



### **The CityPlace Residents' Association (CPRA): Who are we?**

The Cityplace Residents Association (CPRA) is a volunteer community group with no membership fees, and every resident of CityPlace is part of the CPRA. If you live at any of the addresses and streets that intersect with Front Street West (Blue Jays Way including Rogers Centre Area), Spadina Ave (East on Bremner to Reese St, and West on Fort York Blvd to Bathurst), and Lakeshore Blvd and Bathurst Street, you are a member of the City Place Residents Association. We have a 6-member executive board of directors, and all our activities are curated and organized by dedicated community volunteers. We welcome engagement by all.

### **What is our Mission Statement?**

The Cityplace Residents Association strives to improve the quality of life for residents and encourages a sense of pride in our community.

### **How and why was the CPRA formed?**

CityPlace is one of the the largest high density vertical neighbourhoods in heart of the city. As a relatively new community, we organized and formed the CPRA to create a stronger voice for residents, since 2010. The group is made up of neighbours with common interest who care about the livability and quality of life of our neighbourhood. We collaborate with residents, the BIA, and other community partners to organize events to create a sense of community. We also bring concerns forward to our elected officials that have an impact on our community. As a group we aim to be an effective voice in our community.

### **What are our Goals?**

- To be a voice and advocate for residents of the CityPlace community.
- To foster an environment where residents feel connected to our community.
- To become a forum to engage our residents and raise awareness on community activities, issues or concerns.
- To collaborate with appropriate groups (e.g. business, law enforcement, recreational, community and environmental) on matters of interest to CityPlace residents.
- To consult and work with elected City of Toronto politicians on issues that impact the CityPlace community.

### **CPRA List of Activities/Community Engagement**

- Attended the Block 31 Working Group meetings and provided input on the forthcoming construction of 2-schools, daycare and community Centre at 20 Brunel/95 Fort York Blvd next to Canoe Landing Park. The groundbreaking ceremony for construction occurred on September 12, 2017 and the schools and community centre are on track for projected 2019 opening.
- Organized a CityPlace Community Town Hall Meeting with MPP Han Dong on March 6, 2017.
- Organized an Easter Egg Hunt for Children and Youth at Canoe Landing Park on April 16, 2017.
- Supporter and promotional sponsor of CityPlace Urban market on Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at Concord Presentation Centre 23 Spadina Ave. (Spadina and Bremner Blvd) in May to October 2017.
- Support dog owners push for dog amenities in CityPlace including an off-leash dog park in Canoe Landing Park. Sign up available for a dog owners committee after the Community Town Hall Meeting.
- Advocated for ambient lighting of Canoe Landing Park Astroturf in the evening. Canoe Landing park is heavily used for a variety of activities and events by our community residents. We engaged Park People to explore ways to initiate a "Friends of Canoe Landing Park" committee of community residents to take a leadership role in the community use and stewardship of the park.
- Greening/Environmental Stewardship - push for greener neighbourhood especially in our gardens and parks by engaging residents in community clean up campaigns and an Earth Day event on April 22nd in Canoe Landing Park; partnering with the Toronto Environmental Alliance; Park People - Park Friends Program; and Telus Million Hours of Giving to clean Canoe Landing Park and the North Linear Park, mulched the trees in the park and conduct a litter clean up of the park and surroundings.
- CPRA partner with Diabetes Canada to implement a textile waste recycling and diversion strategy for placement of clothing donation bins in the Garbage/Recycling rooms of the condominiums towers in CityPlace (7- buildings already have bins - remainder property managers and Board of Directors for being engaged).

- Led community safety walks of the neighbourhood with residents, parks and recreation dept, Toronto Hydro and Toronto police to identify ways to make our neighbourhood more safer. Engaged councillor Cressy's office, 311 and Street Outreach Services pertaining to finding tangible solutions to the homeless (with pop up tents and their pets) squatting and sleeping in the underpass under the Gardiner and the North Linear Park, and panhandling at Spadina and Fort York Intersection.
- CPRA involvement as a community partner in youth engagement event in collaboration with Maximum City to provide young people living in CityPlace to share their vision of CityPlace now and into the future, on Saturday, June 10, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm Toronto Public Library Fort York Branch. All are welcome to attend.
- Collaborate with the newly formed CityPlace/Fort York BIA on several community events including movie night at Canoe Landing Park. Proposed dates for the 2017 movie nights are June 17, July 15, August 12, September 16 and September 23, from 8-10 pm.
- Supported the CityPlace Fort York BIA in the Winter Ice Rink activation at Canoe Landing Park.
- CPRA organized a Children's Tent at Cityfest which brought together the Toronto Public Library - Fort York Branch, Design Exchange, and other Children friendly neighbourhood services and programs under one roof at Cityfest. This year's CityFest was being held on August 19 at Canoe Landing Park.
- Hosted an Urban Networking Event for professionals in various sectors.
- Organized a Trick or Treat for Kids Halloween Spooktacular for Kids. Next event scheduled for October 2017, along with a lobby decoration contest for all buildings.
- Sponsored City of Toronto park permit for the use of Canoe Landing Park for community events with a social good including Spokehaus outdoor spinning in support of mental health and well-being with proceeds to CAMH Foundation, themed Spokechella on Friday, September 22nd, 2017.
- Kids day - partnered with the Roundhouse RailRoad museum to offer free train rides on July 22, 2017.
- Collaborated with the City and other community partners to bring a Nuit Blanche Zone to CityPlace in 2014. Next event scheduled for Fall 2017.

- Support Yoga in the Park hosted by Tribe Fitness in their efforts to host weekly yoga in the Park at no cost to residents from June to August.
- Social Media Portals, pages and groups - Maintain an active web presence through websites, twitter and Facebook. The Facebook page has over 8,000 followers who read, respond to posts, ask questions, share information and communicate with owners and residents of CityPlace. See Website/URL: <http://cityplacera.com> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cityplacera> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cityplacetorontoresidents/> Email: [cityplacera@gmail.com](mailto:cityplacera@gmail.com)
- Ensure that graffiti removed from both the Canoe Landing Park and the North Linear Park area under the Spadina bridge by the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Team.
- Art in the Sky - Art, culture, fashion photography of CityPlace - Skybridge Suites - June 2017 (Postponed).
- Collaborate on a neighbourhood SwapZone that allows residents to sell, trade or swap items. Next event in July and September 2017 (Postponed)
- Collaborate with Concord on a community survey to find out how to better meet the needs of the neighbourhood in services, amenities, retail, events, activities and so much more.
- Maintain lines of communication with property managers for all cityplace buildings to improve communication and sharing of information on community activities, events and issues as necessary.
- Community Outreach - Participated in meetings and outreach to various community stakeholders including the Property managers, Toronto Public Library, Jumblies Theatre, Business Owners, City Councillor Joe Cressy, CityPlace/Fort York BIA, and Concord.
- Attended and participated in consultations to provide input on behalf of CityPlace. These include the TOcore consultations; Bentway meetings; Rail Corridor Downtown Consultations; Waterfront Transit Stakeholders Advisory Committee; Spadina-Front Station SmartTrack Stakeholders Advisory Group; and Toronto Planning Review Panel.
- Media/Subject Expertise/commentators to ensure that CityPlace receives favourable coverage in the media - Ongoing media request for comment from

various print, radio, video and web-based media including, Metro, CBC, City News, Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail and other media channels on CityPlace.

- Community Advocacy - Meeting With Toronto Hydro to look at Reliable Power Supply and wrote a joint letter to residents following the meeting, meeting with TSCC 1764 (5 Mariner Terrace and 3 Navy Wharf Board to discuss Pet Ban); Meeting with Councillor Joe Cressy to appraise him on CityPlace issues and to emphasize the liveability and safety needs of CityPlace.
- Community Stakeholders Relations - Participate in monthly meeting with Concord VP of Development Gabriel Leung to discuss community status and areas of common interest.
- Community Leaders Meeting - Grey Cup Festival 2016 - Met with organizers of the Grey Cup Festival to hear of plans, provide input and share with the community plans for the 2016 Grey Cup Festival.
- CityPlace Canada Day Event - Supported Concord initiative for an Annual Canada Day Event at the Concord Presentation Centre at 23 Spadina Ave.

### **Next Steps**

- Increase frequency and diversity of CPRA events to meet needs of diverse residents and their interests.
- Recruit and retain more neighbourhood volunteers and engage volunteers in project teams to initiate, plan and implement various activities, events and programs of interest to residents.
- Engage the board of directors and residents to create a new workplan from the Cityplace Residents Association which outlines our priorities and ways that various stakeholders can support them.
- Ensure that the City spend some of its festivals and celebration funds in the CityPlace Community through initiatives that include Nuit Blanche and other festivals and events.
- Continue to monitor the traffic situation at Spadina from Fort York to Bathurst, and the need for a better traffic flow for cars turning onto Spadina Southbound.
- Support community use of the Privately Owned Publicly Accessible Spaces in the neighbourhood and ways to continue to animate the spaces.

- Support a Friends of Canoe Landing Park committee to support and preserve the community space.
- Initiate a CityPlace Planners Group so that residents of any area of CityPlace with traffic and other neighbourhood growth concerns can network and access resources to ensure needed improvements.
- Ensure that community benefits agreements includes opportunities the community to meaningfully be informed, appraised and provide input on Section 37 funds among other areas of benefit to the community and public realm of CityPlace.
- Collaborate with community partners on an Annual Calendar that allows for advanced planning of events and collaborative professionalism among the CPRA, BIA, Builders/Developers, City, Community-Based Organizations and other event curators in CityPlace Community.
- Increase the frequency of community town halls/resident association meeting to monthly and include the use of technology including facebook live to engage those who wish to participate virtually.
- Ensure that CPRA remains a relevant and viable voice for residents.