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IDENTIFYING, ADVOCATING AND ACTING ON NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERNS  
IN ORDER TO ENHANCE MOORE PARK.

## Annual General Meeting

**Thursday May 24, 2018, 7:30 pm**

(registration begins at 7:00 pm)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**

**1 ½ Garfield Ave.**

## Toronto Ravines Pilot Project: Restoring the Health of our Ravines

Presentation and discussion with forest ecology experts from U of T Forestry, with Cathy Berka, Toronto Ravines Pilot Project

**Please come and join the discussion.**

If you are unable to attend, please complete and return the Proxy on the last page of this newsletter.

New to the neighbourhood? Purchase a copy of "Historic Moore Park", edited by Donna Baker and Beth Marley.

This 44 page booklet discusses the neighborhood's history and includes archive photos, maps and a 1924 Moore Park Directory. Also included is a walking tour map and stories of notable houses and sites including the Belt Line Railway and the old Bridge over the Vale of Avoca. If you would like a \$10 copy, please email Chris Lowry at [president@moorepsrk.org](mailto:president@moorepsrk.org) or visit our website at <http://www.moorepark.org/moore-park-history>

## Toronto Ravines Pilot Project

The Toronto ravines are a globally unique natural urban forest – expansive green corridors connecting our rivers and woodlands to Lake Ontario. They are an oasis for our citizens and they are home to abundant wildlife. Ravines are our natural treasures.

The University of Toronto's Faculty of Forestry has been collecting data from four of our local ravines with the aim of tracking changes in biodiversity over time. Since 1977, there has been a steep decline of native species (both number and variety) and an exponential increase of invasive species, most notably Japanese Knotweed and Norway Maple. These alien species are aggressively crowding out the native species that support our local wildlife. If left uncontrolled, the animals that rely on our native flora for food and habitat, will disappear. Representatives from the five residents' associations (including SRRA) bordering the Mud Creek and Yellow Creek ravines and the Vale of Avoca have been organizing a revitalization project led by the Faculty of Forestry. The project has two components: 1) the identification and mapping of old growth native trees, forecasting and collecting their seeds, nursing the seedlings and planting them where they will thrive, and 2) the eradication of Japanese Knotweed.



While many residents may not be familiar with Japanese Knotweed, it is widespread on both private and public property and can cause severe damage to infrastructure, roads and home foundations.

Please check whether you have Japanese Knotweed on your property and remove according to the best practice guidelines. [www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca)

If you would like to become involved in ravine stewardship or would like additional information, please contact Catherine Berka, [cathyberka@yahoo.ca](mailto:cathyberka@yahoo.ca).

## The Committee of Adjustment and You

We recently created a ‘Resources’ section at [moorepark.org](http://moorepark.org) and added two items that may be of use to you if you or your neighbours are planning a renovation or a new building project.

- **The Good Neighbour Guide** (provided by the City of Toronto)
- **The CoA and You** (prepared by the MPRA)

This document is based on our ongoing experience with Committee of Adjustment applications.

A Bit of History: From 2016 to the present, according to our records (and if memory serves us well), our Planning Committee has reviewed 31 applications. Of those, we opposed and won eleven, opposed and lost one, eighteen were not opposed, and one was deferred. Proposals for which we were able to negotiate significant changes to meet the neighbours’ needs are included as ‘opposed and won’.

**Please join us! Your membership helps support the work of the MPRA on your behalf.**

<b>MPRA Membership Form</b>	
Name / Resident(s): _____	
Address: _____	
Postal Code: _____	Home Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____	
Fees: <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 for one year (until Dec. 31/18)    OR <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 for three years (until Dec. 31/20)	
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**Moore Park News  
Notice of Annual Meeting  
Agenda**

Thursday, May 24, 2018

7:30 pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Separate School, 1½ Garfield Ave.

**Agenda**

1. President's Report
2. Official Business:
  - a) Approval of Minutes from AGM held May 10, 2017;
  - b) Financial Report for FY ending August 31, 2017;
  - c) Election of Directors for a term of 2 years until the FY 2019-2020 AGM:  
Ellen Greenwood, Cynthia Henderson, Bruce Taylor
3. The Topic: Toronto Ravines Pilot Project
4. Committee Reports
5. Invitation for volunteers
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**PROXY**

The undersigned member of the Moore Park Residents' Association (the "Corporation") hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints Chris Lowry, President of the Corporation, or failing him, Ian Osler, Treasurer of the Corporation, or \_\_\_\_\_, as proxy of the undersigned to attend, act and vote in the name of the undersigned in all matters presented before the members at the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation to be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Separate School, 1½ Garfield Ave., Toronto and any and all adjournments thereof.

Without limiting the generality of the power hereby conferred, the undersigned hereby directs the said proxy holder to vote the shares represented by this form of proxy in the following manner:

1.  FOR or  WITHHOLD FROM VOTING FOR an ordinary resolution electing a number of directors of the Corporation;
2.  FOR or  WITHHOLD FROM VOTING FOR an ordinary resolution accepting the financial statements presented by the Corporation;
3.  FOR or  AGAINST an ordinary resolution approving the minutes of last year's annual general meeting;
4. At the discretion of the said proxy holder, upon any amendment or variation of the above matters or any other matter that may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**FILE ONE (1) COPY OF THIS PROXY FORM WITH THE MPRA BY SENDING IT:**  
by Post: to P.O. Box 25, 1531 Bayview Ave. Toronto, ON M4G 4G8  
by email: scanned copy by email to membership@moorepark.org.  
by dropping it person to: Chris Lowry at 329 Rose Park Drive, Toronto.