

Joint Meeting of
The PLRA and City of Brampton Staff
Professor's Lake Residents' Association
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 7:00 – 9:00
Professor's Lake Recreation Centre

Attendees: Rav Toor, Darwin Jurado, Lindy Jurado, Luana Papolis, Mary Angona, Massimo Angona, Lisa Manello, Milena Spisar, Pat Ogilvie, Soobal Yassa, Brian Hurly, Lucy Woverton, Mary Hogan, Judy Clarke, Barbara Persaud, Dan Persaud, Steven Lorenzo, Tanya Wokegger, Anthony & Heather Abraham, Henry Alleene, V. Levanio, Chre Katak, Maria Cicconetti Chu, Stephane Chu, Laura Palaio, Darlene & Angelo Maella, Michael Herlall (City of Brampton), Rob Torrone (City of Brampton, Jim Pitman (City of Brampton), Natalia Fleishman (City of Brampton), Gael Miles (Councillor)

Highlights of meeting:

- Rav, PLRA Chair, introduced himself and gave a brief history of the inception of the PLRA, its vision, mission and strategies to the large group of attendees.
- The meeting agenda was not followed and discussions ensued early into the meeting regarding the implementation of fitness equipment around the lake.
- City of Brampton staff, Natalia Fleishman, Project Manager, explained that the fitness equipment project had changed, and that the 8 locations around the lake behind resident households were no longer going to be built. Instead, the City has opted to designate the equipment in a central location on the trail circuit in an established area.
- Residents asked for explanations and requested to move the equipment to another location, preferably the park located on Professor's Lake Parkway. City Staff explained that there is no existing trail to place the equipment in the park off of Professor's Lake Parkway and that residents cannot consider the existing sidewalk a "trail" by legal definition.
- Residents voiced their disfavour to the new location and that the fitness equipment was going to attract more disruptive youths to an area that already experiences problems during the summer months. City Staff responded that residents are bringing up safety issues that require police and security handling. The noise and disruption issues are not due to fitness equipment, which, has yet to be installed.
- City Staff then proceeded to introduce and explain the water quality problem that Professor's Lake is facing and their efforts to bring the lake back to a more "natural" state as it had been 15-20 years prior. Staff explained that the main issues causing high e-coli levels are from bird and canine excrement and fertilizers.
- Staff also spoke to the phragmites problem at Professor's Lake. It was explained that a spray is available and has been deemed safe after being tested. Work to spray the phragmites will commence once the temperature allows it. Staff cautioned that residents should not try and cut or remove the phragmites themselves as it causes them to grow stronger.
- City staff also explained that more cattail plants are going to be planted around the lake because they are a natural water filtration system. And, that Professor's Lake will also be getting a second shipment of trout to diversify lake life.
- Councillor Miles then brought the meeting back to the PLRA's "Clean Up Day" to be held April 21st hosted by the City and the Jurados. Darwin spoke to the initiative and how well it went last year. Darwin invited volunteers as well as welcomed guests to participate in this years' event. Notices with event details will be sent out in the next few weeks to all residents of Professor's Lake.

Next PLRA meeting will be held on April 4, 2018 @ 7pm.