

Passing of Ken Fralick

The Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) is saddened to report that Ken Fralick, our long-time chairperson and steering committee member, passed away on Saturday, August 27th.

Ken was a tremendously active, approachable, and accomplished community leader for Leaside Towers and for Thorncliffe Park, his home neighbourhood for over 40 years. He worked to bring everyone together and, in doing so, had many achievements including the establishment of the Leaside Towers Library with his fellow residents, upgrades to the lighting of outdoor walkways and parking lots with Morguard, and encouragement of the establishment of tenants' networks in Thorncliffe Park and in Flemingdon Park.

Ken once told us that he wished he had gotten more involved in our neighbourhood when he was much younger. He found it to be fun, fulfilling, and sometimes frustrating. He said that speaking up and getting involved demonstrated that you cared about your community, and that we should all want a community that cares.

Get involved, he did. If you received a mask from the 85 or 95 security desks in the early days of the pandemic, Ken helped to organize making it available to you. If your children or grandchildren love all the new playground equipment at R.V. Burgess Park, Ken was one of the leading voices who made it happen, always adamant that our park must put the needs of kids first. And if you've ever wondered about the Muskoka chairs in Leaside Park, the ones with a postcard view of downtown Toronto, Ken had a hand in getting those installed too.

Those who were fortunate enough to have crossed paths with Ken will miss his dedication, sincerity, and generous spirit. We can only hope to honour his memory by living up to the standard he set for us.