

COMMUNITY UPDATE



DECK THE STREETS 2017

Winners of the Grand Prize draw for Raptor's Tickets, the Pereira Family, together with Santa and representatives of SHORA and their families.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Deck The Streets decorating contest. This year, over 135 houses participated and our neighbourhood was an even more beautiful place, filled with holiday cheer. To see a list of this year's winners, please visit our web site at www.sherwayhomeowners.com.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our sponsors, including Direct Right, Longo's, Home Hardware, MLSE, Game Hoard, GameTime, Jack Astor's, Air Miles, The Art Gallery of Ontario, Councillor Jim Tovey, Charles Sousa MPP, La Casa Dolce and Daddy O Doughnuts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hockey Day in Sherway!

SHORA Shinny

Saturday, January 20th is Hockey Day in Canada. In order to celebrate, please join us for an all ages game of "SHORA Shinny/Stick and Puck" at the Laughton Heights Park from **1 - 3 pm**. Bring your hot chocolate, skates, sticks and helmets to join us in this Canada wide celebration of hockey!

Earth Day

Sherway Clean Up

Save the date... In recognition of International Earth Day, we will be organizing a Sherway Community Clean Up event on **Sunday, April 22nd**. Please watch our community board, web site and facebook page for more information in the coming months.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Looking back at 2017, our neighbourhood had a wild and busy year, with some tremendous wins for Sherway.

Our largest success this year was seeing the proposed stormwater management pond for Brentano field be officially moved into the new Dixie/QEW interchange, and completely outside of Sherway's boundaries. This change in Dixie/QEW project design protects our property values, keeps the pond away from our homes and children, and was the result of much advocating by SHORA VP Jamie Pugh, Charles Sousa MPP & Councillor Jim Tovey.

Another great win for Sherway are the developments with Pearson Airport, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, and their decision on noise sharing, which would put far more air traffic over our heads on weekends and nights. The decision made, after much public consultation, was to not implement any new noise sharing measures, which will continue to keep air traffic over Sherway at about 6% of their yearly volume.

More information on both of the above initiatives is in this newsletter and on our web site.

Sherway had success inside our borders in 2017, with a brand new Laughton Heights Park playground, new fitness area, new pavement for the paths, more benches, new larger park trees put in by the city and a successful tree planting done by neighbourhood volunteers. Add in the natural skating rink, and I think we can all agree that the park is an absolute jewel in the middle of our neighbourhood!

Most recently, we just finished Deck The Streets 2017, our holiday lights contest. We had over 135 homes take part this year, with really fantastic prizes and 7 winners. To those families who took part this year, thank you very much for your support. This event is how we are able to support everything we do, from this newsletter you are reading, to our website and insurance costs. We can't do this without you.

On behalf of SHORA, I would like to wish you a successful and prosperous 2018 and I look forward to seeing you at SHORA's Hockey Day in Canada Shinny in the park on January 20th!

Ryan Enright

DIXIE / QEW INTERCHANGE UPDATE

BY JAMIE PUGH, SHORA'S VP & DIRECTOR OF STORMWATER MGMT

Storm Water Pond Relocation

In Summer 2016, our community found out that, due to the Dixie Interchange project, a storm water pond was slated for the Brentano Rd. land near the exit. The purpose of the pond is to collect all of the road waste water for the new QEW Dixie interchange. A community meeting held on June 15th, 2016 discussed the issues surrounding the pond where many Sherway residents voiced concerns about this type of pond, that is typically found in non-populated areas, underground, and not in plain view. The concerns from our neighbourhood include the size, proximity to homes, environmental safety, potential contaminants, cost of cleaning, and the impact on home values.

We are so pleased to say that through our community meeting and support through S.H.O.R.A. we have convinced MTO to relocate the stormwater management pond from the Sherway community to the QEW Dixie Road interchange loop (cloverleaf). MTO reports that the relocation of the pond is meeting MOECC requirements and does not impact any additional properties or back onto residential homes. They will ensure that its design will include all standard safety and maintenance requirements.

The web site where information and plans can be viewed can be found at www.qewdixiedetaildesign.ca

Public Information Centre Meeting - December 18th

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) held a Public Information Center (PIC) on December 18th at Le Tréport Convention Centre. PIC participants included MTO and their third party consultants, Minister Sousa, Councillor Tovey, SHORA representatives and local residents.

The PIC provided the public the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the project. The initial concerns that our residents raised were detailed in the following letter to MTO from SHORA's president on December 20th. Updates will be provided when we receive a response and more information.

I am writing to you today as President of the Sherway Homeowner's and Recreation Association (SHORA), which is comprised of 600 homes, over 2000 residents and located within your project boundaries for the proposed Queen Elizabeth Way Improvements. A significant amount of our membership has been in touch with our association regarding the Detail Design Phase of this QEW Project, and from our engagement with them, we have only 3 concerns that I believe your project team will be able to remedy. These same concerns were also openly voiced and recorded at the Public Information Centre on December 18th to your team by myself and Jamie Pugh, Vice President of SHORA, and we found all parties to be very understanding about our concerns below, and agreeable on the solutions proposed.

Our concerns are as follows:

1. Sherway experiences a large amount of car traffic entering our neighbourhood attempting to reach Sherway Gardens Mall in spite of existing signage. The new Dixie interchange will dramatically increase the volume of traffic on Dixie road, and this will in turn further increase the amount of "lost cars" entering Sherway, driving East to the Sherway Drive dead-end, and turning around as they currently do. **We would like MTO to create hardscaping & landscaping that will make it abundantly clear that our neighbourhood is residential only.** See attached photo, for an idea of what we mean. This photo is an example only.
2. This project is removing 1 of Sherway's only 3 exits, and this will increase the volume of traffic exiting on Sherway Drive and Venta Ave. **We ask that MTO in tandem with the region, review the traffic light timing and configuration on both remaining Sherway exits to ensure the increased volume of residents at each intersection can exit the neighbourhood without delay.**
3. The cul-de-sac at the Eastern most dead-end of Brentano Blvd has been reduced in size, and we have been informed by your project team that the proposed turning radius has been approved municipally. Our concern is the newly created close proximity of this cul-de-sac to the neighbouring properties on the West side. **We feel that this cul-de-sac should be redesigned at the dead end, in a way that makes the proposed cul-de-sac pavement no closer than it is currently to 1668 Brentano Blvd, while maintaining the space required for the future maintenance requirements and municipal needs.**

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns and requests. Our association has diligently worked together with the Ministry of Transportation, MMM Group and all levels of government through the Preliminary Design Phase of this project. We look forward to continued dialogue and joint efforts in resolving these three items. I look forward to your response.

Happy Holidays,

Ryan Enright
President
Sherway Homeowner's and Recreation Association (SHORA)
president@sherwayhomeowners.com

cc: Hon. Charles Sousa M.P.P.
cc: Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1, Mississauga
cc: Wan Chi Ma, MTO
cc: Jamie Pugh, Vice President, SHORA

PEARSON AIRPORT UPDATE

BY JEANETTE DIEHL, SHORA'S DIRECTOR OF AIRPORTS

The GENAC (Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee) held a public meeting Dec. 6th. With the airport set to expand and increase the number of flights overhead, noise mitigation has been a hot button topic amongst several communities. A five year plan called "Growing Responsibly" was presented and is available online which outlines commitments related to the responsibilities of the GTAA over noise management.

Here is the link to read the full report.
<https://www.torontopearson.com/en/publications/#>

Of note, the committee has recommended that Noise Sharing (which would have affected our neighbourhood on weekends) will NOT happen. This is good news for our community.

Also, no new runways are scheduled to be built. The expansion can occur using the existing key East/West runways. The North-South runways will only be used as needed.

Again, this is good news for our community.

SHERWAY TRAIL & RESTORATION PROJECT

BY RYAN ENRIGHT, SHORA'S PRESIDENT



SHORA has been in regular contact with the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) regarding their planned Sherway Trail Extension.

The trail currently dead-ends in Etobicoke Valley Park (Alderwood), just south of the QEW bridge at the Etobicoke Creek, and will follow the Etobicoke Creek North, connecting up to Middle road Bridge.

Vince D'Elia, project manager for the Etobicoke Creek Watershed at the TRCA is overseeing this trail project. On his most recent update to SHORA in December 2017, he advised that "as long as the weather conditions remain manageable, we are hoping to construct the pedestrian bridge and approaches in December and January and then complete trail construction (paved trail) in early Spring 2018."

This is good for Sherway, as when this is all completed, our neighbourhood will be able to access the entire Etobicoke Creek Trail, right down to Marie Curtis Park & Lake Ontario, without having to leave the trail.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

BY ANGELA PYE, SHORA'S DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Wood Clean Up

Sherway homeowners had the opportunity to control pests in our neighbourhood with the "Wood Cleanup" September 2017 weekend event. Residents disposed wood from their properties into dumpster bins provided by SHORA in cooperation with the Region of Peel. This project was a huge success with four dumpsters of wood being filled and transported from our neighbourhood!

Illegal Dumping

Residents are always encouraged to keep our neighbourhood clean from littering as well which includes not dumping in open spaces. Please report any illegal dumping to (905) 791- 9499.

Air Quality

Air quality also continues to be an important issue with Sherway's close proximity to the QEW and local industries. Please continue to report odour complaints to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) Spills Action Centre (SAC): 1-800-268-6060. SAC operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will take odour complaints after-hours (after 5 pm on weekdays and all hours on weekends). You can also call David Keene, Senior Environmental Officer (MOECC) directly at (905)319-3170.

Coyotes

Enjoying our neighbourhood also may result in encounters with local wildlife such as coyotes. Always ensure pets are controlled and report any aggressive, sick, or injured coyotes to the City of Mississauga's Animal Services at (905) 896-5858.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19

Kindergarten Registration Is Open!

Do you have young children who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2018? Did you know that both the Public and Catholic school boards are accepting registration beginning this month? While you can register your child at any point between now and September, there are advantages to registering early.

By registering now, you are able to ensure that you are fully in the know throughout the coming months leading up to your child's start date in September. Many schools have "Intro to Kindergarten" nights/events in the spring and summer months that you will only know about if you have registered. Additionally, did you know that many schools receive their funding for students based on registration projections that are made in January/February? By registering early, you're helping to ensure that your child's school receives the funding it deserves, thus helping your child receive as many resources as possible.

St. Edmund's Catholic School - Registration opens online on January 8th. In person registration will occur January 15 from 7-9 pm and January 17-19 from 9am - 3pm. For more information go to www.dpccsb.org.

Westacres Public School - In person registration will occur January 29 - February 2 from 9am - 3pm as well as on the evening of February 1st from 5 - 8 pm. For more information go to www.peelschools.org.

SKATING RINK UPDATE

The Laughton Heights Park skating rink is now open, thanks to the Morren family and a handful of dedicated volunteers.

It takes a significant amount of time and labour - along with a great deal of cooperation from Mother Nature! - to ensure the ice is kept in great shape for all to use. Please check out our FaceBook page for updates as to the ice conditions. By staying off the ice when conditions aren't ideal, we can all help to ensure the longevity and quality of the ice. We can be found on FaceBook under Sherway Homeowners.

Hope to see many of you out at SHORA's Hockey Day in Sherway on January 20th from 1 - 3 pm!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SHORA is looking for volunteers to assist with newsletter and flyer distribution. If you are interested, or have kids that need community hours, please contact info@sherwayhomeowners.com.

WARD 1 NEWS

Sherway is a proud member of Ward 1, represented in the City of Mississauga by Councillor Jim Tovey. For information about news and events that are happening within the Ward, including our neighbourhood, please visit Councillor Tovey's web site at www.jimtovey.ca.

YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

Do you have ideas of things you would like to see happen in our community? Event ideas? Community engagement ideas?

We are looking for feedback from Sherway residents as to the types of events and community engagement opportunities you would like to see happen. Please email us with your ideas to info@sherwayhomeowners.com.

ADVERTISING

Thank you to those companies and individuals who have supported SHORA through advertising with us on our web site, park board and in our newsletter. There is still limited ad space available.

For more information, please email us at shorarevenue@gmail.com.

CONTACT

SHORA is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who meet monthly to discuss and act upon issues facing our community. For more information about how to be involved or to contact Directors of SHORA, please visit our web site at:

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