



November 2010 Newsletter



AGM - November 22

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday November 22, 2010, at Huron Park Recreation Centre, 7:00 p.m. in Iroquois Rooms A&B. See over for agenda.



Development

Ross Property - On October 21, the Committee of Adjustment denied the severance of the Ross Property fronting both Parker Drive and Lynchmere Ave. Dave Ross, a long time resident of Parker Drive has about 330 feet frontage on both Parker and Lynchmere and was proposing three lots of 110 feet frontage each on Parker and four lots of 82 feet frontage each on Lynchmere. The zoning requires lots with minimum frontage of about 100 feet. The primary issue was the change in character. The property currently has about 400 trees and the City estimates that about 300 would be lost if the lot was so developed. The change in character of the resulting lots in relation to those surrounding would in all probability be significant. It is for this reason that City Planning staff, the Councillor and the Gordon Woods Homeowners Association favoured a process whereby, through study, suitable building envelopes as well as tree preservation zones would be identified on the property and designated as such through a zoning process. We understand that such a process if conducted in an orderly manner would take about a year. The resulting allowable building footprints would in all likelihood be smaller if such a process was used instead of a consent (severance) application to the Committee of Adjustment.

Should Mr Ross decide to appeal the decision of the Committee of Adjustment to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) it would be asked to review the suitability of the original proposal and make a ruling.



Secondary Plan Review

The outcome of the Secondary Plan review for the Gordon Woods was presented at a public meeting on September 20th. The review reaffirmed that the land and zoning designations for the community are appropriate. It recommended that Site Plan Control that currently exists for much of the Gordon Woods be expanded to cover all of the Gordon Woods and extend it to cover Grange Drive to Stavebank Road and from Premium Way up to the Queensway. It also recommended changes to the tree By-law to strengthen the controls that currently exist.



Tree By-law

In July 2009, neighbours of 155 Premium Way woke up one day to the sound of chainsaws as virtually every tree was stripped from that property. And similarly in July 2010, neighbours of 2167 Gordon Drive were treated to the sound of chainsaws as about 15 large trees were removed. In both cases, charges were laid under the tree by-law. A conviction was obtained for 155 Premium Way and we understand the court hearing for 2167 Gordon has been adjourned to January. The penalty under the tree by-law is up to \$1,000 per tree with a maximum of \$10,000, an amount that could be more than offset by selling the lumber commercially. It is our view that the tree by-law is broken and needs to be fixed. We plan to work with a neighbouring ratepayer association over the upcoming months to address this.





Membership Dues

Membership statements will be delivered to residents in the next few days. We are now collecting dues for 2011 as our fiscal year begins November 1. Your statement reflects dues paid by you for each of the past three membership years. Future dues collected will be applied in order of the earliest of the past three years that remain unpaid. Please make your cheque payable to Gordon Woods Homeowners Association.



Safe City Mississauga

We are in need of a representative for Gordon Woods to liaise with the coordinator of the Safe City programs. Safe City Mississauga is mandated to provide programs, services, and information that contribute to the reduction of crime in Mississauga. For more information, please visit www.safecitymississauga.on.ca. If you are interested in signing up for the liaison role, please let us know at the AGM on Nov 22 or contact us at gordonwoods@rogers.com.



Speeders & Leaf Blowers

We continue to get frequent complaints about drivers speeding through the neighborhood. Please slow down and enjoy the serenity! It's that time of year when the leaves are rapidly falling from our trees and leaf blowers seem to be the equipment of choice. Please be mindful of the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood. The prolonged "whine" of a leaf blower is anything but music to many, especially when one is trying to catch a few extra winks on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Please be considerate to others and try to limit the use of such noisy machinery especially during evenings and weekends. Raking the leaves provides a multitude of benefits - exercise, lawn aeration, minimizes air and noise pollution, family friendly fun and did we mention exercise!



Contact Us

Send an e-mail to gordonwoods@rogers.com about these or any other issues.

GWHA Executive Committee

Gordon Woods Homeowners' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: ***Monday November 22, 2010***
Time: **7:30 pm sharp**
(refreshments available at 7:00 pm)
Location: **Huron Park Recreation Centre**
830 Paisley Blvd West, Iroquois Rooms
Agenda:

- Keynote Speaker(s) - TBD
- Approval of Last Year's AGM Minutes
- Financial Report
- Nominations
- Safe City Mississauga
- Year in Review
 - Local Developments/Issues
 - Tree By-law
 - Cooksville Plan Review
 - Garden Party
- Other Business