

January 28, 2020

RE: 2020 FoNTRA Membership Renewal

Dear Resident Association,

With the start of a new year, it is once again time to renew your membership in FoNTRA. As you are well aware, FoNTRA actively continues to monitor, respond and collectively represent resident associations in many important planning and operational issues in the City and the Province. We do this by interacting closely with City Council and staff, and with the Provincial Government. The latter is of particular importance because of the sweeping reforms that have and are being introduced by the Ford government. Many of these issues have serious impact on both development and neighbourhood values.

FoNTRA actively monitors these activities, including changes to the Planning Act and the Land Planning Appeal Tribunal, decisions of City Council on matters related to Planning, such as Official Plan and zoning by-law changes, transit, ravines, transportation and the City Budget. By speaking with one voice for all the resident associations within our geographical area, we present a strong and respected voice.

In the past year we have focussed on many issues of concern to our members, such as developing a new noise by-law, improving the Neighbourhood Policies of the Official Plan, sidewalk and street café policies, and area issues such as transforming Yonge Street in North York and the Eglinton Crosstown streetscape.

Last year saw FoNTRA become registered as an incorporated body that allows us to be an active participant in tribunals such as LPAT and TLAB when necessary and appropriate. Voting membership is limited to only those member organizations who are paid up members.

We need your active input and active participation in our ongoing activities. It is important that we keep our information channels open at all times and we encourage you to appoint a member of your association to represent you at our monthly meetings, which allows you to keep you up to date on matters of interest that affect our communities.

FoNTRA depends on the input of our members both in understanding issues and contributing to their resolution. Our position on many issues can be found on our web site (www.fontra.ca) which is a well-used source of information for members and others. Our operating costs are minimal, and we continue to keep our membership fees low. We appreciate and say thank you to those member societies that make an additional donation along with their membership fee. As well as your financial support, FoNTRA continues to need your active support in participation and communication of issues of concern.

We enclose an invoice for your attention and return. Please complete the form to ensure that we have updated contact information and email it **to tjdwestto@gmail.com**. Send it with your cheque, or bring it to a General Meeting, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month - next one February 18th.

If you are no longer involved with your association please pass this request to the current officers and forward their contact information to us.

Best regards

Terry West, Treasurer



Association Membership – 2020

Membership Fees are paid annually based on the calendar year and are due before March 1st in any given year. The membership fee remains unchanged at \$50 for 2020. Additional contributions would be appreciated.

Please send your membership cheque payable to “FoNTRA” to Terry West, Treasurer, at 52 Addison Crescent, Don Mills, Toronto, Ont. M3B 1K8, together with a completed copy of the form below.. You can also complete this form and submit it on line to tjdwestto@gmail.com

Name of Association.....

Mailing Address

Website.....

President

Phone

Email

Secretary

Phone

Email

Treasurer

Phone

PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON(S) FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION

Name **Phone**

Email

Name **Phone**

Email

We prefer to be contacted by: phone [] email [] either []

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of 27 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The 27 residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.