



Bedford Park Residents Organization  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

November 5, 2019



# BPRO TEAM



- President – Kirsten Cooke
- Secretary – Marybeth Ashbourne
- Treasurer – Colin Graham
- Director – Ted Butler
- Director – Jess Hungate
- Volunteers:
  - Su Keen
  - Durrell Martin (website)
  - Michelle Moore (social media)
  - Elisabetta Pisa (video)

# AGENDA



- Welcome
- History & Re-activation of BPRO
- Summary of Activities
- AGM Formalities
- Looking Forward
- Ben DiRaimo, Senior Planner
- Mike Colle, City Councillor
- Q & A
- Wrap Up

# RE-ACTIVATON OF BPRO



- Original start-up date – 1999
- Dormancy
- Re-activation
- New Board forms Sept 2018
- New beginnings
  - connections
  - outreach
  - action

# SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES



- Branding
- Membership
- Communications
- Community Events
- Development

# BRANDING



- Logo
- Website - [bprotoronto.ca](http://bprotoronto.ca)
- Facebook
- Mission statement
- Video

LOGO





# WEBSITE



WHO WE ARE

INITIATIVES

MEMBERSHIP

VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTERS

GALLERY

CONTACT

# BEDFORD PARK RESIDENTS ORGANIZATION

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

SIGN UP





# 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.

# MEMBERSHIP



- 3,736 homes within our boundaries
- 473 signed up with BPRO in 2019
  - 129 paid members (27%)
  - 344 unpaid subscribers (73%)
  - represents 13% of our catchment area
    - (10% is considered good)

# COMMUNICATIONS



22  
e-news

**Sent:** October 25, 2019  
**Subject:** Featured Speakers at AGM

**FEATURED SPEAKERS at AGM**  
**Mike Colle, City Councillor Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence**  
**Ben DiRaimo, Senior City Planner**

Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 7-8:30 pm  
Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
28 Fairlawn Avenue

Hello Bedford Park Neighbours!

We re-launched BPRO nearly a year ago so it's time for our first Annual General Meeting. But please don't let that scare you off! The official business part of the meeting will be brief, covering the election of officers for 2019-2020, plus a quick review of our financial position.

We will also take a few moments to review the activities of the organization since our re-launch and, more importantly, look forward at what's to come.

**The highlight of the evening will feature our speakers:**

- Councillor Mike Colle will address city-wide issues and their impact on our neighbourhood.
- Ben DiRaimo, Senior Planner with the City of Toronto, will talk about how our neighbourhood is affected by planning and development, what is to come, and how we can have a voice.

We'd like to hear from you. If you have particular issues or questions you would like Councillor Colle or Mr. DiRaimo to address, please submit them to us by sending an email to [info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca).

Only paid members will be able to vote. If you would like to become a member (and we want and need you!), please follow this link to our website, [www.bprotoronto.ca/member](http://www.bprotoronto.ca/member), where you can make a secure payment online. We will be happy to accept membership in person at the meeting, but our preference is for you to join online in advance if you can manage it.

Anyone wishing to run for Director must be a paid member and should email their name, street address and telephone number to [info@bprotoronto.ca](mailto:info@bprotoronto.ca) no later than October 31, 2019. **Please note that nominations will not be accepted at the meeting.**

Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting, please bring your neighbours - the more the merrier!

We look forward to you joining us for this informative evening.

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

**BEDFORD PARK BULLETIN**

... your community voice is more important than ever

**October 2019**

**FEDERAL CANDIDATES MEETING**  
Co-presented with Fairlawn Avenue United Church

The format that... questions from the floor...

There was a long line of people at the microphone to ask questions, including young people, some even too young to vote in this election. They weren't afraid to hold the politicians' feet to the fire. While many topics were raised, they were all secondary to the main issues of the night - climate change and affordable housing.

Thank you to Fairlawn Avenue United Church for their leadership, particularly to Kathy Salisbury and John Ryerson, and to Laura Schlee for moderating.

**Special thanks to the volunteers for BPRO:**  
Siobhan Farrer, without whom we couldn't have fulfilled our commitment to this event, also Carolyn Clark, Danielle Heath, Neil McLennan, James Farrer and Sean Wieder. Thanks also to Bonnie Langlois, who generously donated her expertise and printing for our tabletop signage.

Photo: Simon Houpt.

The meeting began with each party representative giving an overview of their party's platform as well as their connection and commitment to our riding.

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newsletters

# COMMUNITY YARD SALE



**63**  
homes

# FEDERAL CANDIDATE MEETING



FAIRLAWN  
PRESENTS

## Federal Candidates Meeting



FAIRLAWN  
Connect with what matters in life.



WHAT

Fairlawn Avenue United Church, in partnership with the Bedford Park Residents Organization, is hosting a Federal Candidates Meeting for the riding of Eglinton-Lawrence.

WHEN

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
28 Fairlawn Avenue

DETAILS

Join us for the opportunity to meet and ask questions of your 2019 Canadian Federal Election candidates. Check either of our websites closer to the date for details on which candidates will participate.

For directions and parking suggestions, please visit our website at [www.fairlawchurch.ca](http://www.fairlawchurch.ca)

To learn more about BPRO, go to [www.bprotoronto.ca](http://www.bprotoronto.ca)



# UPPER AVENUE FALL FEST



**Fall fest**

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**UPPER AVENUE**

**October 19, 2019**  
**12pm - 5pm**

*Stroll the Upper Avenue to discover all the great shops, services, and food right in your neighbourhood!*

**Avenue Rd.**  
between  
Joicey Blvd.  
and Roe Ave.

Joicey Blvd.  
Avenue Rd.  
Roe Ave.

food tastings  
free balloons  
shop local  
support our community  
live music  
fun for the whole family!

@UpperAvenueToronto | #UpperAvenueFallFest  
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SUPPORTED BY:



# 250 LAWRENCE AVENUE WEST





# 1507 AVENUE ROAD



# FINANCIAL REPORT



- Inherited \$7,431 from dormant BPRO
- Contributed \$3,931 for 250 Lawrence OMB appeal
- Opening balance of \$3,500

## As of October 31, 2019:

- Revenue of \$4,665
- Expenses of \$4,842
  - *Indicating an operating loss of \$177*
- Balance of \$3,323

# LOOKING FORWARD



- 250 Lawrence Avenue
  - ravine improvements
  - park completion
  - deny lane closures
  - fight two-way turning
- Stay connected to future development projects
  - NE corner of Lawrence & Avenue

# LOOKING FORWARD



- Repeat successful community events
- Develop volunteer roster
- Increase membership & donors
  - ensure sustainability of BPRO
  - inevitable development will require significant resources at early stages



