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**NOTES FROM THE P & D COMMITTEE:** Our Planning and Development Committee met on Monday, April 9 and we attended the OMB regarding Case PL160686 (now called LPAT – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) on Wednesday, April 11. Four of our committee members were present and I spoke at the hearing on the points in our Participant Statement. Our main focus is that we would like to see the guidelines of the Broadview Avenue planning Study upheld.

All three appeals to the OPA #343 are adjourned pending future concrete development applications, so the Board heard the City's expert witnesses and details of the proposed Official Plan Amendment. The Hearing concluded at 1 pm. The written decision will follow in due course at which point we can provide a written summary for publishing in the Newsletter and on the PARA website. We expect site specific applications in the future for each of these sites.

The committee has been very busy and there are several files we have been active on for PARA: Salvation Army Official Plan Amendment application – refused; Whistler's development application – refused; OMB Case PL160686 – three site-specific appeals for [958](#), [1001](#), [1132 Broadview](#) still adjourned; Property Listings on the City's Heritage Register; Heritage Designation of Salvation Army property to be heard by City Council on April 24; and Laneway Suites public consultation.

**Welcome and thanks to our new P & D committee member Jessica Hill.**

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#### OUR URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR LATEST NEWS.

The tree species the City currently offers can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/pdf/trees/street-tree-brochure.pdf> but for your convenience here is the list of trees we at PARA have been hoping people will choose to plant in our neighbourhood. Many of them are native and long lived trees which will hopefully fill in and/or replace the existing tree canopy.

1. Red Oak
2. Bur Oak
3. Swamp White Oak
4. Sugar Maple
5. Red Maple
6. Skyline Honey Locust
7. Kentucky Coffee Tree
8. Tulip Tree
9. Sweet Gum
10. London Plane Tree
11. Redbud (smaller, understory tree for smaller planting sites)
12. Black Maple

The best time to plant a tree is in the spring or fall when the weather is cooler and wetter. This does not mean you can't plant in the summer but the tree will require a lot more watering for it to survive the heat of the summer. Trees need to be planted properly, that is, all wrapping and other coverings around the root ball should be removed. The tree trunk at its base should not be covered with soil or mulch. A treegator is a great watering aid. Simply wrap it around the tree and fill at least once a week. We encourage all residents to choose native species as they are better suited to survive in the Playter Urban Forest. We also encourage all residents to consider planting a tree or shrub in their sideyard or backyard. LEAF, a non-profit organization, can also help with species selection and planting of trees, shrubs and plants. See <https://www.yourleaf.org/homeowners>.

If you have any other questions: Drop us an email at [rolf.struthers@gmail.com](mailto:rolf.struthers@gmail.com). Please consider joining our committee and planting more trees.

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**From PARA Parking & Traffic:** As mentioned in the last newsletter, on March 22 our Councillor Mary Fragedakis held a public "showing" of proposed changes to parking and traffic in Playter Estates. City staff solicited feedback from residents who attended, and also gathered additional resident feedback through an online survey. City Transportation staff will review the feedback from this meeting and any comments emailed in prior to April 5th. Any proposals that receive a positive, general consensus will be part of a report that will go to Toronto and East York Community Council for approval.

Residents can speak on items at Toronto and East York Community Council meetings or send in comments in writing. An email will be sent out about that report & meeting to all of those people who have provided feedback and to those on Councillor Fragedakis' email list tagged as living in this area.

### **PARA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The committee made a feature presentation with many visuals at the PARA AGM in April. To summarize - after three years of planning and much negotiation and liaison with the City and others, a 5-point plan was unveiled to celebrate our special natural and human history and improve our neighbourhood. The plan includes: 1. Street signs throughout – with unique butternut tree logo 2. Entry features - to about a "green" parking lot at Danforth & Playter Blvd. 3. Historical plaques – to be placed in two or more locations 4. "Green and clean" – clean up existing features such as traffic islands 5. Individual historic home plaques – if your home is 100 yrs. you are eligible. See more information at <http://heritagetoronto.org/centuryhouseplaques/>.

A fundraising campaign was initiated to raise \$10,000.00, the estimate for the first phase of this work (includes the street signs and entry elements). Work cannot begin until we have raised the funds. To date almost \$4000. has been raised. Thank you very much to all donors! A thank you list will be posted on the PARA website as soon as it is working again. **If you would like more information or wish to donate to the PARA Beautification Project, please contact Anne Ellis at [esstudio@rogers.com](mailto:esstudio@rogers.com).** Please consider a generous donation! Improving our neighbourhood is an investment in which we all share and benefit. **Finally, an exciting initiative, a private PARA-ROM Walk has been organized for Wednesday, June 6th to help us learn about our own neighbourhood history and also as a fundraising effort. At this time there are just a few tickets left!**



Join us at our PARA  
GENERAL MEETING in  
October, 2018. Actual date to  
be confirmed!

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### **PARA Board**

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"We are a small community and each of us must take a role to ensure PARA continues. We welcome your participation. Please join a committee or offer your skills to assist the PARA Board."

**PARA's Purpose:** To preserve, protect, promote and enhance the character of our neighbourhood.

**PARA is updating our web site:**

We apologize if you have tried to access our web site. We are having a few technical difficulties but will have it up and running soon! Thanks for your patience!

You have an investment in the Playter area. Protect it!

Contact Joanne for a membership card or to add anything to this Newsletter.

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