



Fall 2010 Newsletter

Vote On October 25!

The municipal election is heating up – voting day is Monday, October 25 – and our poll is at 18 Davenport. Please make every effort to vote for the new mayor and, as important, the new councillor for ward 27. At a recent debate of candidates for the position of ward 27 councillor, organized by GYRA, six of the candidates responded to a variety of questions. Some of the candidates were far more articulate and better prepared than others. Do what you can to examine each candidates' positions on local matters and on their stated or unstated political affiliations.

Fitness Room Now Open

The Fitness Room has been visited by a qualified company that specializes in such spaces. The existing equipment has been assessed and new equipment is being ordered. In addition, the company is suggesting layouts to maximize the best use of space. Barring shipment delays, we hope to have all the new items installed by the end of November.

Bicycle Storage

Many thanks to the group that took on the task of exploring bicycle storage. With that report, and some additional ideas brought in by Management, quotes have been solicited to detail where best to locate the storage and what the final cost will be. The Board is committed to moving forward on this as soon as all the information is gathered. Part of this process is estimating the number of bicycles to be considered. To this end, residents will be asked to respond to a brief and straightforward questionnaire – in order to expedite the initiative, all residents (especially bike owners who intend to make use of such storage) are asked to complete their forms so we can avoid unnecessary delays.

NOTE: a modest storage fee will be charged to all users, the exact cost of which will be based on expenses incurred for both installation and ongoing maintenance.

Belmont-Davenport

You will have noted the new NO LEFT TURN sign at the Davenport–Belmont intersection. The sudden change in traffic control has already created a serious increase in vehicular traffic along McAlpine and McMurrich, streets unsuited to such activity, since both have considerable meter parking already. Calls and email messages sent to Kyle Rae's office asking for the justification of this new plan were not returned. This is yet another indication of the current councillor's disregard for residents in our neighbourhood – last week, the development at 32 Davenport requested a variance to their plan so that, like The Florian before them, they could add 3 more storeys to their plans. In return for this, Kyle Rae (who supports their application) received a reported \$120,000 that he intends to direct to Ramsden Park. Messages sent to his office asking for feedback about the traffic and the variance were not returned.

GYRA is actively engaged in all of these matters, too, but residents should exercise their rights as ward 27 members and voice any and all concerns for as long as it takes to generate a response.

32 Davenport

The developers of 32 Davenport called the Board to advise of their application for the variance that requests 3 additional storeys. They said they wanted to ensure that communication continues between them and all neighbouring buildings throughout their construction. The sales office, currently being built, is expected to open in the February–March period. When asked their anticipated start date for major work to begin, they answered that this will depend upon the sales to follow. The Moriyama–Teshima lease has been extended (they were to have moved out by the of this past July), but nothing more precise has been provided.