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BEDFORD PARK RESIDENTS ORGANIZATION IS BEING REVIVED


Hello Bedford Park Residents!

This is the first communication from the newly revived Bedford Park Residents Organization (BPRO). BPRO is a non-profit organization run by enthusiastic volunteers who live in the neighbourhood. We seek to promote and protect the local community of Bedford Park. A new Board of Directors was formed in the summer of 2018, and other volunteers have become involved for specific initiatives. You'll hear more about us and our plans as our website gets up and going.

Some of you were part of the previous BPRO, which went dormant, and many of you supported the recent community opposition against the building plans for 250 Lawrence Avenue West. Either way, you are the kind of people who are interested in the well-being of our neighbourhood, so we thank you.

250 Lawrence Avenue West Decision: We felt it was important to reach out right now. The long-awaited decision by the OMB on 250 Lawrence has come in, and it is disappointing. The building will be higher than the comparable Rosewell Avenue apartments, we see the setbacks from the sides of the property as insufficient and there are still concerns about the water/sewage infrastructure and other aspects. However, the strong opposition of adjacent residents' associations, as supported by many of you, directly impacted the developer's plan to build a 12-storey condominium. The building as approved is 9-storeys, includes a greater set back from the ravine, will include 159 units instead of 264, and there will be improvements to the publicly available parkland and pathways leading to the ravine.

We take this opportunity to thank our neighbouring resident groups for the amazing amount of work they undertook for our community. Thank you to our partners Lytton Park Residents' Organization, Old Orchard Grove Residents' Association and South Armour Heights Residents' Association.



Going Forward: As a result of the Hearing, the City has promised to strike a Site Plan Working Group, comprised of local residents, to be involved in the next stages of planning.

BPRO will be conducting a membership drive to spread the word about our revival, and the part BPRO expects to play, with your help, in the further development of our neighbourhood, giving residents a voice in our increasingly complex political and regulatory environment.

Thank you for your commitment to the wonderful place we live in. Our community voice is more important than ever before.

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