



Island Park Drive



Island Park Community Association

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Spring 2017 Newsletter



A Mile of Bargains from Carling to the Parkway!

Saturday / Samedi June 3, 2017

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Happy Canada 150!

Let's celebrate being Canadian during our Sesquicentennial -- yes, that's really a word, the term for the 150th anniversary of something!

JOIN US!

Summer's coming! It's time for our AGM: Thursday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Kitchissippi United Church, 630 IPD.



We will have guest speakers and of course, elect the 2017/2018 Board of Directors. We need you! Join our Board—we meet once a month (wine is usually involved!). Or please consider becoming a member of the IPCA—\$10 per household, a good deal! Invite your neighbours and spread the word - see you there!

Update from the Board:

Heritage Conservation District: Official Request Sent to the City

Many of you attended our information session on March 23 at Kitichissippi United Church to hear why we have decided to pursue a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) designation for our street that would replace the covenants when they expire in 2020. A big thank you to David Jeanes, an expert on the topic, and Councillor Leiper for their input. We have sent an official letter to Stephen Willis, the city's chief planner, and have a meeting scheduled to discuss our proposal on June 6. We will let you know next steps at our June AGM.

Queensway widening and elimination of the Westgate "East-East" ramp



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Many of you expressed concern about this and your Board attended an open house on the topic and encouraged you all to send your comments to the province. Despite the growth planned for Westgate, it looks like the ramp will be closed. That being said, the other eastbound ramp that is accessed from Kirkwood will be significantly improved to facilitate ease and safety of access to the Queensway. Plus, the province intends to clean up the intersection near Hampton Park. Information can be found here <http://queenswayexpansioneast.com/home/>

Traffic Survey

The results from our traffic survey are in! Thank you for your participation! We had almost 100 people respond to our survey. No surprise to anyone that congestion followed by speeding was the top of mind concerns. The full results are posted on our webpage (<https://islandpark.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/traffic-survey-results.pdf>) and we have a meeting scheduled with the NCC to talk about traffic calming.

Important meeting June 7 about the LRT Bus Detour that affects IPD @ Scott

The LRT Phase 2 construction means the transitway will be shut down from Tunney's to the Sir JAM Parkway. The buses will then be routed along Scott, crossing IPD, Churchill and the other smaller streets along the way, ending up on a temporary bridge that will cross north just past Churchill and down a



specialty constructed temporary road and onto the Sir JAM. Councillor Leiper is holding a meeting about this on June 7 - check his webpage for details.

Mizrahi Development

Open for business! The developer of the planned 12-storey condo on the corner of IPD and Wellington opened his sales office on March 9. The community will be invited to attend a meeting before construction starts.



Other projects . . .

Since our last newsletter, we are sure you are aware the new Civic hospital will be built at the site of the old Sir John Carling Building. Also, the project at 90 Richmond Road - which is really at the corner of Byron and Kirkwood - will not be a seniors' residence, but rental apartments instead.

In addition, the owner of 36 Edina wanted to sever and sell some land to build a house on what will become 615 Island Park Crescent. Your Board and several neighbours had concerns about the lack of set backs for the proposed design for the building. The Committee of Adjustment agreed and a new design that included the setbacks was approved on a second round.

We need your help: Membership dues help us with our activities. Kindly renew your membership by mail, or drop them to 379 Island Park Drive

History & Architecture

385 Island Park Drive was built in 1953 by Sidney Lithwick (1921 - 2008), as his primary residence with his wife Ida (née Witchel, 1925 - 2013). The residence is loaded with the highest quality materials, including a centered brass doorknob, dramatic terrazzo entrance, living room and dining room with ribbed birch accent walls and Italian rough slate floors, Brazillian walnut panelling in the den, pine ceiling with ornamental beams, built-in message centre, stainless steel lining for cutlery drawers, three pull-out auxiliary work surfaces (kosher food preparation), quarry tile floor in the breakfast room, and radiant heating.



Lithwick quickly became a fast-rising star when he joined the firm of A. J. Hazelgrove in 1946, shortly after Lithwick graduated from Mc Gill University.



One of the preeminent architects in the city of Ottawa, his firm designed the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Ottawa Heart Institute at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, many of the schools for the Ottawa Board of Education, the Agudeth Israel and Beth Shalom Synagogues and the original Hillel Lodge. Some of his early works that ushered in a wave of clean-lined, Contemporary designs included the iconic People's Credit Jewellers Shop that adorned the jazzy Sparks Street.

His wife Ida (nee Witchel, 1925 - 2013) was a top-mark student and talented dancer, and was recruited to Hollywood, CA for showbusiness when she met her beloved Sidney.

Both Sidney and Ida were lifetime members of the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, and the Kiwanean Club respectively, donating much of their time and resources to the Ottawa community.

The home's current owners, Gayle and Sandy Davidson were generous to share a document that they'd found in the home that was left behind by Lithwick - one of the pages from the architectural drawings for the Ottawa Civic Hospital's "Cancer Project" facility 1976.



If you have historical information about your home, or interesting/famous people who've lived on IPD, please contact Jen Gillespie at jennifer.gillespie@islandparkcommunityassociation.ca, or call 613-695-5060.