

Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTAA) Meeting Minutes September 10th, 2019

Attendees:

LTAA steering committee: Sylvia Anstey, Jason Ash, Manny Blatt, Betty Coules, Ken Fralick, Ali Meghani, Safeera Mulla, Bob Sanderson, Judith Scolnik

Morguard: Amit Thakur

Special Guests:

Rachel Hiller from Councillor Jaye Robinson's office

PC Nilo Espino and PC Harold Chin from Toronto Police 53 Division

Updates/Opening Remarks: Ken Fralick opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

1. Ken informed the meeting of the following recent updates at Leaside Towers with comments from Amit
 - New LED lights will soon be installed in the parking garage.
 - Elevators #5 and #1 in 95 will likely need to have the brakes reset – although the elevators were updated fairly recently, they are being used more frequently because of increased population including children.
 - Morguard and the LTAA are funding a Halloween Party for tenants' children in the Party Room on October 31st. Volunteers are needed to assist and should contact Luba at Imaisterrena@sympatico.ca.
 - Amit reported that BELL will be installing their services in all Morguard properties over the next few months should tenants prefer to use them instead of Rogers.
 - ROGERS is continuing to search for the source of the break in their lines that is blocking our television access to the Lobby Channel.
2. Questions from the floor and any ready answers from Morguard.
 - Caution is advised at the Overlea parking exit for both drivers and pedestrians due to speeding drivers using that entry to avoid the stoplight at Wm Morgan Drive.
 - Tenants have been fined for abusing garbage bins in the parking garages by leaving overflow when they are empty rather than going to the recycling rooms.
 - When reported, tenants are also fined for not picking up after their dogs which remains an ongoing problem. Reminder Notices will be posted in the elevators.
3. Pat Wright reported that there are flyers available in the Library with Book Club information and that the Fitness Program is up and running again for the Fall season.
4. Rachel Hiller from Councillor Jaye Robinson's office provided the meeting with updates about Thorncliffe Park and answered tenant concerns
 - An additional pedestrian crossing is being installed across from Leaside Towers entrance on Thorncliffe Park Drive and the TTC is moving the bus stop accordingly.
 - When the bicycle lanes were added, on-street parking spaces were lost. A study is in process to advise about replacing lost parking.
 - Burgess Park upgrades are still in the planning stages. The budget has been doubled and the work is on course for completion in 2020. Councillor Robinson has made a formal request to the Parks Department

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to include all citizen feedback at their next meeting after many complained that their suggestions were not considered. The work will also include dealing with infrastructure issues that cause flooding in the park.

- There will be a neighbourhood Job Fair event in Thorncliffe in 2020

5. PC Nilo Espino and PC Harold Chin from Toronto Police 53 Division spoke about crime and safety issues in Thorncliffe Park

- In addition to their two local two-man teams, plain clothes and undercover officers are concentrating their efforts to arrest drug dealers and to deter gang members from loitering in Thorncliffe Park. These efforts have been successful and they report that crime incidents have been reduced significantly
- A spring sweep of abandoned vehicles that had become drug dealer headquarters in various apartment parking garages was very successful. Police were able to identify several stolen autos and others were removed from properties. **Please note no problem vehicles were parked at Leaside Towers;** all old cars are the property of existing tenants even if they look abandoned.
- Residents are urged to report any suspicious activity or harassment on our property or in the surrounding area including at the shopping centre or at Costco in the evening hours
 - You can send a message to the LTAA Chairman, Ken Fralick at kenfralick@rogers.com who will pass that on to the office or directly to police.
 - If you prefer to be anonymous, Crime Stoppers is an excellent service that is relied on by the police department. They can be contacted as follows - online at www.222tips.com/, or phone at 416-222-8477.
- Our constables work in close co-operation with the apartment landlords, the Mall staff and our local schools
- They are pleased that new funding is in the works for working with youth to prevent them from joining gangs
- For those interested, the police department will soon hold another open meeting at the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre where a seasoned Detective will talk about the warning signs parents should look for if they are concerned about their children joining gangs. Meeting date and time will be announced.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm.

Next Tenants Meeting: December 10th, 2019

Minutes taken by: Judith Scolnik