



Newsletter Vol. 62 Issue. 1 February 2020

Hello Deer Park members:

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. We are trying some new format. Please provide any feedback on whether this works, and let us know anytime if you would like to be more involved in what we are doing on on behalf of our community.

We start off with a round up of all the development activity which includes the fact that we have a new Planning Framework for Yonge + St. Clair to guide development applications in the future. The DPRG provided submissions and deputed at Community Council in early January. We are pleased with how Councilor Matlow supported the community's interests in that process.

Next, there is an update on important city activity to address the many challenges in our ravine system, as well as on the DPRG's continuing advocacy for equity in sidewalk snow and ice clearing in Toronto.

Finally, we provide a number of community updates from the BIA and local businesses.

Wishing you a good start to 2020, despite the construction on Yonge!

Cynthia Cryslar

President

Deer Park Development Applications Update Quick Facts– Jan 29, 2020

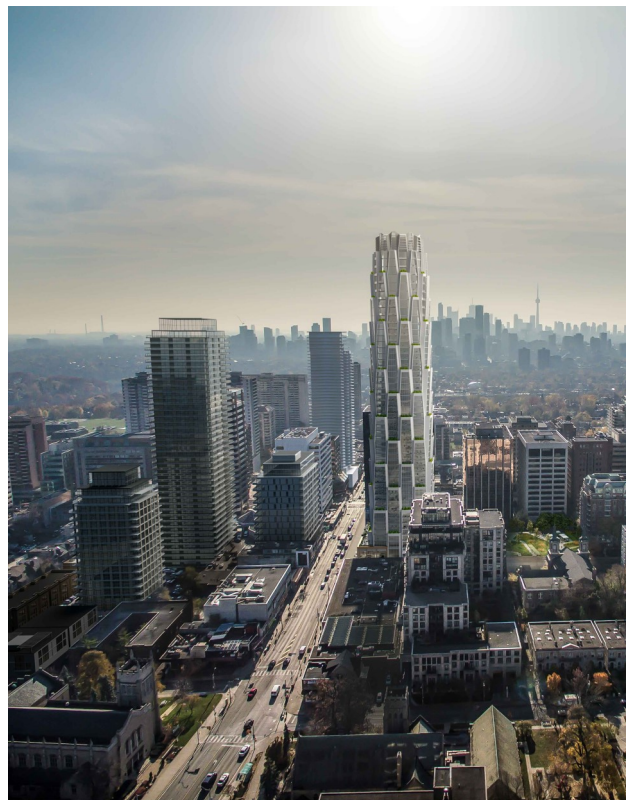
Application/Study	Status
Bretton Place Rosehill/ Jackes 31 storey additional tower and new recreation building	• Approved by LPAT mediation • Issues: impacts of adding a third tower on existing rental units and on the treed and landscaped site • Not built
1421 Yonge 34 storey condo building with retail at grade	• New proposal approved by LPAT mediation • Resolved issues of previous submission: setbacks and impacts on Yonge Street and rear lane and height • Not built
Yonge - St. Clair Planning Framework (Built form and public realm guidelines for new development in area around the intersection)	• 2019 consultations and public meeting • Planning Report approved at TEYCC January 7, plus recommendations for a transportation and street use study, for a study of Deer Park Apartment neighbourhoods, and for a comprehensive Secondary Plan for the Deer Park Area. Note that the DPRG's request for a 37 storey height limit for tall buildings and for increased setbacks on Yonge and St. Clair were not approved, as too specific for guidelines • Jan 29 City Council approved the Planning Framework
One Delisle (Condo building with retail at grade, increased sidewalk setbacks and an expanded public park)	• Public meeting early 2019 • Working Committee established • Main issues – ensuring on site drop off, height, construction management • Planning report to be at TEYCC March 12
Wittington (Yonge, Heath, Alvin and St. Clair excluding 2 Bloor E tower)	• Public meeting October 2019 • Working Committee established • Main issues: height, built form, traffic impact on neighbourhood, amount and location of public open space
Sunrise Assisted Living 1365-75 Yonge St.	• Public meeting early 2019 • Revised drawings January 2020 • Main issues: compliance with Planning Framework; impact of drop off on lane, built form height and setbacks
Amica Assisted Living 155 Balmoral	• Public meeting spring 2019 • Working Committee established • Revised proposal late 2019 to address issue raised • Main issues: impacts of height and setbacks on adjacent and nearby residential uses, sidewalk widening on Avenue Road
29 Pleasant Blvd. 31 story condo building and proposed use of public lane for walkway	• Application received by City December 2019

For further information - email cathie.macdonald@sympatico.ca

To see details of an application – [City of Toronto Application Centre](#) and put in the address of the application

To see the Planning report on an application on the agenda of the [Toronto and East York Community Council Agenda](#) , Click on “Committees”, enter “Toronto and East York Community Council”, click on the meeting date of interest, and then search for the Planning report item. Report are posted a week before the meeting.

1 Delisle Ave. An onsite drop off has been incorporated into the ground floor, taking traffic off Delisle Ave. The project is now proposed as 44 (previously 48) storeys comprised of 135 - 1 bedroom, 122 - 2 bedrooms and 37 - 3 bedrooms. A planning report will go to the Toronto & East York Community Council March 12, 2020. Discussions are underway to have the staging area where the parkette is. The parkette parking membrane underneath needs replacement, and the parkette will be totally replaced and expanded to the west covering over the existing sloped parking lot.



Bretton Place (33 Rosehill Ave.) received LPAT approval July 2019 and is currently going through the various City approvals. Construction of the sports pavilion will start in late fall of 2020. This facility must be substantially complete before the tower can commence which is estimated to be mid 2021.

The project will be 31 storeys consisting of 263 rental units varying in size from 1 bedroom (150 units), 2 bedrooms (83 units and 3 bedrooms (27 units)

Clear Our Sidewalks of Snow and Ice



We have added twelve new contacts to our Clear Our Snow and Ice Campaign list. We have asked the twelve residents groups in Old Toronto to share the clearoursidewalks.ca website page with their members, as we open up the campaign to the parts of Toronto, who don't receive sidewalk snow and ice removal services.

To date over 2,000 emails have been sent to the Mayor

and councillors. There have been eight major print stories and two radio interviews. Women have been the overwhelming number of authors sending e-mails to the Mayor and councillors. Come on guys let's get with it!

The website has been updated to reflect news coverage. Check it out at clearoursidewalks.ca. In terms of email success, this is an impressive number given that the DPRG has only funded the website behind the campaign. Spread the word to family and friends.

Going forward the DPRG strategy will be asking the Mayor and Councillors, to make more funds available in the Toronto 2020 budget cycle in January and February, for new specific equipment to clear the snow and ice from all Toronto side-walks.

Street Safety and fairness equity for those paying realty taxes is a priority for all Toronto!

BIA Completes Streetscape Master Plan

After a year and a half of hard work and two rounds of public consultation, the BIA completed its Streetscape Master Plan in late 2019. The Plan will guide the BIA's public realm investments over the coming years, and help align other local stakeholders in the area to guide street improvements towards a singular cohesive vision. The plan can be viewed [here using this link](#).

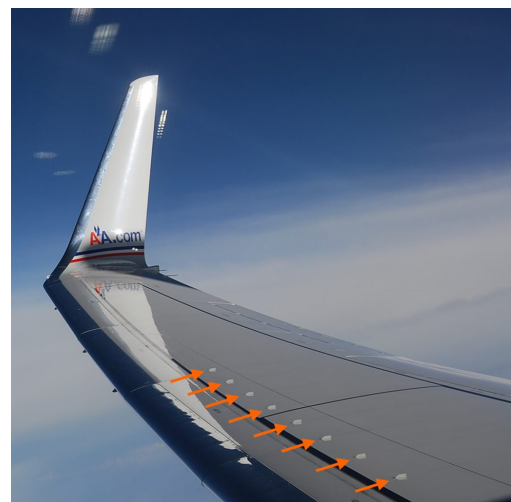
Airplane Noise

Air Canada's fleet of A320s make up over 20% of flight path airplane whistling noise over our neighbourhood.

Chris Keating of the DPRG reports positive news from discussion with Marc Garneau, the Minister of Transportation and Myrka Manzo, the Manager for Environmental Affairs Air Canada.

Of Air Canada's remaining fleet of 65 A320 aircraft, 50 (77%) in 2019 have been retrofitted with Vortex Generators to reduce noise. See the orange arrows in the picture.

Eight aircraft are scheduled to be retrofitted in 2020 and the remaining seven in 2021. This schedule is now going under re-adjustment due to the grounding of the 737 Max and higher utilization rates of the A320's.



VALE OF AVOCA – Ravine news

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) held a public meeting on December 12th to unveil plans to implement erosion control and slope stabilization works near Heath St E. to provide long term low maintenance protection of structures identified to be at risk at the top of the slope.

The TRCA will be working with the City Parks, Forestry and Recreation division to reinstate safe pedestrian access to the Vale of Avoca Ravine. By incorporating construction of the pedestrian access with the planning, design and construction of the slope stabilization, the measures proposed by the TRCA will be cost effective and will minimize disturbance to residents and the parklands.

The TRCA will be hosting a Public Information Centre for interested stakeholders to learn more about this project, to discuss questions and provide feedback.

For more information contact the [TRCA](#).

The long-awaited Ravine Strategy Implementation Report was before the Executive Committee January 23. The Mid-town Ravine Group, representing six residents' groups bordering the ravine including the DPRG, made highly effective written submissions and a deputation.

At the committee, there was a strong showing of engaged citizens, academics and groups who work hard to make the ravines better. Mayor Tory, Councillor Pasternak and our own Councillor Matlow ultimately introduced motions to: make sure the funds to address invasive species start this year; that City Council hears back from City staff regularly on the ravine strategy; and that there will be engagement with citizens.

We have more to do but this is a very promising step in trying to recover our ravines. Watch for notices about ravine clean up/invasive species cutting days in the spring!

Yonge Street Watermain replacement

The City of Toronto has started work to replace the main watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Yonge Street from St. Clair Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue.

This work will directly affect commercial properties and not residential properties. The work will reduce traffic to two lanes north and south and pedestrian sidewalk closures on Yonge St. It is anticipated there will be considerable traffic congestion.

The work will not likely not conclude until August 2020.

Please click [HERE](#) for the full notice and the field ambassador's contact number on page 4.



BIA Installs New Mural at 1406 Yonge Street

The BIA has proudly completed the installation of a new public art mural! Located in the laneway between Home Hardware and Nove Trattoria at 1406 Yonge Street, the mural is called "Waterfall" and features polished stainless steel mirrors that reflect the sky to create the appearance of an eroding building, together with painted bands of steel ribbons that flow like water from the 'eroded' building.

The mural was designed by [Studio F Minus](#), creators of the Tunnel of Glam, and supported by a Mural Grant from the City of Toronto's BIA Office. More information on this project will be released throughout January.

BIA Pole Wraps to Arrive Summer 2020

The BIA has approved the capital costs together with the design of new anti-poster and anti-graffiti pole wraps on over 100 hydro poles across the BIA area. The patented technology has been employed in other BIAs and neighbourhoods in Toronto, and greatly increases the visual appeal of the sidewalk by eliminating unsightly posters, tape and glue residue, and graffiti and tags from the street poles.

Look for the first 9-foot pole wraps to begin installation by the summer of 2020, with more information on the design of the pole wraps to be released in the coming months! (Example photo shown)



New Look for Yonge/St. Clair SE corner (Scotia Bank)



New Retail Subway connection from Yonge St.

New Yonge St Subway Entrance



Wall Mural

This is the largest work artist Jerry Rugg (Birdo) has done to date. The design, was the first thing Birdo came up with after Slate (the buildings owner) talked to him a bit more about the area and the Deer Park area nickname of course! Birdo had been looking for new projects in the city, and especially in the Y+SC neighbourhood because this was the area he moved to when he first came to Toronto in his teens or early 20s.



Here is additional information on the artist and the mural. Check the outfit the artist paints in:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/i-just-want-to-brighten-a-corner-toronto-artist-creates-massive-mural-in-middle-of-midtown-1.4652694>

<https://nuvomagazine.com/magazine/spring-2019/behind-the-mask-with-street-artist-jerry-rugg-a-k-a-birdo>

<https://www.venue.ca/pages/birdo-artist>

<https://www.artoronto.ca/?p=33705>

Spiga & Jingles Close

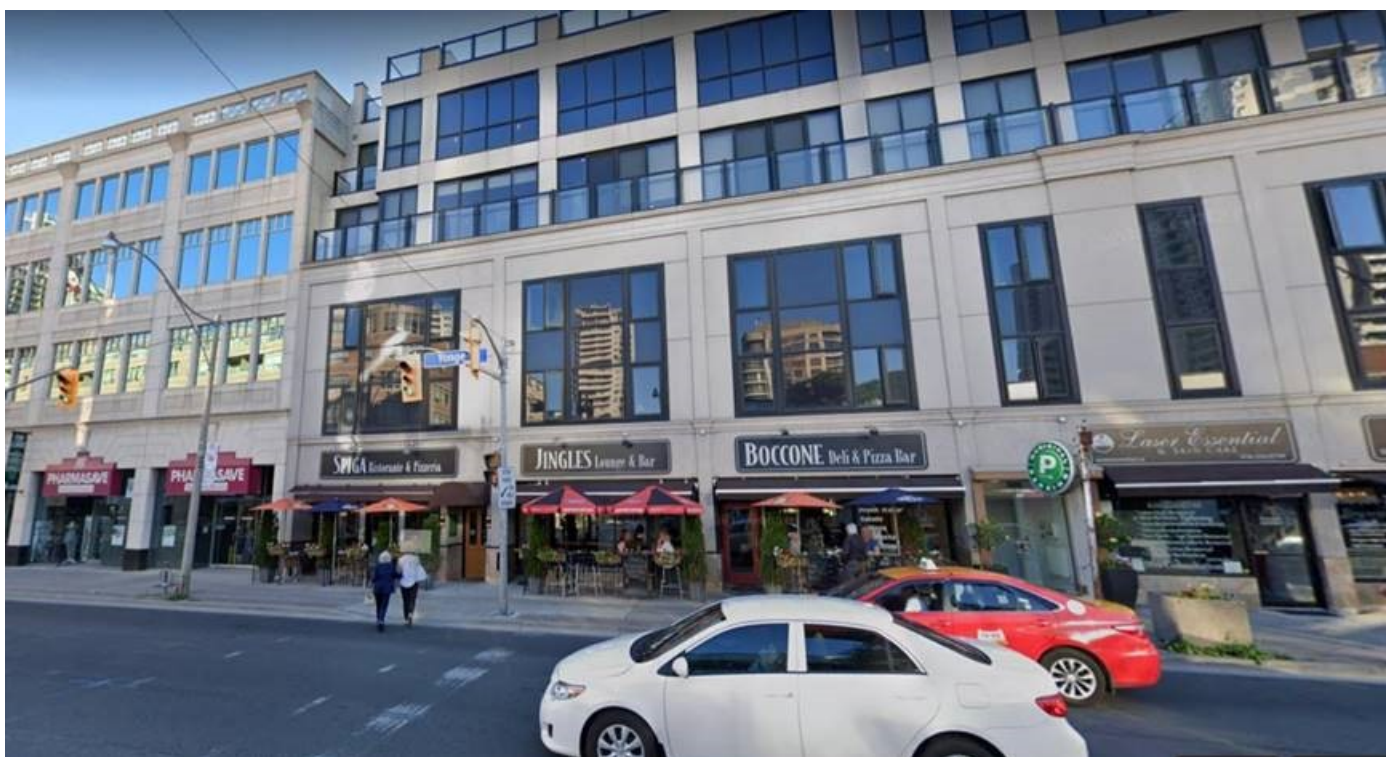
Jingles II and Spiga have been a fixture in the community, serving patrons in a warm and cozy restaurant and bar atmosphere. Jingles has been a local watering hole for many. Spiga's served authentic style southern Italian food.

After 35 years the owners have decided to take a break. Both closed Dec the 22nd forever.

Boconne's has closed for a facelift and will reopen to serve the community from 8am to 5pm Monday through Saturday. We have no opening date.

The Health Shoppe at 1375 Yonge St. for over 30 years will be moving into the Jingles and Spiga space in March 2020. 1375 Yonge St. is part of the site proposed for the assisted living project.

The Doggy Day Care is now closed.



Rumour has it Buca will finally open the end of March. There will be a take out window and outdoor patio.



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1440 Yonge St. has opened serving reasonable priced Chinese food

