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**NOTES FROM THE P & D COMMITTEE:** Your P&D Committee has been busy with Broadview Avenue issues this winter. The OMB hearing for Official Plan Amendment (OPA 343) has been shortened and will start on Wednesday, April 11 with eight days scheduled. PARA will be a participant and representatives will be there. PARA's position is that we support the Guidelines established through the lengthy community consultation on the Broadview Avenue Planning Study (BAPS). We would like to see those guidelines and height restrictions upheld. For information, visit

<https://www.omb.gov.on.ca/ecs/CaseDetail.aspx?n=PL160686>. In the meantime, two new applications were submitted to the city: one for 995-1005 Broadview Avenue (Whistler's) with 2-4 Mortimer Avenue for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment; and the other for the Salvation Army property at 1132 Broadview Avenue for an Official Plan Amendment. Both argued for increased height well above what was proposed in the Official Plan Amendment OPA 343. Both owners are appellants in the OMB hearing as well.

Committee members attended a community meeting about the two applications on January 23 and sent in their opposition on the grounds of height, density, pedestrian safety, shadowing and overlook on the abutting neighbourhoods, as well as parking and traffic issues. They were considered by the Toronto and East York Community Council on February 21, 2018.

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## PARA Newsletter March 1, 2017

The Toronto and East York Community Council refused the Salvation Army application, and Whistler's two amendments. **Many thanks to all residents who took the time to send in their letters and emails. They most certainly had a positive impact.**

Another application is expected for Estonian House which had also appealed to the OMB. Until their application to the City is considered, they have asked the OMB to adjourn their appeal.

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

The Forestry Committee has been, naturally, dormant for the last few months however we are looking forward to a busy spring season.

We have connected with our new Forestry contact at the City, Anastasia Jakubasz ([Anastasia.Jakubasz@toronto.ca](mailto:Anastasia.Jakubasz@toronto.ca).) She is planning on conducting street surveys for the remainder of our neighbourhood to identify planting spaces for City trees. Once these locations have been identified and marked the City will deliver planting notices to residents informing them a tree will be planted on the City allowance or boulevard. The Forestry Committee will drop our information into resident's mailboxes concurrently in order to provide residents' a PARA point of contact for any questions residents might have. The tree species the City currently offers can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/pdf/trees/street-tree-brochure.pdf>. 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 side yard or backyard. LEAF, a non-profit organization, can 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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*PARA Volunteer Newsletter editor, Joanne Hutchinson*

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE! \*\*** In November 2017 the City took recommendations from The Playter Estates Traffic & Parking Working Group, for further study, and we've been waiting for a Community Meeting to hear and discuss what they plan to implement. Full details will be provided to us in the coming weeks, but we now know the meeting will be on the evening of March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Estonian House. Please save that date and attend if you can.



## **HUGE NEWS! We need YOU to make this happen!**

After over two years of work the PARA Beautification Committee now has some wonderful designs/options to present for your comments and input. Though initiated by an opportunity to create an entry feature for Playter Estates (at the entrance at Danforth and Playter Blvd), a variety of complementary elements may be achievable as well. Our goals are to celebrate the importance of the Playter family to the city's history, improve existing physical features (with greening) and enhance aesthetics. This will improve our neighbourhood and boost your own investment here. This will be the **ONLY** opportunity to see these plans and comment. Please ensure you attend the PARA AGM for this **important presentation**. We need you on this one!

One of our past residents, may you rest in peace!

PLAYTER, Madeline Passed away peacefully on January 24, 2018 at Leaside Retirement Residence, one week after her 100th birthday. Predeceased by her dear sister Mary Moore.

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

#### **PARA Board**

President: Rex Hagon-Interim President

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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."

### **Our 10% Tuesdays ended Feb.28, 2018**

But we look forward to more special offers and participating again this coming fall. Make sure you get your membership card now so you are ready for whatever surprises we send your way. Let's shop local!

Thank you for participating:

**Burger Stomper, Cycle Mania, De la mer, Kelly's Studio Esthetics, Ratas Optical, Sheila's Shear Art & Spa, SEEDS Garage Sales, The Healing Room, R. M. T, Heather Brownridge.**

Join us at our PARA  
Annual GENERAL  
MEETING in the Hurndale  
Room on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
from 7:00pm-9:00pm at  
Eastminister Church.

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

### **PARA is updating our web site so it is temporarily under construction:**

We will input member's information onto our data base so you will receive notification for our General Meeting and Annual General Meeting and occasional updates for current events in our neighbourhood.

We will send you an email for you to update any of your information. You will be notified when your annual membership is up for renewal and have the option of paying via PayPal, credit card or by cheque or cash mailed to 4 Browning Ave., Toronto, M4K 1V7. A receipt will be provided.

You may unsubscribe to these emails at any time.

Thank you for your membership to Playter Area Residents' Association. More information will be provided at the AGM on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018