



The Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc. (KPRI) Newsletter

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In 2007, to participate in the initiative to beautify the City, Linda McCarron approached the TTC on behalf of the KPRI and was granted permission to develop plant beds on the TTC portal property at 10 Montgomery Road. A survey of the property was provided by the TTC and I then submitted our design for approval. In November 2008 several shrubs including Arrowwood, Elderberry and Ninebark were planted. These shrubs were recommended and provided by the organization LEAF. They are hearty, provide habitat for wildlife and are indigenous to the area. This spring I have added shrub roses, day-lilies, lavender, and rudbeckia. The TTC were tremendous in providing the manpower to create the beds,

providing top soil and funding the plants from LEAF. Please visit www.leafontario.org for ideas and prices for your own gardens. The City of Toronto delivered 6 yards of mulch. A contract exists between the KPRI and the TTC for the watering, maintenance and appearance of the beds. Of course, as any gardening addict will admit, this is only the beginning and plans for a few more beds and plants will no doubt be initiated. Remember "*you can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt*".

Linda L. McCarron

ALL WELCOME

To Our KPRI AGM and 8th Annual Wine and Cheese

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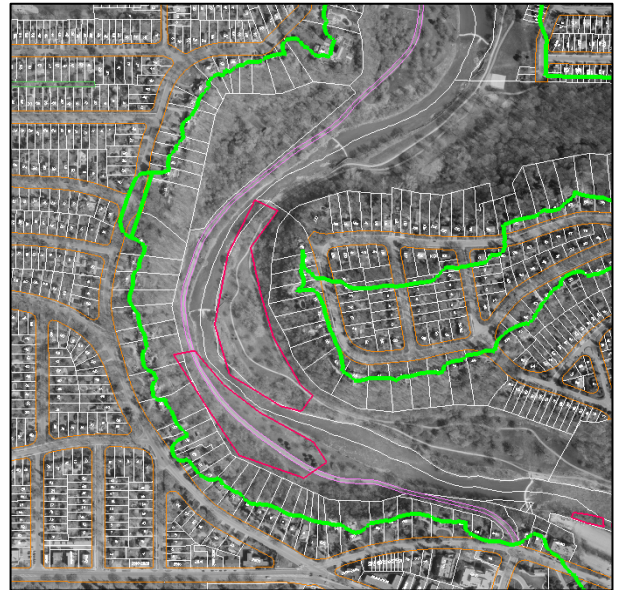
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Old Mill

Proposed restoration sites in the immediate vicinity of the proposed new building. This planting will be completed by the applicant.

Below - Photo No. 1

The areas delineated in red represent the areas where riparian forest will be enhanced.



Above - Photo No. 2

North of Old Mill:
Home Smith Park and
Etienne Brule Park
Areas delineated in red.

Below - Photo No. 3
Fisher's Mill and
Children's Park
Areas delineated in red.



DUNPAR development – Dundas and Prince Edward Drive

The status of this proposal remains the same: as approved and going forward.

Bridge Lanterns

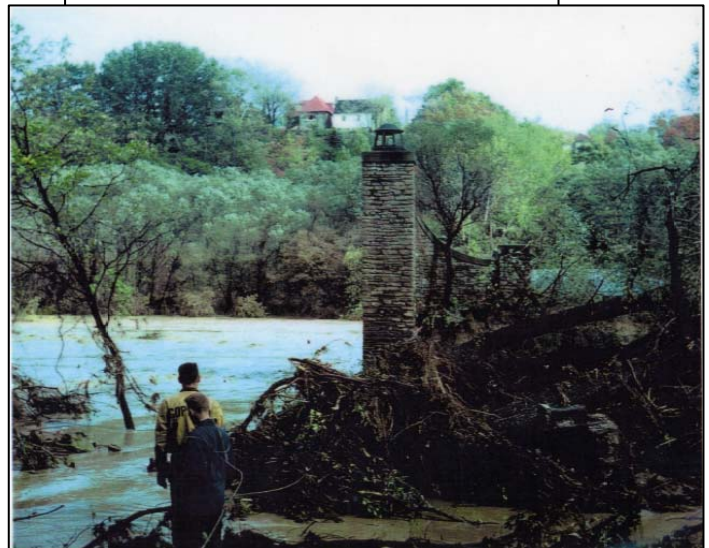
Anna Traer asked me about the possibility of restoring the original 1916 lighting on the Old Mill Bridge. This is a photo of the old Mill Bridge the morning after Hurricane Hazel struck. It shows clearly the original lantern lighting on the Bridge.

Since the Humewood Ratepayers took on a similar project for the Connaught Gates at Vaughn and Bathurst, just north of St Clair about five years ago, I asked them "WHO DID IT?" It turned out to be a local company just off the Queensway. They did the job working from 1912 promotion drawings and photographs of Sir Henry Pellat's Connaught Gates, which were of similar age to Frank Barber's iconic Old Mill Bridge. Heritage Toronto provided the community with a segregated account and issued tax receipts for donations.

The results were beautiful and spectacular. The "Lighting" ceremony, which I attended, was on the 24th of May with fireworks and a street party. The project won an award for the quality of its restoration of an important architectural feature. Chris Nelson, who did the Lanterns for the Gates, is looking at the Photographs. We also have a piece of one of the original lanterns in the Swansea Historical Society's collection, which eliminates measured calculations and guesswork for reproduction. I am prying a cost estimate out of Mr. Nelson. , I expect a jolt for my blood pressure when I receive it. But the Lanterns would properly light the Bridge - And it would be a beautiful piece of restoration. Any assistance to make this happen would be greatly appreciated!

Madeleine McDowell

The Humber River Post hurricane Hazel



The Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) Report:

A Terrific Fundraiser for Students, A Brand New, State-of-Art Police College, A Dynamic Speakers Bureau, Safety Tips Galore: It's All Here in the Kingsway/SunnyLee Community
By: Elizabeth Flavelle – KPRI Member

The 22 Division, Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) consists of representatives from the community, business and police who live or work in 22 Division. The borders of the Division are: on the south, Lake Ontario; on the north, Eglinton Avenue; on the west, Etobicoke Creek; and on the east, Humber River. It is dedicated to increasing safety and security for the public by identifying community and policing concerns. We have a voice in local policing initiatives and are part of the decision making process. Currently, our CPLC holds our meetings on the second Monday of every month (September to June) at 22 Division Station, 3699 Bloor Street West. Visitors are welcome to attend these meetings. If you wish to attend, please call Marie Dobrzynski at 416-808-2210 to reserve a space. Elizabeth Flavelle, who has retired from the KPRI Board, remains the KPRI representative on the CPLC.

A) As Your KPRI Representative

"A Celebration of Designs": A 22 Division and CPLC Fundraiser for Student Bursaries

I am pleased to tell you that in my capacity as a member of the CPLC, I am co-chairing with Superintendent Tom McIlhone and Rico Bumbaca, owner of Rico of Italy Hair Salon and Spa the fundraiser: "A Celebration of Designs: A Tour of Fashion for the Family and The New Toronto Police College". It is being held on October 18 at the new Police College, located at 70 Birmingham Avenue (one block east of Islington and one block north of Lakeshore Boulevard).

It will be wonderful afternoon. We will have a delightful Afternoon Tea sponsored by Humber College; a Silent Auction with many special items for auction, such as excellent Raptor tickets and a very special door prize. There will be a Fashion Show provided Rico of Italy Hair Salon and Spa. All the clothes, accessories, shoes and so on will come from the stores in the Kingsway. And Chief William Blair will be in the Show!

A very special component of this afternoon adventure is a tour of the new Toronto Police College. As was noted in the

Guardian (September 4, 2009), the Toronto Police Services new \$75,000,000 state-of-the-art training college is modeled after other top flight facilities like the famous FBI Academy. The purpose of this magnificent complex is to be able to offer a massive amount of training in an efficient and effective manner. This will be one of the very few opportunities for the public to get a thorough, inside view of this ground breaking facility.

And best of all, the proceeds from the \$20.00 tickets and Silent Auction go to fund the 22 Division CPLC Student Bursary Program. This Program is designed for local high school students who are about to embark upon post secondary education or an accredited apprenticeship program. Last year, our CPLC provided four \$500.00 bursaries. One student from each of the following schools received the scholarships: Lakeshore Collegiate, Silverthorne Collegiate, Bishop Allen Academy, and Michael Power. This year, with the help of our October 18 fund raiser, our goal is to provide a bursary for one student in each of the ten high schools in our community.

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call or visit Rico of Italy Hair Salon and Spa, 416-239-3117, 2989 Bloor Street West or contact Liz Porritt, 416-259-9639 or emaileporritt@trebnet.com

Community Presentations

I and a fellow CPLC member, Bruce Erskine, have written and produced a power point presentation on the Toronto Police Service, community policing, the structure and responsibilities of 22 Division and the criminal activities and subsequent police activities in our Division.

Our goal is to reach out to the numerous communities served by 22 Division.

We are now gearing up for the fall. If you are a member of a community group or organization and would be interested in learning more about these presentations, please email Bruce Erskine, at bruce.erskine@sympatico.ca or me, Elizabeth Flavelle, at cade@sympatico.ca.

B) 'Police Pointers' for a Safe and Secure Etobicoke

I have sat on the CPLC as your KPRI representative for 5 years now. During this time, I have learned that to be as safe and secure as possible, we as individuals, family members, home and property owners and citizens living in Etobicoke must be part of a special community team. The team players are you and me, our residential and commercial neighbors and the Toronto Police Service. In Etobicoke, that means principally 22 Division. (Continued on next page)

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I continue to be impressed, pleased and proud that the staff and police in 22 Division and we Etobicoke residents connect in such a positive and mutually respectful way. We all benefit in so many ways.

Just as the police are constantly learning and being trained (as witnessed by the construction and use of the new Police College) we have responsibility as Etobicokeans to learn and do as much as possible to keep 22 Division one of the safest Divisions in Toronto.

Here are some 'police pointers' we can learn and adopt to keep Etobicoke safe and secure.

All of the following points I have taken from either the monthly 22 Division Bulletin or the TPS website.

Bikes

Register Your Bicycle

Registering your bicycle will greatly assist in its recovery if stolen.

Here are two methods of registration:

1. On-line registration at www.torontopolice.on.ca
2. Attend your nearest Toronto police station and fill out an approved registration form.

Home Safety: Windows, Doors and Helpful Hints

Window security

Most windows can be pinned for security. Drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame - place a nail/pin in the hole to secure the window

Sliding glass doors/windows can be lifted out of their tracks with relative ease.

Install self-tapping screws in the upper track that allow the door/window to slide into place

Place a piece of wood snugly into the bottom track - this will resist lateral forcing

Door security

- Locks with key holes in the knob are NOT reliable - they can easily be forced
- Doors should be mounted so hinge-bolts are not facing outwards
- Install one-inch deadbolt locks on all exterior doors
- Chain locks are poor security - install a wide angle viewer instead
- Padlocks should be 'heel-and-toe' locking
- If keys are lost or if you move, locks should be changed

And finally, if a crime has occurred

- DO NOT enter - the criminal may still be inside
- Use a neighbor's phone and call the police
- DO NOT touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence
- Note the licence number of any suspicious vehicle
- Note the description of any suspicious person(s)

C) And My Final Thoughts

Given our special community team of residents and 22 Division Police and all the wonderful groups and events in Etobicoke, I can think of no better place to live to enjoy it all than right here in **the Kingsway/SunnyLee** area.



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- Tree planting, stewardship activities and archaeological digs for kids
 - Walking tour of the Toronto Historical Park
 - Historic voyageur canoe ride
- Launch and sale of the newly published book on the Humber River (*\$40 - taxes included*)

**Saturday, September 19, 2009
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Formal ceremony to take place at 11 a.m.,
with BBQ and stewardship activities to follow.**

Étienne Brûlé Park

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mes deserteurs, l'un nomme Gabriel Minime,
et l'autre Grendmaison..."



Oak tree planting at Lessard Park, Old Mill

La Salle: Commemorative Tree Planting

By: Madeleine McDowell, Chair, Humber Heritage Committee

Teioiagon was the Seneca village in the vicinity of what is now Baby Point on the Humber, and Lake Toronto was renamed Lake Simcoe in 1793. La Salle commenced one of the most important voyages of exploration in North American history from this corner of Toronto three hundred and twenty nine years ago August 22. The Humber Heritage Committee obtained permission to plant a tree in Lessard Park to commemorate the anniversary. It is a small White Oak, the daughter of a near-by White Oak on the Toronto Carrying Place that is almost three centuries old and the grand-daughter of a tree that would have been part of the canopy when La Salle was here, for two August weeks, dreaming by the Humber. His eyes may have seen the leaves of that tree. The people of Toronto know very little of their extremely rich heritage. We are hoping that this rather special spiritual bond will stir some people's imagination and passion for a greater knowledge and understanding of our roots. The tree was planted Saturday August 22nd, 329 years to the day, from La Salle's departure which took him to Fort Miami.

Community Upset Over Lack of Heritage Policies re Old Mill Development

By: Madeleine McDowell, Chair, Humber Heritage Committee and Anna Traer, Director, Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc.

The City of Toronto has yet to establish a policy with regard to Natural Heritage or a policy with regard to Cultural Heritage Landscapes. Prior to City amalgamation over 10 years ago, these community heritage values were often dealt with by zoning by-laws reinforced by now vanished corporate memory. If the City had established these policies, then the whole issue of the Old Mill 10-storey condominium development would never have arisen. The haste with which City Council voted in favour of the development on March 4, 2008, prior to full disclosure and knowledge of the intent and actual 1984 land exchange deal, has caused the Community to lose a major heritage feature - a national treasure along one of Canada's Heritage Rivers - The Humber.

The Community (made up of residents, residence and ratepayers associations, the Humber Heritage Committee and the Toronto Historical Association) continues to be opposed to the development. On May 27, 2009, a public meeting took place at which all in attendance were opposed to the development. The process continues to grind relentlessly towards the presentation of the plans to City Council for approval. Many depositions were made at this public meeting, including questions concerning the heritage degradation of the area. There was no consideration of the fact that the

development would be a major intrusion into the valley of the Humber. Also, it clarified the fact that the building would be 11 storeys in height from the road and at least 12 to 13 storeys from the east or river side.

The applicant originally applied for 14 storeys. Anything above 5 storeys is contrary to the existing by-law. The by-law provides for an additional storey (i.e. 6 storeys) if funds are provided to the Community pursuant to Section 37 of the Ontario Planning Act. The applicant is being permitted more than double the restricted height. This being the case and its impingement upon the natural open space of the river, is the Section 37 funding (\$500,000?) remotely adequate? The Community is concerned as to what is being lost. The site is easily accessible to people from all over Toronto who are concerned about this intrusion into their unique pastoral and natural setting reminiscent of a Kreighoff painting. Lawren Harris, one of the Group of Seven, painted in Lambton Mills, just to the north. The Community does not want to lose this piece of natural heritage so easily accessible to all of Toronto by subway. It has survived two hundred and fifteen years as open space by the River, guarded as such by the people of Etobicoke and York as their treasure ed it to memory. - recognized and protected, when threatened, by their Councils. Within a decade, the City of Toronto has lost this vision and consign.

Can the Community stop the development and oppose the amendments to the Toronto Official Plan and zoning by-laws that in essence would see an amendment from Open Space - Natural Area to Apartment Neighbourhood? The Community can demand the establishment of appropriate heritage policies. Contact your Councillor and the Mayor. Indicate your opposition to the development and your support for the establishment of heritage preservation policies.

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