

Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) Meeting Minutes March 19th, 2019

Attendees:

LTTA steering committee: Ken Fralick, Judith Scolnik, Betty Coules, Manny Blatt, Ali Meghani, Safeera Mulla

Morguard: Amit Thakur

Special Guest: Esel Panlaqui ([Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office \(TNO\)](#))

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

1. Ken informed the meeting of the following recent updates at Leaside Towers with additional details addressed by Property Manager, Amit Thakur.
 - Stairwell painting and repairs are essentially complete
 - Pool and locker rooms are cleaned and repainted
 - Phase II of upgrades to the entrance of the recreation centre will commence soon
 - Morguard is looking into adding notice boards to all elevators
 - Elevator moving pads will be cleaned more often
 - New chairs have been ordered for the Library
2. Ken announced forthcoming community meetings/activities in our area:
 - Jay Robinson's Community Safety meeting at the Jenner Jean-Marie Community centre on March 27th 6:30-8:30
 - Police Department sponsored meeting at Marc Garneau Collegiate on March 29th from 6 – 8 p.m.
 - Sage Turtle, a valued storyteller, will be telling stories for children (accompanied by an adult) in our Library on April 3rd from 6:30 – 7:30.
3. Tenant comments and questions were raised and replied to by the Property Manager.
 - Discussion took place about the dog owners who do not clean up after their pets, not only at the Overlea side of our buildings but also in the garden areas of both 85 and 95. It is very difficult to track down those tenants who do not comply but Amit tells us that fines have been issued whenever possible.
 - Amit explained that much of the seating in the lobby areas was removed because furniture was being damaged by some tenants. Some attendees commented about tenants who monopolize the seating areas in our lobbies by meeting there with friends.
4. Pat Wright began her update by reminding the meeting about the recent death of our fellow tenant, Naagla Soloman, a wonderful neighbor who was instrumental in founding many activities here including films for children and programs for seniors and was a major force in assisting our Syrian refugee tenants. Her family thanks us for our condolences. For those who would like to contribute, they have begun a fund in Naagla's name in the international Clean Water project.

The book club will be discussing a book in the Flavia Deluca series and will be holding its own Canada Reads contest. "At Eternity's Gate" will be shown at the next film night.
5. Ken introduced Esel Panlaqui from [Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office \(TNO\)](#). Esel reviewed the extensive services provided for residents of all ages and many needs by the four local offices of the TNO and answered questions from the floor.

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6. Additional items

- The time-line for completing the planned medical “hub” at East York Town Centre is still in flux. Jason Ash told us that the 2nd floor is almost complete but the facility will likely not be open for about another year
- Andrew told the meeting that, with Ian’s assistance, they are organizing his large collection of DVD’s of movies - Classics, European films, action films, etc. – which he hopes to show in the party room on week nights starting later this Spring. For those who are interested, please contact thetowers@outlook.com
- Our special guest at our next tenant meeting on June 18th will be a speaker from **Blue Dot**, an environmental organization backed by the *David Suzuki Foundation*.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Next Tenants Meeting: June 18th, 2019

Minutes taken by: Judith Scolnik