



GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

May 2018

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EVENTS

Free Compost Day

Spring is here. On **Saturday, May 12th**, at about 10:30 am, the City of Toronto will drop off a truckload of compost in the "triangular" park at the corner of Governors and Douglas.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent source of plant nutrients for gardens and lawns which also improves the structure and water holding properties of the soil. Special thanks to Councillor Fragedakis for arranging this free Compost Day in Governors Bridge.

University Rosedale Provincial Candidates Debate

Who will represent us at Queen's Park? On **Wednesday, May 23rd** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary of Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Dr., please join us for this Candidates debate. This event is jointly sponsored by the residents' associations of North Rosedale (NRRA), South Rosedale (SRRA), Moore Park (MPRA), and Governors Bridge (GBRA).

GBRA AGM - Wine & Cheese Reception

On **Monday, June 4th** in the Catherine Grant Room of Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Dr. (at Glen Rd.), the GBRA will host a wine and cheese reception at 6:15 pm followed by the AGM from 7:00 to 9:15 pm. Come and enjoy a glass of wine with your neighbours while participating in our AGM.

Ward 29 Environment Day

On **Saturday, June 16th**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Dieppe Park, 455 Cosburn Ave., East York (east of Greenwood Ave.) There are all sorts of things you can pick up, drop off or donate. For more info: <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/community-environment-days/>

Community Clean-Up Day

On **Saturday, April 21st**, about a dozen hardy Governors Bridge residents participated in "Clean Toronto Together" in our neighbourhood. These dedicated community members collected

about 20 garbage bags and other trash leaving our public spaces looking much cleaner.

PUBLIC SPACES

Improving the "Triangular" Park

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 Parks and Recreation and the Partnerships Office to improve and rename the park - with input from all Governors Bridge residents.

Orphan Property at Bayview & Nesbitt

The GBRA Board has been unable to get Metrolinx to cut down the weeds and clean up property on the northwest corner of Bayview.

The Board will continue to encourage Metrolinx to transfer this orphan property to the City of Toronto so it can be properly maintained - like our parks and rotary are.

In the interim, the Board is getting quotes to do an initial clean-up and ongoing maintenance.

Chorley Park Trial Construction

Construction of the switchback trail connecting Chorley Park and the Beltline Trail will be reopened in early summer. The North Rosedale Residents Association will be working with the City of Toronto to rehabilitate the site and replant on September 29th.

Bayview Avenue Functional Study

Despite the best efforts Councillor Fragedakis and the GBRA Board, this important study is still deferred to start in 2019. Given the densification near the Lower Don and on Eglinton, the GBRA Board is investigating the potential of hiring a private consulting firm (acceptable to the City) to conduct the study and sharing the cost among nearby residents' associations and possibly residents of Governors Bridge.

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OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS

Your Help Needed on New Community Council Boundaries for the City of Toronto

With the transition to 47 wards, the City of Toronto must establish new boundaries for Community Councils. Come December 1st, Governor's Bridge will be in new Ward 34. The City is seeking public input on the attached Options Paper by 5 pm. by Friday May 25, 2018 at www.toronto.ca/CommunityCouncilBoundaries. We encourage you to read up on this key issue which could affect the quality of life in the neighborhood and provide your feedback to both the City of Toronto and copy Chris Fraser - chris@moveable.com.

New GBRA Private Facebook Group "Governors Bridge Community"

The GBRA's new private Facebook group officially launched on May 7th. A 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.)

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

In April, 2018, the GBRA advised all Governors Bridge residents that the City is seeking public input on a proposal to extend on-street permit parking to all suitable side streets throughout East York that do not currently have it. The GBRA asked residents to complete the City's online survey to provide direct feedback and to complete two GBRA online surveys to determine what the majority wants. The GBRA will review the results and determine next steps at our upcoming board meeting on June 18th.

Bayview Avenue Bus (#28)

The GBRA Board has been working with Councillor Fragedakis' office to install a bus shelter at the northbound stop at Nesbitt and Bayview – to improve safety and comfort for local residents waiting for the bus. The TTC is expected to install the shelter in May.

Transportation Analysis (Area Traffic Study)

With the help of Councillor Fragedakis' office, last fall the GBRA Board asked the City of Toronto staff to study local traffic and parking and provide solutions for speeding, lack of stopping and heavy truck traffic in Governors Bridge. No word yet on an estimated time frame.

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 for 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. A new hearing is scheduled for June 27th.

Call for Directors

Do you have ideas on how to make Governors Bridge a better place to live? Do you have 10 hours a year (4 meetings), that you can use to join the GBRA as a director or committee member? If so, please contact Chris Fraser, chris@moveable.com.

Join the GBRA. It's easy.

If you can spare the time, and want to join the neighbourhood improvement process, please come to our AGM, our Community BBQ or drop any one of the Directors below an e-mail saying you'd like to join. If you're new to Governors Bridge, joining the GBRA is a terrific way to meet your neighbours.

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. If your idea or issue relates to the City of Toronto, please call 311 or contact Councillor Fragedakis (councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca).

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