



# **ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Our mission: To secure a safe, clean and caring community while working to enhance property values**

我們的使命：確保社區安全、清潔、在關懷社會工作的同時，更加強資產本身價值

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## **Spring 2014**

### **Message From The President**

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Happy 25th Anniversary!

Despite ice storms and frigid temperatures, there are reasons to celebrate, events to anticipate and matters to contemplate. This year, as RTA celebrates 25 years of serving the community, I want to thank all the residents who have worked with the RTA to make our community a great place to live. Further, I want to thank Sissi Qian He, Connie Cai Li and Tammy Lee on their decision to join the RTA executive. Thanks also to Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive donors and volunteers for making the 2013 food drive a success.

By way of upcoming events, we encourage reliable adult volunteers to sign on as canvassers for our 2014 membership drive; Project 1000 needs you! Lawn and Garden Awards will be handed out in the fall of 2014. We encourage residents to explore their diligence and creativity regarding lawn and garden maintenance and artistry.

Regarding matters to contemplate, the NEB has approved Enbridge's Line 9B to carry 60,000 more barrels of oil daily (from 240,000) and has authorized reverse flow; Line 9B runs through Rosewood (Hydro One field). I encourage residents to become familiar with this matter (visit [rosewood2.wordpress.com](http://rosewood2.wordpress.com)) and voice their opinions. Finally, 2014 is a municipal election year, and RTA encourages eligible voters to take the time to register and vote. For information, visit the City of Toronto's election website.

Sincerely,

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### **會長通訊**

親愛的朋友和鄰里們，

快樂的25週年！

不管冰暴和寒冷的天氣，也有原因要慶祝，亦有期待及測劃的各項事情。今年是RTA服務社區的25週年，我謹在此致謝所有玫瑰園社區的居民僑手與RTA的合作，使我們的社區成為一個尚佳的居住環境。還有是我要感謝Sissi Qian He, Connie Cai Li 和Tammy Lee決定加入RTA的行政管理團隊更要感謝玫瑰園社區捐贈食物的居民和募捐人員等的努力使2013年食物募捐運動完滿成功。

即將舉行的活動 "計劃1000" 需要你！我們鼓勵可靠的成人義工加入我們2014會員招募計劃的招募團隊2014年的秋天將頒出園藝獎。我們鼓勵居民去啟發你們努力和創造力來保養草坪和花園。

有關考慮事項，能源局NEB已經批准了Enbridge 9B線油管的流量每日增加多60,000桶原油（現每天為240,000桶），並授權可反向流動運作；9B線油管貫穿玫瑰園社區內（Hydro One場地）。我鼓勵居民熟悉這件事情（可參觀網頁[rosewood2.wordpress.com](http://rosewood2.wordpress.com)），並表達你們的意見 最後，2014年市政選舉年，RTA鼓勵合資格的選民參加登記和投票。如需詳細資訊，請訪問多倫多市政府的選舉網站。

謹此謝

Courtney Fisher

**General Meeting, *Special 25th*  
Anniversary Celebration, Awards ceremony**

**Thursday, April 17, 2014, 7:00–9:30 p.m.**

**Anniversary Refreshments and photo 7:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Diana Meredith will speak about the Enbridge oil pipeline that runs along the north side of Rosewood**

**Where: Alexmuir Jr. Public School Lunchroom**

## Initiatives and Updates

- ☑ NEW and FREE! Movie in Alexmuir Park (Councillor Lee's initiative) is scheduled for June 20,
- ☑ NEW! Rosewood Taxpayers' Association (RTA) has consolidated its relationship with Rosewood Soccer and is now the sponsor of the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Leadership Award. This award is given to a player who demonstrates leadership on and off the soccer field.
- ☑ NEW! Recently, RTA met with CD Farquharson Community Association (Ward 41) to discuss ideas on how to better serve our respective communities while exploring opportunities to work collaboratively on matters of mutual interest.
- ☑ NEW! In the winter of 2014, RTA submitted a request for a stop sign at the P-loop where Havenhill Sq. meets itself.
- ☑ RTA continues to support our local police--42 Division Community Police Liaison Committee's annual police picnic is on Saturday, June 14, 12pm-5pm at Burrows Hall Community Centre, 1081 Progress Ave.
- ☑ The application to install a bench and new bus shelter at the northwest corner of Brimley Rd. and Finch Ave. E. has been approved, however installation may take some time.
- ☑ The petition to rename Alexmuir Park, Rosewood Valerie Plunkett Park has cleared some hurdles but remains before the city subject to additional Honourific and Street Naming policies.
- ☑ RTA continues to work with Hydro's Wrap-it program. The Wrap-it Program installs a leafy green mural on large ground level transformers. One such transformer is on the boulevard along Alexmuir Blvd. across from Homedale Drive and opposite the park.
- ☑ In the fall of 2013, RTA secured the installation of four new stop signs in the neighbourhood. Two are on Myrna Lane at the intersections where Myrna Lane meets Danjohn Cr., another is at the intersection of Newdawn Cr. and Bushmills Sq., and the remaining stop sign is situated at the P-loop where Bushmills Sq. meets itself.
- ☑ Partially as a response to an RTA submission, the footpath in Alexmuir Park has been repaved.

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## 最新訊息

- ☑ 新的和免費! 預定於6月20日開始在Alexmuir公園舉行免費電影會(李議員的倡義)。
- ☑ 新! RTA 已經加強與玫瑰園社區足球隊聯繫 贊助成立"Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Leadership Award"。這個獎項將頒予一位在足球場內外均能表現領導才能的運動員。
- ☑ 新! 近日, RTA與CD Farquharson Community Association(41區)會面 商討在共同利益的事情上 能彼此合作達到社區是共有的服務。
- ☑ 新! 在2014年的冬天, RTA提交一個建議在Havenhill Sq. P型環迴路交合處 安裝停車標誌。
- ☑ RTA繼續支持我們分區的警察- "42分區警務聯絡委員會"的年度野餐定於6月14日, 星期六下午12時至下午5時在 Burrows Hall Community Centre, 1081 Progress Ave.舉行
- ☑ 在Finch Ave. E與Brimley路西北角安裝新候車亭及坐椅已獲批准 但安裝可能需要一些時間。
- ☑ 把Alexmuir公園改名為Rosewood Valerie Plunkett Park,的請願書已排除一些障礙 但仍有待市府的" Honourific and Street Naming"作策略上的批核。
- ☑ RTA繼續與Hydro's Wrap-it"美化社區"合作。安裝在地面大型變壓器箱外加貼綠葉壁畫。其中一個在Alexmuir Blvd. 于Homedale Drive路口(即公園)外設置。
- ☑ 在2013年的秋天, 社區安裝了四個新的停車標誌。二個在Myrna Lane和Danjohn Cr., 的交匯點 一個是在Newdawn Cr.和Bushmills Sq.的交界處。其餘一個坐落在Bushmills Sq. 形勢匯合的交匯路口。
- ☑ 因應RTA請求在Alexmuir公園的小徑步道已經重新修復。

### 玫瑰園社區清潔日\*

時間2014年4月19日星期六

上午9:45-11.45 a.m.

集合地點 Alexmuir Jr.公共停車場。

"每年共有 8760 小時,花四個多小時予您的社區使其更清潔"

\* 與Calvary Logos浸信會教會合作共同參與

### Rosewood Community Clean-Up\*

Saturday, April 19, 2014

9:45-11.45 a.m.

Meet in the parking lot in front of Alexmuir Jr. Public

"There are 8760 hours in a year; give 4 or more to your community."

\* In partnership with Calvary Logos Baptist Church



A section of the community that came out to participate in the annual community clean-up 2012.

This year's community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Meet in the parking lot of Alexmuir Jr Public School.



Rosewood's newest resident is rumoured to have moved shortly after things warmed up. However, if you see him please make him aware of the general meeting on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Alexmuir Jr Public School



2013 Lawn and Garden Award winners Mr. and Mrs. Chidiac (centre and right) with RTA's Courtney Fisher (left). Their winning garden can be viewed at 6 Valdor Dr



2013 Lawn and Garden Award winners Glenda (left) and Diane Chang Kit (absent) with RTA's Courtney Fisher. Their winning garden can be viewed at 64 Dunmail Dr. The third and final Lawn and Garden Award winner for 2013 was Mr. and Mrs. Rafique Yakub. Their garden can be viewed at 116 Bushmills Sq.

## Message from Councillor Chin Lee

Dear Rosewood Neighbour:

I would like to extend warm greetings and best wishes to the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary. I would like to thank everyone involved for making our communities a better place to work, live and play.

Our community experienced a 50-year ice-storm recently, when 300,000 Toronto Hydro customers were without electricity and heat as a result. Most of the Rosewood community had power restored on December 23, with the last pocket in the south-west restored after more than 8 days without power. From ward tours, I determined which areas were still without power. Also residents called and e-mailed my office and we in turn reported the outages to Toronto Hydro.

With volunteers and staff, Toronto set-up warming centres at Agincourt CRC and Malvern CRC and 42nd Division Police Station. Churches also opened their doors to help households without power. I thank all who volunteered and helped their neighbours. Hydro and Toronto will be reviewing their systems for improvements, keeping costs in mind. We each need to assess our own needs should another emergency occur.

The storm clean-up costs to the City are estimated to be \$106 million. Toronto's Solid Waste will do one sweep to collect the ice-storm's wood debris over 8 weeks. For more information on the City's clean-up efforts visit: <http://tinyurl.com/qylmx2c>. Remaining wood debris should be treated as yard waste. Solid Waste starts yard waste collection in early spring. Please check your Garbage Calendar.

Sincerely,

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RTA's Courtney Fisher (right) presents Rona Home and Garden with an appreciation award for Rona's service to the community of Rosewood.



## Queen's Park Report, Bas Balkissoon, MPP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Happy 25th Anniversary to the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association! I commend you for the fantastic work that you do for the community!

I first got involved with Rosewood as a city councillor thanks to the late Valerie Plunkett, the founding president of the Association. Valerie cared deeply for her community and we enjoyed a great working relationship intent on improving the Rosewood Community.

The Association worked hard to make a difference and became the first community to establish Community Clean-ups which quickly became a resounding success over the years.

I have had the pleasure of attending and participating in many of its initiatives. I am honoured to attend and participate in the regularly scheduled community meetings.

The Association actively supports Special Awards at Alexmuir Public School and St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School, as well as local community sports. It maintains a working relationship with 42 Division Toronto Police Services in its efforts to maintain a safe community.

Another positive outcome is the creation and distribution of this newsletter which is a great vehicle to keep the community informed about events and other important provincial and municipal matters.

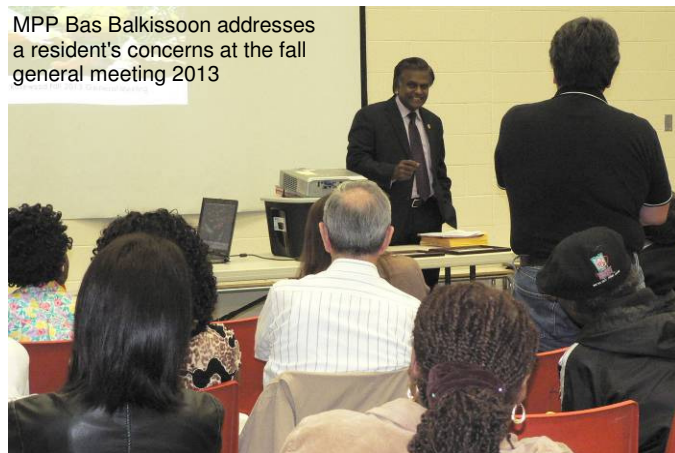
Most recently the Association embarked on an annual food drive to support needy families and should be commended for the caring effort. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosewood's past leadership for their foresight and the current leadership for continuing to serve the community!

Sincerely,



MPP, Scarborough-Rouge River

MPP Bas Balkissoon addresses a resident's concerns at the fall general meeting 2013



## Message from Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the celebration of your 25th anniversary.

Like many of you, I'm extremely concerned about the changes forced in by the Conservatives that gutted the review and approval process dealing with the Line 9 proposal.

On March 6, 2014 the National Energy Board made the decision to approve the Line 9 reversal. This process was disappointing and showed that the Conservatives do not want to hear the concerns of communities like Rosewood. The changes they have made to the way pipeline projects are reviewed put artificial timelines on project reviews, slashed the number of environmental assessments, and placed arbitrary limits on who can intervene in public consultations. Most importantly, this process failed to properly deal with our community's significant concerns about the Line 9 reversal's impact on safety and the environment.

All Canadians benefit whenever our resources are developed and transported in a safe and sustainable way. We need robust environmental assessments and real, engaged community consultation on proposed projects – not shortcuts and weakened environmental reviews. You have my word that the NDP team and I will continue to hold the Conservatives to account and to fight for a fair, credible and transparent project review process that puts our communities first.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP  
Scarborough-Rouge River

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