



Bedford Park Residents Organization  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

November 10, 2020



# CURRENT BPRO TEAM



- President – Kirsten Cooke
- Vice President – Ted Butler
- Secretary – Marybeth Ashbourne
- Treasurer – Colin Graham
- Director – John Miles
  - key volunteers:
    - Su Keen (membership, communications)
    - Durrell Martin (website)
    - Michelle Moore (social media)

# AGENDA



- Welcome
- Year in Review
- AGM Formalities
- Looking Forward
- Historical Photo Tour of Bedford Park
- Q&A
- Quiz!

# MISSION STATEMENT



BPRO is a volunteer-run group whose purpose is to promote the best interests of Bedford Park. We work with various levels of government, developers and other associations to understand and have input into issues that affect our community. We inform our residents, ask for views, support events and raise a collective voice with the aim of building an engaged and informed neighbourhood.

# YEAR IN REVIEW



- Communications
- Community Engagement
- Social Media
- Membership
- Development

# COMMUNICATIONS



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**Sent:** October 15, 2020  
**Subject:** Notice of Annual General Meeting

## Notice of Annual General Meeting TUES NOVEMBER 10, 2020 7 pm, via Zoom

The Board of Directors of Bedford Park Residents Organization (BPRO) invites you to attend its second *Annual General Meeting* on Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom platform.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is required in advance to attend the meeting. Please email your name, street address and telephone number to [info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca). If more than one person from your household will attend the meeting, please provide **all** participant names – we require this to monitor our Zoom capacity as well as our quorum numbers. Only those who register for the meeting will be sent a link to attend.

### CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

We are looking for two Directors to join our Board. Anyone wishing to run for a Director position, or should you wish to nominate someone to the Board, please email the name, street address and telephone number of the nominee to [info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca). Deadline for nominations to the Board is **Sunday October 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm**. Please note that nominations will not be accepted at the meeting.

### VOTING & PROXY VOTING

Only those who have paid membership for 2020 will be able to vote. There is one vote per member household. If you are unable to attend the AGM, you will be able to send a proxy vote in the form of an email.

Further details will be forthcoming.

We look forward to having you join us!

Board of Directors  
Bedford Park Residents Organization  
[info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca)  
[www.bprotoronto.ca](http://www.bprotoronto.ca)

## BEDFORD PARK BULLETIN

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newsletters

September 2020

We invite you to step into the oasis below, to delve into the pages of this newsletter, and to read about some of the most beautiful gardens we judged this summer. Enjoy fond memories of summer and the gardening season as we slip into fall.

### Our first-ever 1st Place Winner of the 1st Annual Bedford Park Garden Contest!



Daryl's Place, an oasis, and our first place winner, submitted by Tony Bessell, at 336 Fairlawn Avenue.

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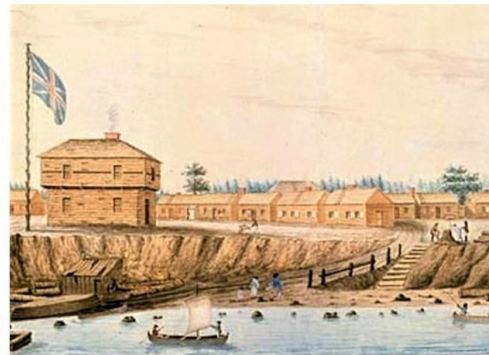
## BEFORE OUR TIMES



... a little bit of the history of our neighbourhood

Issue #9

1813, The War of 1812



Painting of Fort York, 1804. Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada, C-014905.

Gary Schlee is an author, historian and resident of Bedford Park since 1991. Gary wrote a series of articles on the history of our area for *Community Life*, published from 2003-2012 by Fairlawn Avenue United Church (FAUC). BPRO is grateful to Gary, and to FAUC, for generously allowing us to share these articles with our readers. We have created a section called **Neighbourhood** on our website. These articles will be posted under **History** as we have them ready. Please check back regularly.

Click here to read the article on our website

[www.bprotoronto.ca](http://www.bprotoronto.ca)

# COMMUNICATIONS



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## BEDFORD PARK RESIDENTS ORGANIZATION

*... your community voice is more important than ever before!*

SIGN UP

- Garden Contest
- Community Yard Sale
- Bedford Park History
- Resources
- Gov't Representatives
- Resident Organizations
- Volunteer

https://www.borotoronto.ca/garden-contest/





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Special “support local” newsletter, April 2020

**FIVE THINGS TO DO TO SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBOURS!**

- Think of others
- Contact & reach out
- Make the most of our Facebook group
- Support vulnerable or isolated people
- Share only accurate information & advice.

It seems like it was a lifetime ago when we offered to be the communications hub for those in our community who need help. And now, tragically, we're in this for longer than any of us ever imagined. If you're in need of someone to shop for you, or someone to talk to, or something that needs doing around your house, whatever help you might need, reach out to us and we'll find someone to help you. *Please, don't hesitate.* This is what we do – we help each other!

**ARE YOU A FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKER? You're saving lives. Let us help you!**

If you are a frontline health care worker, please let us know. We'll make sure we find someone in the neighbourhood who will prepare meals for you. You're our heroes - please let someone thank you personally in this manner. Don't be shy – we know there's lots of great cooking going on in the neighbourhood and people want to share now more than ever.

**Best ways to contact us. If you are in need, or a frontline healthcare worker, please reach out now!**

- Phone and leave a message at **647-560-BPRO (2776)**
- Email us at [info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca)
- Facebook at [@bpro](https://www.facebook.com/bpro)

**BPRO STRONG  
BPRO PROUD**

Photo Su Keen

**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS**  
*Shop close to home.*

Community businesses have also been pushed to the limit, and unfortunately many have had to close. But quite a few are still open. Please try to get out for curbside pickup or delivery from these businesses too. We'll want them still in our neighbourhood when this is all over.

<p><b>AVENUE ROAD</b></p> <p>#217 Brooke, east of Avenue Birdwatch Nature Shoppe (416) 785-9222 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#1930, Fairlawn Flower &amp; Garden (416) 781-8922 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#1889, Spokes &amp; Sports (416) 787-6238 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#1670, Floris Flower Co. (416) 222-8080 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#1548, Gentle Lee's Drycleaners (416) 781-7894 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#1550, Lavish Home Inc. (416) 797-9799 <a href="#">Website</a> Online business only</p>	<p><b>YONGE STREET</b></p> <p>#3322, Pestacio (647) 748-5322 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#3313, Bayview Blossoms (416) 481-8877 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#3309, Glenforest Cleaners (416) 488-6717 <a href="#">Website</a></p>	<p>#3272, Jenny's Collection/Coin Laundry (416) 733-4644 Closed Tue/Fri, other days, 10-5</p> <p>#3234, Gilded and Green (416) 488-8987 <a href="#">Website</a></p> <p>#3210, Snow Cleaners (416) 489-5557 Fri only</p>
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Photo Mark Garscadden

Photo Michelle Moore

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Special “student grad” newsletter, June 2020



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Garden Contest
  - 1<sup>st</sup> annual
  - 15 participants
  - 3 winners



**1st Place, Tony Bessell**  
336 Fairlawn Avenue



**2nd Place, Marlene Peltz**  
184 Douglas Avenue



**3rd Place, Sara & Payam Kazemi**  
130 Bedford Park Avenue

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# SOCIAL MEDIA



Group by Bedford Park Residents Organization

## Bedford Park Residents Organization Group

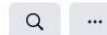
Private group · 390 members



+ Invite



About Discussion Announcements Rooms Members Media Files



What's on your mind?



Photo/Video



Tag People



Feeling/Activity

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Bedford Park Residents Organization edited a doc.  
September 12, 2019 · 🌱

Group Rules:

### About

We have group questions that must be answered for admittance. They appear when you ask to join. Please answer them.  
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Our Facebook Group exist... [See More](#)

#### Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post

#### Visible

Anyone can find this group.



# MEMBERSHIP



- 3,736 homes
- 491 total distribution
  - 181 paid members (37%)
  - 310 unpaid subscribers (63%)
- 13% of catchment
- 35 donations contributed 23% of revenue
- Become a member via website @ [bprotoronto.ca](http://bprotoronto.ca)

# MEMBERSHIP



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[SIGN UP](#)



# AVENUE LAWRENCE RE-DEVELOPMENT





# FORMALITIES - VOTING INSTRUCTIONS



- 3 votes:
  - 1) Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes
  - 2) Approval of 2019/2020 Financials
  - 3) Election of 2020/2021 Board of Directors
- Only paid Members can vote
- Each Member is entitled to one vote

# FORMALITIES - VOTING INSTRUCTIONS



- Voting will be conducted in two formats:
  - 1) **On-screen polling**
    - cast your vote in the pop-up window
    - choose In Favour, Opposed or Abstain
  - 2) **Online “Chat” box**
    - type your full name and your vote in the “Chat” box
    - type In Favour, Opposed or Abstain
- Please vote in both formats

# FORMALITIES – 2019 AGM MINUTES



## MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING November 5, 2019, 7 pm Fairlawn United Church, Birch Room 28 Fairlawn Avenue, Toronto

### **Present:**

**Board Members:** Kirsten Cooke, President  
Ted Butler, Vice President  
Colin Graham, Director & Treasurer  
Jess Hungate, Director  
Marybeth Ashbourne, Secretary

**Speakers:** Ben DiRaimo, Senior Planner, City of Toronto  
Mike Colle, Councillor Ward 8

Plus key volunteers and 66 invited members, subscribers and interested parties.

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The meeting opened at 7 pm with a 2½ minute video on Bedford Park, created by a volunteer, Elisabetta Pisa.

**WELCOME:** President Kirsten Cooke welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the current Board of Directors and key volunteers.

**HISTORY & REACTIVATION:** She then provided the background to BPRO reforming from dormancy. Originally formed in 1999, BPRO fell dormant a number of years ago. The current Board was formed from a group of volunteers who were involved in fundraising to help object to issues arising from the proposed development at 250 Lawrence.

# FORMALITIES – 2019/2020 FINANCIALS



- Opening balance of \$3,322
- Revenue of \$6,697
- Expenses of \$3,809
  - operating gain of \$2,888
- Balance of \$6,210 as at October 31, 2020

# FORMALITIES – 2020/2021 BOARD



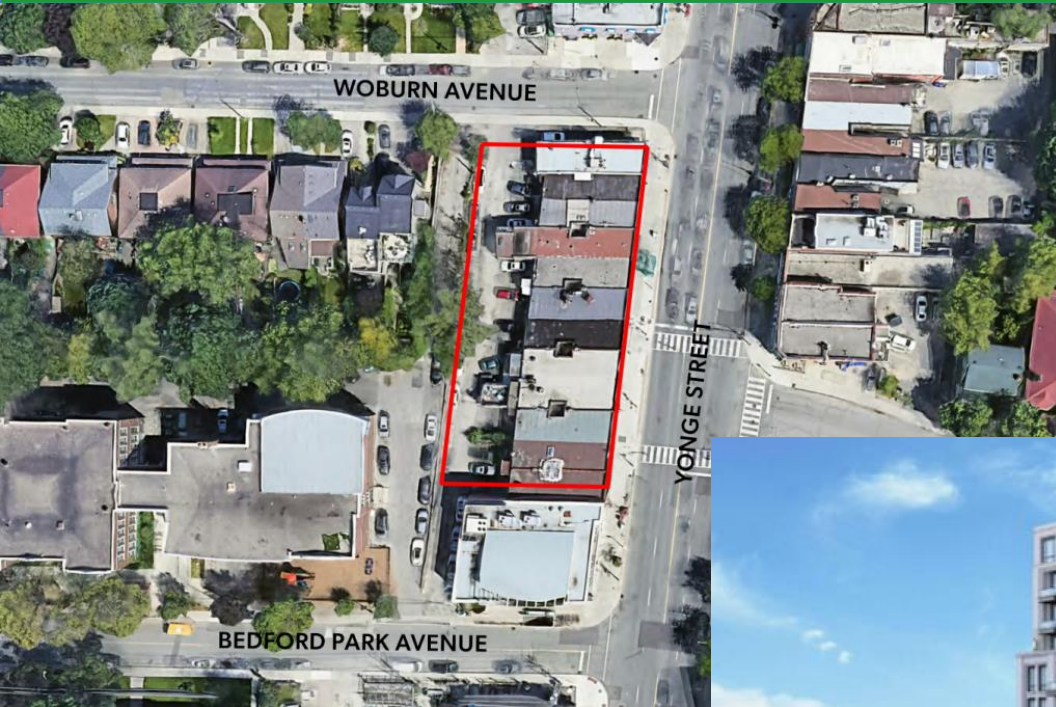
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- Vice President - John Miles
- Past President - Kirsten Cooke
- Secretary - Marybeth Ashbourne
- Treasurer - Colin Graham
- Director - Michelle Moore
- Director - Doug Baxter

# LOOKING FORWARD



- 250 Lawrence Avenue
  - culvert replacement: fall 2020
  - demolition: early winter 2021
  - construction: spring 2021
- Avenue Lawrence re-development
  - focus on pedestrian safety, traffic flow, Douglas Greenbelt connectivity
- 3180 Yonge Street
  - re-development proposal submitted Nov 2020

# LOOKING FORWARD



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- Increase membership & donors
  - ensure sustainability of BPRO
- Repeat successful community events (when timing permits) or adapt to create new ways of engaging with residents
- Liaise with local retailers to support local business



# LOOKING FORWARD



- Expand BPRO's awareness and representation throughout boundary
- Update by-laws
- Develop volunteer roster

# WE NEED YOU!



- Become a volunteer
  - Volunteer coordinator
  - Writers for newsletter
  - Membership coordinator
  - Event organizer
  - Fundraiser
  - History/ archives
  - Skills: MailChimp, Microsoft Publisher, Excel
  - Specific expertise: legal, urban planning

# PLEASE JOIN US



- Become a paid member
- Become a volunteer
- Consider a donation
- Reach out to us at [info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca)

# HISTORICAL PHOTO TOUR



*Backyards of 245 & 247 Bedford Park Avenue,  
June 8, 1931.  
Photo courtesy of Toronto Public Library Digital  
Archives*



*Front garden of 245 Bedford Park Avenue, September 9, 1930.  
The tree had to be cut down in 2017 by the current owners.  
Photo courtesy of Toronto Public Library Digital Archives.*



# QUIZ #1



1) The Mason house on Bedford Park Avenue is known by two names. What is the other name?

→ HOULE HOUSE

**1 bag, pre-packed cookies**

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# QUIZ #2



2) Alfred St. Germain's house was located behind which current business on Avenue Road?

→ SAFARI BAR & GRILL

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# QUIZ #3



3) Before Mr. Bill occupied the space on Bedford Park Avenue in 1979, what store was located there?

→ **STORYBOOK CORNER: Books for Children**



**\$25 Gift Certificate**

from

***THE FRIENDLY BUTCHER***

**3269 Yonge Street, (416) 544-1729**



# QUIZ #4



4) What movie ran at the Glendale Theatre for more than two years?

→ 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

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# QUIZ #5



5) Where did Bedford Park's first postmaster likely get the name for the community?

→ **BEDFORD PARK HOTEL** (on Yonge St. near present-day Fairlawn Avenue)

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