

Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) Meeting Minutes September 18th, 2018

Attendees:

LTTA steering committee: Ken Fralick, Manny Blatt, Safeera Mulla, Judith Scolnik, Betty Coules, Bob Sanderson, Sylvia Anstey

Morguard: Amit Thakur

Special Guests:

PC Victor Seruto, Toronto Police Services

Anthony Clarke and Ryan Johnson, Regal Security

Jaye Robinson, candidate for Councillor

Incumbent Councillor Jon Burnside

Updates/Opening Remarks: Ken Fralick opened the meeting at 7:30

1. Brief introduction of Jaye Robinson, candidate for Councillor in the upcoming election. Our incumbent Councillor Jon Burnside, who is also running in our newly configured Don Valley West Ward 15 also attended the meeting.
2. Ken informed the meeting of the following recent updates at Leaside Towers with additional details addressed by Property Manager, Amit Thakur.
 - Several tenants who experienced leaks around window areas received letters explaining that testing will be carried out followed by a work procedure aiming to prevent future leaks in the coming months.
 - Repairs to stairwell walls are underway at #85 and will be carried out soon in #95
 - The protective pads in the service elevators will now be cleaned on a regular basis
 - Management has repeatedly requested cleaning of the elevator ceilings from the company that did the installations. To date they have not provided Morguard with a date when this will be done.
 - Work is in process by Rogers on problems with the phone lines to the PPL Desk in the recreation centre.
 - The whirlpool requires repair of 3 of the jets and will be done soon
 - Ken thanked all the tenants who, over the summer, returned books borrowed from the Library. Everyone is reminded to continue to do that and that book donations are still welcome - fiction, biography, and children's books only please.
 - Two new treadmills, additional weights and new benches will soon be added to the gym.
 - The pool and gym areas will be repainted soon.
3. Pat Wright reported on the Getaway Club and Library with a special thank you to Sandy Little who has volunteered many hours to successfully keeping the Library in good order.

Pat also told us about the Number Buddies, a math program through U of T and run by devoted volunteers. It was run Monday and Thursday evenings in our party room the past 2 years and is now held at the elementary school after classes which enables more kids to participate.

The next film night is on September 25th – The Book Club. For information on other activities please visit the events page on the website at ttaplus.ca/events/.

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4. Ken introduced our Special Guest for this meeting: **PC Victor Seruto**, one of several neighbourhood officers in 53 Division, with major responsibility for the Thorncliffe Park area.

PC Seruto grew up in our neighbourhood and has been on the police force for 17 years. He provided us with information about the goals and procedures for the neighbourhood officers and when it's appropriate to contact them directly when there is criminal activity taking place. His presentation was excellent and was followed by many questions and discussion from attendees.

He and his colleagues can be reached by email or telephone, keeping in mind that these officers are working on shifts (contact info available at www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/). If one sees a major crime in process calling 911 is still the first call that should be made without delay.

5. Notices have been posted asking for volunteers in the A.C.R.E. cleanup of the ravine and other sites to take place on Saturday, October 6th starting at 9 a.m. This effort has been organized by our neighbourhood officers. The City is providing all the garbage bags, gloves, etc. for participants. A lunch will be served at noon. Please contact 53 Division **PC Espino** #8739 (b8739@torontopolice.on.ca) or **PC Shin** #8792 (b8792@torontopolice.on.ca) for more information.
6. Amit introduced Anthony Clarke and Ryan Johnson of Regal Security to address other questions and concerns from tenants. They answered questions about the limitations of what our unarmed security/concierges are expected to do and assured us that any complaints about them not attending to their duties are addressed and, if necessary, replacements are trained and hired.

All complaints about security should be reported to Amit.

Amit stated that cameras are being added on a regular basis to many areas of the buildings. There are cameras at the dog run and 24-hour patrols by security staff. Rogers is working on the software for the lobby camera.

Due to the importance of the security subject and the spirited discussion, Ken allowed the meeting to extend past the usual hour mark and it was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Next Tenants Meeting: Tuesday, December 11th

Minutes taken by: Judith Scolnik

Adjourned: 8:50pm