



GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBOURHOOD

UPDATE

September 2018

GBRA Board 2018-19

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EVENTS

51st Annual Governors Bridge Community Picnic & Barbeque on Sunday, September 23, 3-8pm.

Please join us to celebrate the 51st Annual Governors Bridge Community Picnic and BBQ in Nesbitt Park – sponsored by the GBRA. Come enjoy great food, professional face painting, balloons, games, races for the kids, a raffle, live music and “guaranteed” fun for all ages. **If you'd like to help or donate, please contact Karri Paradi at 416-944-1227 or karriparadi@gmail.com.**

Electronic Waste Recycling Day

Clean out your basement or garage of old computers, monitors, printers, A/V equipment, cameras, phones and other digital devices and get them recycled by reboot Canada (now located at the Evergreen Brick Works). **Drop off your items in Nesbitt Park from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Sunday, September 23 (the day of our picnic)** and reboot will do the rest. Tax-deductible receipts for the fair-market value of your donation are available by completing an online form (insert online form address) This Recycling Day event is being organized by the GBRA.

Municipal Candidates Debate

At time of publishing this newsletter, the GBRA did not have final confirmation of potential candidates who may represent Governor's Bridge at City Hall. Our goal is to try and arrange a debate in the Sanctuary of Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Dr. In the past we've been very fortunate to jointly sponsor a Candidates Debate with other local residents' associations (e.g. North Rosedale (NRRRA), South Rosedale (SRRRA), and Moore Park (MPRA)). Stay tuned.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

2018/19 membership dues are now due. The Board and volunteers are very active in working to make Governors Bridge a better place in which to live. Please contribute \$40 to help support all that the GBRA does in the community. **Bring your dues (cash or cheque) to the Community Picnic on September 23rd, or drop them off**

or mail your cheque to GBRA Treasurer Jeff Hanemaayer's home at 15 Governors Road, M4W 2E9 or send an e-transfer to jeffhanemaayer@gmail.com.

PUBLIC SPACES

Triangular Park improvements

The GBRA Board has been working with Councillor Fragedakis and her team to improve the small park located at the northeast corner of Governors Road and Douglas Crescent. Councillor Fragedakis is working with City of Toronto Parks and Recreation. Enhanced landscaping has already started in this park.

Orphan Property at Bayview & Nesbitt

After much effort, the GBRA Board is now working with Metrolinx to maintain the gateway property on the northwest corner of Bayview. Thanks to a substantial effort by Councillor Fragedakis's office, City of Transportation department, this property is now being “regularly” looked after by Metrolinx's property management firm.

WalkGovernor'sBridge and WalkNorthTO

The switchback trail connecting Chorley Park and the Beltline Trail is now open. With colorful fall leaves about to appear, we'd strongly encourage you to plan a family walk and take advantage of this new trail. Other local walks include the Bennington Heights School loop (with access off Bayview); enjoying a walk in the Don Valley via the Crother's Woods access off the east side of Bayview at Nesbitt, or visiting the Brickworks Lookout, a project partially funded by the GBRA.

Enhanced bus stop and service on Bayview

Councillor Fragedakis's office worked hard to encourage TTC to build a proper bus stop on the east side of Bayview at Nesbitt. The 28 Bayview South bus route operates all day, every day, between Davisville Station on Line 1 – Yonge-University and the Brickworks, in a north-south direction.

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OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

GBRA Private Facebook Group "Governors Bridge Community"

The GBRA's private Facebook group officially launched on May 7th. The group was created to help you and other Governors Bridge residents connect more easily with other members of the community. All Governors Bridge residents will be able to use this group until September 30, 2019, after which time it will become a GBRA Members Only group. (Please do not forget to also visit www.governorsbridge.net - our neighbourhood website managed by Gary Stothers.). This Facebook site, the GBRA website, along with an e-mail list of Governor's Bridge residents has proven to be invaluable for local families – in sharing critical information and even finding lost family cats.

City Proposal to Extend On-Street Permit Parking in East York

At the GBRA 2018 AGM, there was considerable discussion about area permit parking. To help all Governor's Bridge residents understand the potential impact of on-street permit parking, the GBRA has included a complete backgrounder on this issue with this newsletter. As this City of Toronto proposal proceeds through the consultative phase, we will do our best to keep you informed. If you have immediate questions, we'd recommend you contact Councillor Fragedakis's office at councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca or 416-392-4032.

Committee of Adjustment: Application for Minor Variances

The GBRA Board initiated and coordinated an effort between the owner and designer of 26 Governors Road and interested Governors Bridge neighbours to address residents' concerns on the number and extent of variances included in the plans to build a new home there. After an in-person meeting, the applicants redesigned the house and re-submitted the plans to address most of the residents' concerns. After further communication by all involved, the applicants made further revisions such that they and the interested residents were able to come to a mutually acceptable compromise. That exact compromise was approved by the Committee of Adjustment at the hearing on June 27th.

Another project is in the design stage for 4 Douglas Cres. The owner/developer contacted GBRA with the intent to meet with nearby interested neighbours to solicit feedback to their initial design concepts. The GBRA arranged and participated in such a meeting. We look forward to seeing the design soon.

Damage done to name plaque at the Brickwork's Lookout

Sadly, damage has been done to one of the donor nameplates at the Brickworks Lookout – a project that the GBRA funded as a "Millennium Project." The GBRA Board is actively discussing possible repair and improvement options for this lookout with the TRCA, Evergreen Brickworks, and Governor's Bridge residents who quarterbacked this project almost 20 years ago. We will keep you informed on progress made to improve and sustain the Brickworks Lookout.

Join the GBRA. It's easy.

If you have the time, and want to join the neighbourhood improvement process, please come to our Community BBQ on September 23, 2018 or drop any one of the GBRA Directors an e-mail saying you'd like to join and participate in making Governor's Bridge a better place in which to live. If you're new to Governors Bridge, joining the GBRA is a terrific way to meet your neighbors and connect to what truly makes this neighborhood very special.

Have an Issue or Idea?

If you have an issue that needs resolution or an idea on how to improve the quality of life in Governors Bridge, please contact Chris Fraser – chris@moveable.com.

If your idea or issue relates to the City of Toronto, please call 311 or contact Councillor Fragedakis's office at councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca.

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