is not authorized to take into account matters of liability. Toronto Building's objective in every instance is to ensure compliance with the issued permit plans and the Ontario Building Code.

City Departments work in silos, and residents are frustrated. We have reached out to find out who to call for help but continue to be pointed to a **flawed process**.

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.

STEWARDSHIP AT SUNNYPPOINT PARK

In January, 2020, Toronto City Council adopted the Ravine Strategy Implementation Plan to protect the city's ravines. A group of volunteers formed the Toronto Nature Stewards (TNS) to help implement the plan and advance independent stewardship to restore the ecological health of Toronto's ravines. Dedicated volunteers across the city are training to learn ways to restore the ecological health of Toronto's ravines and parks. Through invasive plant removal and native plant plantings they are rebuilding the biodiversity of our natural areas.

There are parks and ravines in Scarborough that are benefiting from the work of these volunteers - Sunnypoint, Prairie Drive, Birkdale and Highland Creek - it is rewarding work for the Stewards but they could use your help! **All of our ravines and natural areas need stewardship so please consider becoming a Lead Steward next year.**

For information on this program and how you can participate see:

<https://torontonaturestewards.org/.../become-a-lead-steward/>

Appreciation for our community Stewards!

Cheryl and Natasha invited all the participants involved in the **Sunnypoint Park Toronto Nature Stewards program** along with family and friends to



a movie night at Sunnypoint Crescent Friday, September 16 at 7pm. Paul is a cinematographer and Ross helped him set up the screen. Popcorn was provided and all brought their own chairs and beverages. The film was Ghostbusters: Afterlife. Natasha and Cheryl presented certificates to acknowledge the involvement with the stewardship of Sunnypoint Park.

Here is a great story about what these stewards are doing:

Toronto's ravines are in a critical state, threatened by invasive species, climate change and intensive land development

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-torontos-ravines-are-in-a-critical-state-threatened-by-invasive/?fbclid=IwAR1qSh5HvopP42OniJKSgTqDKUzHLXfhW3AjBq49-vVDUsV2akeFTF_AVv0

THE CSVSWRA 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting (the "AGM") of voting members of the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association will be held on February 22, 2023. Watch for a notice of meeting & accompanying materials in your inbox.

Membership Fees must be current as of January 25, 2023 to receive formal notice of the AGM. Only fully paid-up Members may vote. Associate Members who wish to attend and vote at the AGM must apply to switch to become a voting Member by January 25, 2023

COMMUNITY ALERT:

One of our members shared the following:

I received a call from someone advising that he was from the City Sewage Department. He wanted to know if we would be home Tuesday. He said that the city was reviewing the sewage capacity on our street. He was unable to confirm my name as a resident. He said that the city wanted a representative to enter our home to check the sewage pipe. I advised that the city or councillor notifies the residents directly.

I then called 311, the contact provided on our Utility Bill. They advised me that my caution was warranted. If any valid research is required, we receive city notification. Staff with their trucks and city ID approach us in an emergency. I copy to our Ward 20 and 24 Councillors, RA & friends.

SCARBOROUGH- GUILDWOOD BOUNDARIES

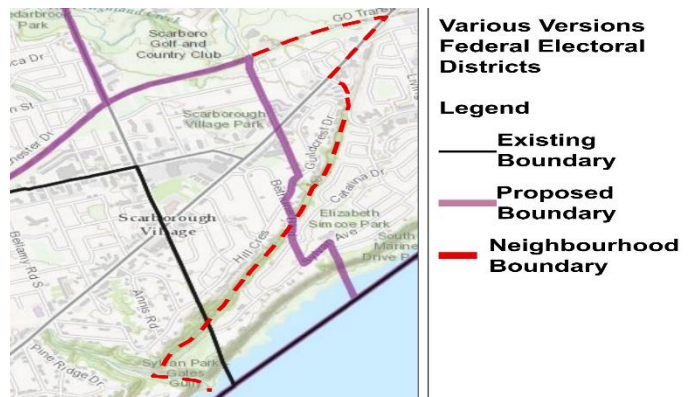
Attached is the final written report to the Federal Electoral District Commission submitted by the GVCA.

This two-page document (with six pages of detailed maps/additional info), including CSVSWRA letter of support as part of this submission.:

1. Highlights how the current and proposed boundaries of the Scarborough-Guildwood Electoral District fail to recognize a significant topographic feature in this area.
2. Describes the resulting boundary misalignment between long-established local neighbourhoods and the local electoral district, as defined by other criteria.
3. Explains how the commission can ensure better representation for Scarborough residents in this area by making minor adjustments to the boundaries of the underlying census tracts.

Note that the GVCA submission focuses only on issues relating to the northern and western boundaries of the Scarborough-Guildwood area. This report doesn't address the more recent and controversial issue raised by the commission - to reduce the overall number of electoral districts in Scarborough. Others will be sharing their concerns about reduced representation in Scarborough in separate submissions to the commission.

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/GVCA-CSVSA-boundary-review.pdf>





Letter from a Concerned Resident

Dear RA:

Current development language is skewed. The repetition of Toronto having a "housing crisis" and the proposal of "affordable housing" is a useful marketing-strategy-for-profit by capitalization. When residents participating in the spring 2022 Toronto MTH and multiplex consultations requested a definition of their term "affordable", the Toronto Head Land planner clarified it as the "market value of the area". It is not housing-geared-to-income of the residents. Note the removal of low-income apartments at Lenmore Court and the proposal of a series of condo developments along Kingston Road.

The developers now have a swath of freedoms with fees reduced or removed which previously were employed to support our city's operational needs. I believe that the developers are now requesting the province to take RESPONSIBILITY for their building on the Green Belt and elsewhere. Environmental specialists know that there will be negative impacts with developments in these areas without compliance to environmental data. The anticipated cascade of negative impacts of these developments will cost Toronto, us, NOT the developers, to rectify.

What really bothers me is that current residents are being vilified for wanting to PROTECT their current environmentally SAFE residences. The single-family detached zoning bylaws are "not exclusionary". The Multiplexes and MTH will jeopardize OUR living conditions and SAFETY and leave us VULNERABLE to approved massive development without environmental research. Refer to the 2019 Toronto Resiliency Strategy which advised the cost of basement flooding costing more than \$40,000.

Following the December 14 approval of MTH and Multiplexes, I'd appreciate learning the details about the development applications, regulations and enforcement. There appears to be no limitations on the number of each type of development on a street or community. Our "Toronto Neighbourhoods" will be destroyed. Our Councillors previously rejected MTHs and expanded development. What revisions or

arguments were now compelling? What resident concerns were addressed and what were not?

Finally, I ask how Mayor Tory's approved development proposals aligns with Toronto's Sustaining and Expanding the Urban Forestry 2012 -2022. There appears to be no tracking of the loss of our mature trees with development. The Councillors who supported the Mayor's strategy for intensification is ignoring the December 2022 COP discussions in Montreal for our sustainable biodiversity and address to the negative impacts of climate change.

The "Letter from a Concerned Resident" will be a NEW section in our newsletter. We welcome you to share your concerns anonymously or with attribution. Please be kind & considerate of opinions.

If you would like to share your letter of concern in our newsletter, please email info@csvgsw.ca.

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/>

Looking forward to working together in 2023!

Per our mission statement,

"Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods"



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To learn more about the RA visit:

www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillage.ca

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

www.facebook.com/groups/csvgsw

NEXT ISSUE:

Watch for updates on **LOOKING at the BIG PICTURE**, our follow up to the City on MTH & Housing Action Plan, the Concerns with Bill 23 & more conversation on how

"Together we preserve the unique nature of our Neighbourhoods"