



# NEWSLETTER

LEASIDE BUSINESS PARK ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL MEETING

WED. NOV. 19TH 2003 • 7:30 A.M.  
(refreshments 7:15 a.m.)

YORK RECEPTION CENTRE • 1100 MILLWOOD AVE.

GUEST SPEAKER: **SHIRLEY HOY**

Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Toronto

**TOPIC:** TORONTO — FUTURE DIRECTION

PLEASE ATTEND

## Letter from the President

When you read this newsletter, Toronto will have a new mayor, Ontario a new government and in Ottawa there will be a new Prime Minister Elect. All have spoken of a willingness to co-operate in addressing the major concerns of Toronto.

Hopefully the transit system will receive an injection of capital to modernize and expand in order to meet the city's projected population growth.

The anticipated federal funds towards alleviation of homelessness will be forthcoming.

Discussions concerning a new funding formula for financing the upgrading of Toronto's crumbling infrastructure and services are required. This should receive the highest priority. With this expected co-operation Toronto can look forward to a bright future.

This year the board has decided to present two Community Improvement Awards:

**Mercedes Benz Canada** receives an award for the new office and showroom complex on Eglinton Avenue.

**Plex Realty Corporation** receives an award for the renovation of an older building into stylish new offices.

The awards will be presented at our annual general meeting on November 19, 2003.

Last month the Leonard Linton Park officially opened. Kudos to everyone involved in creating this wonderful oasis in the middle of Leaside Industrial Park. Special thanks to Kosmor Developments and the city's Parks Department! We know that the facilities will be much appreciated by young and old in the community.

The LBPA website is now up and running. It is updated regularly. To have your company logo and/or company info added to the website, contact: [tquinn@delequipment.com](mailto:tquinn@delequipment.com) or [rhunt@ispcorp.com](mailto:rhunt@ispcorp.com) for information.

**Ray Hunt**  
President LBPA

### Board of Directors 2003

Ray Hunt	Director
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Leonard Linton	Director
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### Executive Directors 2003

Ray Hunt	President
Leonard Linton	Vice President
Paul Martin	Secretary Treasurer

### Thanks To

Alton Ellis, York Reception Centre, 1100 Millwood Road for use of their facilities and refreshments for L.B.P.A., General and Annual Meetings.

**Important:** Please advise our office if any change in your business address, contact person or if you do not wish to receive the L.B.P.A. Newsletter. Fax: 416-512-1936 Telephone: 416-702-5883

## Join the Leaside Business Park Association

*It's only \$75 per year*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Rept: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your \$75 cheque made payable to: **Leaside Business Park Association**

Mail to: Del Equipment Ltd., c/o Paul Martin  
139 Laird Drive, Toronto, Ontario M4G 3V6

*Business and Industry Working Together For Growth*

# L.P.B.A.

## LEASIDE BUSINESS PARK ASSOCIATION

*Dear property owner or tenant:*

*Our business association is a vibrant and active group, looking out for the best interests our business area. We urge that you consider becoming a member of our association and take part in our objective to ensure that Leaside Business Park receives all the benefits from government that we are entitled to. This can range from keeping the area free of debris and dumping, as well as planting of new trees, and improved traffic access to our businesses. We work for the property owners in our district, who have a vested interest in maintaining value for their business and real estate, and we try to ensure that the business park is looking its best through our constant interaction with local politicians, government departments, and our own members.*

*Membership in our association gives you a voice to be heard. Your participation at our monthly board of directors meetings is welcome, as is your attendance at our biannual business meetings, which often highlight interesting speakers, addressing issues of concerns to our members.*

### **SOME OF THE CURRENT ISSUES FOR THE LPBA**

- City of Toronto planning for urban streetscape improvements
- Planting of more trees
- Improving traffic movement
- Limiting residential development from encroaching into the district
- Working with the City to maintain and improve adjacent green spaces and ravines for the enjoyment of business area workers
- Leaside Economic Revitalization Initiative in cooperation with the City and the Leaside Property Owners Association
- Bi-annual clean up of the business parks' streets and vacant property
- The new LPBA web site which can be found at [Leasidebusinesspark.com](http://Leasidebusinesspark.com)
- Constant liaison with our city councillor to ensure that the voice of our members is heard at City Hall
- The annual presentation of an award for the Best property improvement of the year.
- Monitoring illegal dumping and lobbying for heavy City fines
- Establishment of the Leonard Linton Park on Vanderhoof at Leslie

- Arranging for future Gateway Signage to the park at several locations
- Promotion of the area as a great place to do business with a central city location, access to major roads, and competitive rents and values
- Communication with police to monitor crime activity in the area

### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- Arranged for regular powerspraying of the Millwood /Laird underpass
- Planting of almost 100 trees last year
- Encouraged the upgrading of the architecture and planning in the area through meetings with developers and property owners
- Monitoring companies to ensure the appearance of their properties is up to standard
- Ongoing liaison with City to ensure that illegal dumping is cleaned up
- Negotiated with authorities to erect signs to limit speed of trains in area
- Work with major manufacturing companies in area to control the use of on road loading and parking
- Encouraging the City to install improved lighting in the area
- Installation of heavy synthetic material installed at the CNR mainline near Leslie on Wicksteed — a \$28,000 project
- Lobby to restrict the number of waste disposal companies in the area
- Working with the Economic Department of the City to attract new businesses to the area
- Encouraged the provision of bus shelters and benches in the area
- Provided opposition to boulevard parking fees or unreasonable increases to their cost
- Monitoring of applications to City Hall for land use changes in the area

*The LPBA is a volunteer organization committed to the improvement of the business environment in Leaside.*

*We are pleased to take comments and suggestion from our members with respect to issues affecting the Leaside Business Park. Directors' name and contact information are available on our new website: [leasidebusinesspark.com](http://leasidebusinesspark.com) We invite you to join our association and become actively involved in the affairs of the Leaside Business Park.*

## LEONARD LINTON PARK IS OFFICIALLY OPENED

Leaside October 25, 2003

Jane Pitfield, Leonard Linton, Bernard Rasch of the LBPA, Vince Benedetto, and Antoinette Benedetto of Kosmor, addressed the substantial crowd.

The park land was donated by Kosmor Developments in connection with their residential development. Designed to satisfy the needs of both Industry to the South, and the residents to the North, the park features ample green space and sports facilities. The grass, trees and picnic tables surround a basketball court and a state of the art skateboarding facility specifically designed for the site.

Leonard Linton is past president of the Leaside Business Park Association. Leonard was the longest serving president of the association and brought it from a loose association that reacted to perceived and real threats, to a proactive and vibrant voice for improvement. Even in his "retirement" he continues to be a tireless and effective voice for the area. There is no one more deserving of having their name on the park.

The closing line of Leonard's acceptance speech was typical.

*"I hope this park will be the cornerstone of our continued revitalization program."*



*Councillor Jane Pitfield and Leonard Linton officially opened the Leonard Linton Park, unveiling the sign and cutting a ceremonial ribbon.*

## LEASIDE BUSINESS PARK UPDATE



**City Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Ward 26 - Don Valley West**

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to share some information that I believe is of interest to the members of the Leaside Business Park Association. I enjoy working with all of you and encourage you to contact me if you require additional information.

Water & Wastewater Work in the Business Park • Sanitary force main on Commercial Road from Laird Drive to Copeland Street • Storm sewers on Commercial Road from 200 m west of Copeland Street • Storm sewers on Copeland Street from Commercial Road to Wicksteed Avenue • Storm sewers on Wicksteed Avenue from 70 m west of Copeland Street to 70 m east of Copeland Street • Pumping station upgrade at Copeland Street and Commercial Road

The project will begin in the middle of October and take approximately 17 weeks, weather dependent at a cost of \$1.32 million.

### **Fraud & Waste at City Hall**

As you may know, I introduced the trial program for a City Fraud & Waste Hotline, a program now operated by the Auditor General's Office. Between September 1, 2002 and August 31, 2003, 200 complaints had been received and investigated. Areas being examined include improper use of internet, duplicate payments, irregular purchasing activities, excessive overtime and misappropriation of funds.

Members of the public, as well as City employees, can call the Hotline, write or submit an on-line form to anonymously report any suspected incidents of fraud, waste or other irregularities involving City resources. The number is 416-392-3712.

### **Leonard Linton Park Opening**

You are all invited to the official park opening for Leonard Linton Park on the south side of Vanderhoof Road, east of Brentcliffe Road. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2003. The 2-acre park features 2 full sized basketball courts, a skate park, and green space.

### **Brentcliffe and Eglinton**

It has been recommended that the northbound-channelled right turn facility at Brentcliffe and Eglinton be removed. Traffic regulations associated with lane designations will be recommended to ensure that the loss of any traffic capacity is negligible. In conjunction with the construction, audible pedestrian signals will be installed for all crosswalks at the intersection and a northbound right turn green arrow will be installed to operate in conjunction with the westbound advanced green feature.