

The **Y**onge **C**orridor **C**ondominium **A**ssociation

Newsletter - December 2022

Hello YCCA members and friends! Our goal is to provide you with information and opportunities to connect, learn, and engage with each other on matters of common interest. We hope you enjoy and find value in our newsletter.

Concierge of the Year



We are soliciting nominations again this year for Concierge of the Year, 2022 but time is short and they must be received by Friday, Dec 9th.

Last year's winner was Para Chelvan of Manhattan Place (MTCC#595). We had many outstanding nominees and hope to have as many again.

Winners to be announced December 15, 2022. Look for information in your email from YCCA Events.

Accessibility Issues

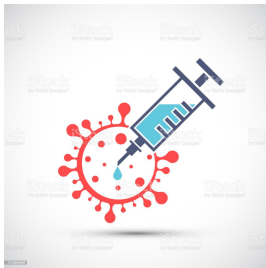


It is an ongoing challenge to stay informed about accessibility issues. What are the legal obligations of condo corporations? What is required of us by legislation such as the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act ("AODA"), the Ontario Building Code and the Ontario Human Rights Code?

We usually just think of impaired mobility when we consider disabilities, but how do we know what is expected of us when dealing with the invisible disabilities such as cognitive impairment, mental health issues, and sensory deficits? What support resources are available to help us navigate this terrain?

YCCA intends to host a general meeting for our members on Accessibility Issues in Condos. Keep an eye out for an email invitation from Events@ycca.ca for this timely session.

COVID-19, Influenza, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)



As predicted, the Fall surge of infections has materialized. COVID protection measures, including masking, kept influenza in check in 2020 and 2021, but the ballgame has changed this season. The spread appears to be affecting children in particular and our paediatric hospitals especially are struggling.

Dr. Kieran Moore and others strongly recommend that we all resume wearing masks to reduce the risk of infection and the risk of infecting others, but also to lessen the strain on our health care system so that it is there for us when we need it.

Many of our YCCA members and friends are not yet ready for in-person meetings. Most area condos continue to hold meetings virtually. YCCA will continue with virtual meetings as well and hopes that the situation improves soon.

Congratulations to Lily Cheng, Ward 18 City Councillor!

Now that the election is behind us, the torch has been passed from John Fillion, our Councilor of 30 years, to our new voice, Lily Cheng. Regardless of who we voted for, it is now time to throw our full support behind Lily and help build Willowdale's future.

John has been an effective advocate for live-ability issues in our Yonge Corridor Condo community with his strong support of neighbourhood parks and gardens, traffic safety, and support for a pedestrian-friendly business environment on Yonge Street.

The dramatic decrease in developer contributions to our Ward as a result of provincial changes, however, means that Lily will be challenged to obtain and direct funding to our local essential services and community-building projects. She will need all the help she can get to address issues such as affordability, housing for the vulnerable, shaping our climate change policies and making Willowdale a safer and more vibrant community.

YCCA members have knowledge and experience to offer and this is a fresh opportunity to help shape our future. Organizing and voicing our opinions at community meetings and consultations set up by our new Councilor will be key to directing our community's course.

Lily has made it clear that she wants to represent us all. It will be crucial for her to hear our concerns and proposed solutions and know that she has our support.

Once again, we congratulate Lily Cheng on her successful campaign and look forward to working with her on issues of concern to our membership.

Excessive Vehicular Noise and Unsafe Driving

YCCA continues to advocate for all Yonge Corridor residents on the issue of excessive vehicular noise and unsafe driving. On July 6th, 2022, a member of your YCCA executive gave an in-person deputation before the City of Toronto's Economic and Community Development Committee at City Hall. There were 11 speakers in total with at 5 addressing vehicular speeding and noise disturbances.

We also continue to work with Toronto Police Service (TPS) - 32 Division traffic enforcement. If unsafe driving and excessive vehicular noise concerns you and your building's residents, it's important to help keep up the pressure.

Individual complaints can be logged with TPS at <https://www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/driving-complaint/>. It is best if you can give specifics such as location, time, license number, etc., but reports of the general time of day and location are sufficient. Complaints can also be logged with our Toronto City Councillor's Office. We look forward to working with newly elected Councillor Cheng on this issue in the near future.

If you would like to be part of YCCA's on-going efforts in this area email Sally Gustin at gustin.deboer@gmail.com so you can be added to the contact list.

Other YCCA activities

This year, your YCCA Executive Team remained active.

- In May 2022, the Community Building Network (CBN) held a two-part Zoom session on "Seniors in Condos" with Jen Recknagel, from the University Health Network's OpenLab and Lynne Slotek, from OASIS 400 speaking about innovative initiatives to support seniors' independence. The second session exchanged experiences among YCCA participants. A list of resources for seniors has been compiled and is available on the YCCA Facebook page.
 - If you are interested in being involved with the Community Building Network,, email president@ycca.ca and someone will be in touch.
- We are participating in the MetroLinx Finch Early Works Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) concerning the changes to the transit connections to Line 1 Finch Subway station.
- During the municipal election, YCCA hosted a virtual Meet the Candidates' debate which was well attended and informative.
- We are building our connections with the Willowdale Business Improvement Area (BIA) and NeighbourLink North York.
 - For information on NeighbourLink activities and events, go to www.neighbourlink.org.
 - For BIA news, go to www.willowdalebia.org.

- The YCCA Facebook page is resource for members (Yonge Corridor Condo Association – YCCA). Check it out!
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YCCA needs your input!



The YCCA Executive Team is a dedicated, but small, group. We are looking for volunteers to take on issues and to support the organization. Do you have ideas about what YCCA can achieve? Do you want to work on interesting issues that affect everyday life for condo residents?

Let us know what you'd like YCCA to focus on in the coming year and if you are willing to contribute to our efforts, please contact president@ycca.ca to discuss how you could help.

And finally, happy holiday to all and the best for the season!



Sincerely,
Your YCCA Executive Team