



DATE: March 7, 2022

**Re: Water revitalization Project March 1, 2022 Meeting with Scarborough Residents Associations**

Dear Michael,

The Cliffcrest Scarborough SW Residents Association (CSVSWRA) welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Water Revitalization Project introductory meeting.

It was interesting to learn about the history and context and it is important for us to understand the government priorities for the next phase for this project. We are heartened to know that the project team is now bringing the same energy and attention to Scarborough SW that was brought to downtown Toronto. It is important for the local residents and resident associations to be a part of the public and stakeholder engagement process including the workshops as you put more refinements on the projects this summer and fall.

We can't wait to share with you all the many special things to discover in Scarborough. We welcome you and the team visiting and would love to give you a tour of our two main local access points to the waterfront - Bluffers Park and the Doris McCarthy Trail or Gates Gully.

We understood from the March 1 meeting that the approved Scarborough Waterfront Project is to be incorporated into the Scarborough phase of the Waterfront Revitalization Project. Our concerns are with the proposed developments adjacent to the Waterfront Project. We appreciated the opportunity to share some of our concerns related to nearby proposed developments and their potential impacts on the Bluffs and the Doris McCarthy Trail. Thank you for sharing our presentation with Mr. Christian Ventresca and engaging with Community Planning and we understand that the erosion protection is for TRCA.

Lastly, we heard that the City wants to establish an Indigenous consultation circle related to parks and that you are open to the idea of bringing Indigenous connection at Gates Gully/Doris McCarthy Trail to our group. Embedding Indigenous placemaking into the city's parks and finding opportunities for heritage commemoration is also of interest to our members. Our association is interested to learn which local Indigenous groups/contacts you are engaging.

Attached is a special edition newsletter issued to conclude our Tree Ribbon Project, including links to learn more about the project. This project brings attention to the existing trees in our



community and the ever growing importance to their health and benefits to our community. Connecting this project with our schools engages the young members of Cliffcrest and Scarborough Village. We are excited to soon be launching Part 2 for the Tree Ribbon Project focused on learnings down the Doris McCarthy Trail and will be sure to share these details when ready.

In order to help raise awareness of the Waterfront Revitalization Project, we are happy to share the details of your online survey and fun mapping survey with our membership, neighbouring Scarborough RAs, and our Facebook site. It would be great if you could send us the March 1 presentation so that we can include this information when we do outreach.

Please continue to keep us informed of future events and thank you again for including Scarborough in the bigger Waterfront Plan.

Sincerely,

Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association,

Yvonne Di Tullio, Director

Marina Tadenc, Director

Donna McParland, Member

CC. Councillor Ainslie

**Attachments:** Special Edition Newsletter – Tree Ribbon Campaign





# on Location

Special issue

*“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”*

## SPECIAL DELIVERY!

The Treasure Map and student artwork from the RA Tree Ribbon Campaign was delivered to The Scarborough Historical Society for safekeeping and to leave a record of treasures currently found in our neighbourhood forest. The Tree Ribbon Campaign was launched in 2021 to bring attention to our neighbourhood forest at risk of being lost if the decisions made do not consider the value of our mature trees. Ribbons that marked the location of 20 Majestic Trees throughout the tour have now been taken down but you can still follow the tour using the photos to find the location of trees, in fact our hope is the trees on this tour can be visited for many years to come.



Above photo of Rick Schofield with Treasure map and student artwork left at the Scarborough Historical Society for safekeeping

What remains to be seen is what will be discovered when someone compares the Treasure Map from this 2021 tour to the landscape in 20 years? Will these mature majestic trees, treasures, still be found standing in our neighbourhood forest?

Marina Tadenc, Editor *on Location*

## ABOUT THE TREE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Tree Ribbon Campaign was launched by the **Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association** to bring attention to the neighbourhood forest at risk of being lost if the decisions made about these neighbourhoods do not give consideration to the value of our trees.



Students from Bliss Carman Public School getting a lesson on the benefits of trees

In November of 2020 the Grade 7 Class of Bliss Carman Senior Public School visited 3 Windy Ridge Drive and were given a lesson about the benefits of trees while sitting on the front lawn. They were



introduced to the **iTree Tool** and more. Details about the Tree Ribbon Campaign was shared with the students and they were invited to participate as Stewards. They accepted and took back to school the badges that would be transformed into

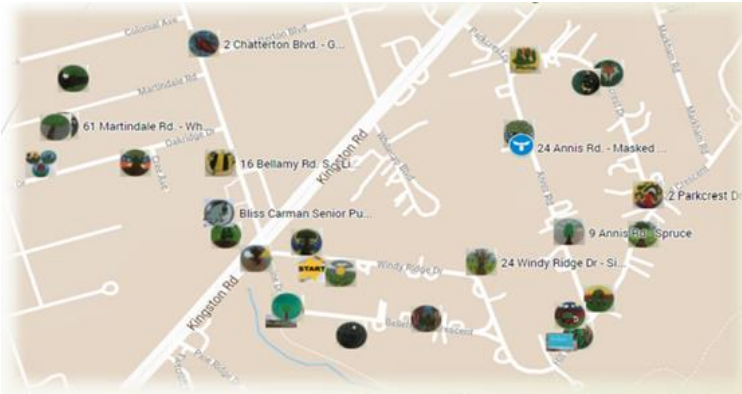
artwork that would be pinned to trees selected for the tour.





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A Treasure Map was created giving coordinates of trees pinned with badges of honour, artwork created by the students, pinned to yellow ribbons. Each badge pointed to learnings to the tree age, value to existing ecosystem and more. Visitors were invited to take a self-guided tour to discover the treasure found in these neighbourhoods, our tree canopy.



Discover the treasures and stories of Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW

To learn more details on the Tree Ribbon Campaign, <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/FINAL-CSVSWRA-Tree-Ribbon-Campaign-Poster-with-impbedded-map-link.pdf> You can also watch a video of the tour, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mOHMOiUrRw> See interactive map, <https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/current-events-projects/tree-ribbon-campaign-map/> Stop 1 is easy to find, just look for NEW Community Library, here is a teaser to self-guided tour, <https://youtu.be/JsFP-ooytK4>

Some of the artwork by our young stewards & trees on the tour



## YELLOW RIBBONS TO RED

Yellow ribbons to Red... for the month of December 2021 all the artwork created by students was on display at 3 Windy Ridge Drive



decorated with red ribbons. Badges on the tour were replaced with snowflakes so that residents could continue to follow the tour for a little longer over the winter. A BIG thank you to homeowners that hosted the yellow ribbons for summer and fall of 2021 and agreed to continue to keep the yellow ribbons up over the winter so we could all continue to enjoy the tour! Watch for Part 2 coming soon!



## MILK CRATES

### Tree Ribbon Campaign Dedication to Patrick Smith,



former owner of 3 Windy Ridge Drive. His daughter, after seeing the story about the Tree Ribbon Project in the Bluffs Monitor Newsletter drove by to my home to see the ribbons on my front lawn. She sadly told me her father; Patrick had passed away that very day. She said he would have loved to have seen the students sitting on his old milk

crates on the front lawn he tended to for many years learning about the benefits of trees. It was my pleasure and delight to put together this treasure map for residents and visitors. I hope you continue to visit and enjoy nature's glory! Sincerely,  
Marina Tadenc  
Director VP, CSVSWRA



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