



Bike Lanes on Jarvis Street

JARVIS BIKE LANES

In mid July, City Council voted overwhelmingly to remove the bike lanes from Jarvis Street. The vote passed 28 to 9.

The City did commit to install a network of separated bike lanes throughout Toronto, including a north/south route on Sherbourne Street.

The Council agreed to leave the lanes "as is" on Jarvis until the separated bike lanes on Sherbourne Street have been completed. The completion date is estimated to be December 2012. Reconstructing the reversible centre lane on Jarvis Street, along with the appropriate signals and lane painting will cost the city slightly in excess of \$200,000.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam said removing the bike lanes is a step back and throws into disarray a plan to beautify Jarvis Street previously initiated by former Councillor Kyle Rae.

"What we've seen today is a reversal of city building and a reversal of good government," she said. "We now know that Jarvis as a street has been violated. We've gone back to 1950's urban style planning" (CBC News July 13, 2011).

*Sheldon Hellin
SRRRA Director*

CONSTRUCTION AT ROXBOROUGH AND YONGE STREETS

For several weeks, construction has impeded drivers and pedestrians at the intersection of Yonge and Roxborough Streets.



After discussions with the local BIA and residents' associations on both sides of Yonge Street, the City decided to eliminate the Roxborough Street East traffic island and the designated north turning lane onto Yonge Street. Construction of the reconfigured intersection should be completed by the time this Newsletter goes to print.

The changes will result in a widened sidewalk, plantings and other improvements on the north side of Roxborough, as well as a pedestrian traffic signal at the intersection. A diagram of the reconstruction of the intersection may be viewed on the SRRRA website.

It is expected that the project will add to the attractiveness of the area which has been much enhanced by the planters already installed by the BIA. In addition, the BIA has undertaken to provide future ongoing maintenance of the new plantings contained within the expanded boulevard.

*Alex Murray
SRRRA Director*

SRRRA CO-SPONSORS THE PROVINCIAL CANDIDATES DEBATE

Leading up to the recent Ontario Provincial Election, the SRRRA co-sponsored the candidates debate held at Rosedale United Church on September 16th. In attendance were Progressive Conservative Martin Abell, Mark Daye of the Green Party and Liberal Party candidate Glen Murray. NDP candidate Cathy Crowe was unable to join the debate due to illness. Her campaign manager made a brief statement on the party's behalf.



From left: Martin Abell, PC; Mark Daye, Green Party; Glen Murray, Liberals, and Cathy Crowe's campaign manager. Photo Courtesy Yonge and Roxborough News.

The SRRRA regularly participates with neighbouring residents' associations in all debates and similar community functions where we enjoy common interest.

*David Sharpe
SRRRA Director*

FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

SOUTH ROSEDALE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a fabulous Thanksgiving long weekend, South Rosedale's canopy of colourful leaves falls from the trees as the seasons change and the temperature has made a decided change for the cooler.

The Board of Directors look forward to seeing you at the SRRRA's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 14th in the Philpott Room at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, which will in turn be followed by an informal Reception (including refreshments), where members can meet the Association's Directors and Executive.

In keeping with a long-standing tradition of inviting speakers to present on informative and topical subjects of interest to the South Rosedale community, this year will be no exception. Following the administrative nature of the AGM, the SRRRA has organized a panel of speakers to provide their insight on the proposed North St. James Town development project. Speaking on behalf of the project developer, Lanterra Developments, will be well-know architect Peter Clewes of architects Alliance. He will be joined by Dermot Sweeny, a South Rosedale resident and senior partner in the architectural firm of Sweeney Sterling Finlayson & Co. In addition, Chris Hallett of Community Matters, an organization representing the interests of St. James Town will provide commentary from the perspective of local residents immediately abutting the planned development project.

The Association's Board is committed to providing the South Rosedale community with a strong voice relative to the area's unique position as one of Toronto's most desirable residential communities. In that regard, Board members on a volunteer basis, provide hundreds of hours of service to follow developing issues and to ensure that voice is heard. I personally welcome the contact of residents who may have any concern as it relates to our neighborhood and look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

*David M. Townley, CA, CF
President*



Halloween in Rosedale

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WANTED: Your Opinion

What comments do you have on this newsletter?

What topics would you like to see in upcoming newsletters?

Please send us an e-mail to newsletter@southrosedale.org

**THE SOUTH ROSEDALE
RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

The Annual Meeting of the Members of The South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 in the premises of The Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, 44 Price Street, Toronto, starting at 7 pm.

Business to be conducted at the meeting will include the annual report of the President on behalf of the board of directors, the report of the Treasurer and consideration of the financial statements of the Association, the election of directors to hold office until the third next annual meeting of members and such other matters of business that may be brought before the meeting.

The members will also be asked to confirm a resolution passed by the directors to file Supplementary Letters Patent to change the name of the corporation from The South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association to The South Rosedale Residents' Association. It has been determined by the directors that the word "Ratepayers" in the name of the corporation has become outdated and non-descriptive of the membership. Members are encouraged by the board of directors to confirm the directors' resolution to effect the name change.

Following the foregoing business of the members, the board will host a presentation by a panel of invited speakers on the topic of the proposed development within the block bounded by Bloor, Sherbourne, Parliament and Howard Streets, known as North St. James Town. The speakers will include the architect of the developer, Peter Clewes of architects Alliance, Dermot Sweeny, a resident of South Rosedale and a noted architect with Sweeny Sterling Finlayson & Co and Chris Hallett, President of Community Matters, a not-for-profit organization representing the interests of St. James Town residents. If time permits, questions of the panel by members in attendance at the meeting will be considered.

An informal reception will follow the meeting, during which refreshments will be served and members will have the opportunity to meet the directors of SRRA.

Members intending to attend the meeting who have not yet paid the membership fees for the fiscal period of the Association ended August 31, 2011, are asked to remit payment of those fees prior to the meeting or to deliver payment at the meeting. Members are entitled to appoint, by written proxy, another member or a non-member to exercise the voting rights of the member, with or without restriction. A proxy must be deposited with the convenor of the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH ST. JAMES TOWN**

The Summer, 2011 issue of the SRRA Newsletter focused upon the proposed redevelopment of North St. James Town by Lanterra Developments. That proposal included the construction of four large residential towers within the area bordered by Bloor Street East, Sherbourne, Parliament and Howard Streets. The towers were to have a significant impact upon the residents in the southeast quadrant of South Rosedale.

Directors of the SRRA have involved themselves in every public consultation session organized by the City to examine the details of the proposed development and have communicated with representatives of the developer and the residents of St. James Town. The SRRA has expressed to City Staff and to the Councillors of the affected Wards that it is supportive of a development that is reasonable for all concerned. The SRRA has clearly indicated that the sizes of the towers proposed were excessive and would be opposed.

Public consultation meetings have now resumed and will be attended by the SRRA. A revised development proposal is to be revealed by the developer at a Community Meeting scheduled for November 7th at St. Simon's Church. The general public is to be invited to this meeting. The Working Group in which SRRA Directors have participated is expecting a preview of the amended proposal prior to this meeting. The SRRA will endeavour to make that information available on the SRRA website upon receipt.

There appears to be a willingness on the part of Lanterra Developments to compromise on certain aspects of their proposal, however, the main issue of concern to South Rosedale residents, namely the size (height) of the buildings, remains to be resolved. There will be at least one more opportunity for the submission of comments in response to the Lanterra proposal before its Application is considered by the City.

*Heather Senst
SRRA Director*



Development Site, Sherbourne at Howard

MILKMAN'S LANE IMPROVEMENTS

Milkman's Lane is getting some badly-needed upgrades to solve recurring stormwater washouts and erosion of the adjacent ravine slopes. The lane, accessible from South Drive by Craigleigh Gardens, is South Rosedale's principal entry point to Toronto's network of ravine trails and parkland, including the Don Valley Brick Works.



The "post and paddle" fencing will be similar to the existing Craigleigh Gardens fencing.

Urban Forestry is also initiating a 5-10 year project to re-establish native trees and forest plants, cull invasive species and stabilize the ravine slopes. The forest contains large oak and maple trees, black cherry, hemlock, yellow birch, ironwood and the nationally endangered butternut. Unfortunately, invasive species such as Norway Maple and Manitoba Maple are gradually squeezing them out.

Milkman's Lane, in existence for over 130 years, was used historically by equestrians and to transport commercial goods. Today the trail is popular with hikers, dog-walkers, cyclists and joggers.

*Don Hogarth
SRRA Director*

The City's Urban Forestry Department, in collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, is to start the 6-8 week restoration project on October 24th. The trail will be closed or have limited access during the project, which includes the installation of erosion control measures, resurfacing and fencing. The fencing is designed to reduce off-trail traffic and access to the adjacent slopes, to minimize the soil compaction and erosion behind a rapid decline in the forest health.

**ROSEDALE PARK PLAYGROUND
RENEWAL PROJECT**



South Rosedale children have enjoyed the use of the playground in Rosedale Park for many years. More recently, residents of both North and South Rosedale have lamented the deteriorated condition of the playground and its equipment. With the City of Toronto unable to commit to the cost of a necessary overhaul of the playground, the North Rosedale Residents Association (the "NRRA") embarked on a campaign in 2010 to raise funds in the Rosedale community.

In response to a solicitation by the NRRA, the SRRA donated \$25,000.00 towards the NRRA funding drive which ultimately raised in excess of \$500,000. With its donation, the SRRA helped the NRRA to raise sufficient funds to permit the improvements to the playground to be undertaken.

Those improvements were to have been finished over the past Summer but the initial commencement of the work was delayed. It is anticipated that the new facilities will be open to the public by mid-November of this year.

The NRRA has indicated that a communiqué will be issued to all donors and playground supporters to mark the completion of the project. A formal grand opening is expected this coming Spring 2012.

*Heather Senst
SRRA Director*

SECURITY

Changes have taken place in the top ranks of 53 Division of Police Services, the police division responsible for the security and policing within South Rosedale. After 43 years of service, Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair, the Division Unit Commander, has retired. Also stepping down is Inspector Bruce Johnston. Heinz Kuck will replace Inspector Sinclair as Unit Commander. The new second in command is Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins.

With the new school year well under way and daylight slowly diminishing, greater care should be taken negotiating the roads in South Rosedale. While undertaking yardwork this Fall, it is recommended that you lock the doors and windows of your residence, as a precaution against criminals on the prowl for break and enter opportunities. If you plan to be absent from your residence for vacation or other travel this Fall, consider making arrangements for daily perimeter checks and the retrieval of junk mail and trash, weekly yard maintenance and postponement of newspaper and mail delivery. Let your neighbours know that you will be away.

Toronto Police Services offers a notification program, TPS Links, by which relevant information is made available to the public. Users of the program are alerted about emergencies, missing persons, safety issues, road closures and community events. For more particulars and to register for the program, please access the Toronto Police Services website at www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on the TPSlinks icon. Hardcopy registration forms are available at 53 Division offices on Eglinton Avenue at Duplex.

*Jon Venutti
SRRA Director*

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