

Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) Meeting Minutes December 10th, 2019

Attendees:

LTTA steering committee: Sylvia Anstey, Jason Ash, Manny Blatt, Ken Fralick, Ali Meghani, Safeera Mulla, Bob Sanderson, Judith Scolnik

Morguard: Amit Thakur

Special Guests:

Rachel Hiller and Rachel Van Fraassen from Councillor Jaye Robinson's office

Updates/Opening Remarks: Ken Fralick opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

1. Ken informed the meeting of the following recent updates at Leaside Towers with comments from Amit
 - Gate at the dog run needs repair – Amit will have it checked
 - Amit reported that repairs in the parking garage are in hiatus until late Spring or Summer when the weather is milder
 - Garbage chute door is damaged at 95 on the 9th floor – will be checked
 - Laundry rooms are still a problem when tenants stuff washing machines with large floor coverings. When other tenants comment the replies are defensive and abusive. More signage is required.
2. Questions from the floor and any ready answers from Morguard.
 - Caution is advised at the Overlea parking exit for both drivers and pedestrians due to speeding drivers using that entry to avoid the stoplight at Wm Morgan Drive.
 - Tenants have been fined for abusing garbage bins in the parking garages by leaving overflow when they are empty rather than going to the recycling rooms.
 - When reported, tenants are also fined for not picking up after their dogs which remains an ongoing problem. Reminder Notices will be posted in the elevators.
3. Pat Wright reported that the Getaway Club activities will resume in January. The Book Club's next read is "Dear Mr. Bird" and new members are welcome to join at any time.
4. Special guests: Ken offered our best wishes to Councillor Jaye Robinson who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She was well represented at the meeting by Rachel Hiller and Rachel Van Fraassen from her constituency office. Both were enthusiastic attendees, answered questions and took notes on tenant concerns. Residents requiring information or assistance are encouraged to look at the Councillor's website (<https://www.jayerobinson.ca/>) where they will find answers to many of their questions and email and phone contacts for many community services.

Ken reminded us that Councillor Robinson is determined, after many meetings with planners and area residents, to proceed with the renovation of our 1.5 acre Burgess Park, for which funds will be available in January

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5. Tenant Ian Kaufman addressed the meeting about the local grass roots initiative to deal with youth violence in Thorncliffe and Flemingdon. A volunteer committee is working with police, schools and the TNO, aiming to find new programs and ways to deter young people from joining gangs.
6. Manny Blatt addressed the meeting about issues with the planning of future TTC bus routes and Metrolinx. Rachel confirmed that the Councillor's office has been concerned and active about route changes.
7. Safeera informed the meeting about the Flemingdon-Thorncliffe Inter-Agency Network which also meets to discuss local issues. You can find out more on their website (<https://weallcan.ca/about/>).
8. Jason addressed the meeting about the programs offered at the TNO (The Neighbourhood Organization). As a Board member of this well-funded charitable group, he is the Community Management Chair. Their website (<https://tno-toronto.org/our-locations>) details their many programs and events with emphasis on the welfare of families and seniors and the locations and contacts in Thorncliffe and Flemingdon.

Jason also talked about the planning for the Ontario Line, explaining that currently only about 5% of the design is in the works. There will be more consultation meetings in the coming months when all local residents are encouraged to attend to express their views.

Ken thanked the members of the LTTA Steering Committee for their work this year and invited everyone to stay on to mingle and enjoy refreshments provided by the LTTA.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Our next Tenant Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH, 17, 2020

**BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

Minutes taken by: Judith Scolnik