

The dedication ceremony in 1979.



If you've visited Spadina subway station recently you may have noticed the fresh scent of cedar in the air. Or your eye may have been caught by the brightness of the lobby.

The traditional wood carvings that had blackened over the years have just been cleaned by the TTC, with PanAm Games funding.

The poles were donated to the TTC by Wigwamen in 1979 as part of an effort to create an Aboriginal atmosphere in the neighbourhood of the Native Canadian Centre. Wigwamen Board member Donna Niven, pictured above at the dedication ceremony in 1979, was also instrumental in having part of the Toronto Public Library's Native Peoples Collection housed at the Spadina Branch, next door.

It is thanks to the efforts of forward-thinking community leaders like Donna Niven that Wigwamen Terrace is located in the heart of one of Toronto's most exciting Aboriginal cultural enclaves.



K'SAN VILLAGE HOUSE POSTS
 Carved from British Columbia Red Cedar by the following artists of the Gitksan Tribe Hazelton, British Columbia

OWL POLE	Fedelia O'Brien
WOLF POLE	Murphy Green
HAWK POLE	Chuck Heit

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 FEBRUARY, 1979

Board member Donna Niven with the restored artwork at Spadina Station.



ONTARIO'S HOUSING WAITING LISTS: BY THE NUMBERS



+3,642 more Ontario households were waiting for RGI housing in 2014 than in 2013.

↑2.2%

more seniors, families, singles and couples waiting for RGI housing in 2014 than in 2013.



3.2%

of Ontario households are waiting for RGI housing assistance.

3.83 years

Applicants who were housed in 2014 had waited an average of 3.83 years for RGI housing.

70%



more RGI units are needed in Ontario to house all of the applicants on waiting lists.

30%

of households on waiting lists include seniors. In the last ten years, the proportion of seniors on waiting lists has gone up 8 per cent.

Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association

bit.ly/waitinglist2015

From the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association's new report on waiting list statistics for Ontario. Visit www.onpha.on.ca for more information.

Research Your FAMILY TREE

Ancestry Library Edition is a new computer program that searches records from the census, military, courts, land registries, churches, immigration, passenger lists and more. This genealogy research tool gives access to over 1 billion names and 3000 databases and primary resources. You can log in to use it for free with your library card. Ask your local librarian how to access it from your home branch.

New Scarborough Centre Library IS OPEN



Free wireless internet and 40,000 books, audiobooks, DVDs and magazines in English, Gujarati, Tamil and Chinese are sure to make this new library a favourite spot in Scarborough. It's the 100th Toronto Public Library branch and it opened just last month. At their Digital Innovation Hub you can borrow a laptop, use a 3-D printer, or access a workstation with state-of-the-art editing or design equipment and programs. Classes are also offered. For details visit the branch, call 416-396-3599 or go to www.tpl.ca



TUESDAYS: June 16 to Sept 1
Yonge-Dundas Square • movies starring singers
www.ydsquare.ca • Tel: 311

WEDNESDAYS: July 8 to Sept 2
David Pecaut Square • everybody's favourites
www.tiff.net/park • 416-599-8433

WEDNESDAYS: July 8 to Sept 2
Harbourfront Centre • films about families
www.harbourfrontcentre.com/freeflicks
416-973-4600

SATURDAYS: July 11 to Sept 25
neighbourhood parks across the GTA
PG-rated, family-friendly films
www.tiff.net/summer2015-series/tiff-in-your-park-map
416-599-8433

SATURDAYS: July 11 to Aug 22
Riverdale Park • all-ages films
bring your own blanket: no chairs provided
www.moviesinthepark.wordpress.com

SUNDAYS – July 5 to Aug 16
Christie Pits Park • great villains of cinema:
not appropriate for children
www.christiepitsff.com

NEW BMX PARK AT SUNNYSIDE



Admission is free to Toronto's cool new BMX park that just opened near the waterfront. It was created using trees downed by the ice storm last winter and earth reclaimed from condo developments. Off-road riders will delight in the park's design and more timid visitors will enjoy watching the action from the sidelines. The park

is located between Lake Shore Boulevard and the Gardiner Expressway at 3 Ellis Avenue. Call 647-606-3126 for more information or go to www.toronto.ca and type in "Sunnyside Bike Park" for great photos and directions by bike, TTC and car.

OJIBWE CULTURE SUMMER CAMP



The Aboriginal Education Centre of the TDSB is offering an overnight summer camp for students in grades 4 to 12 at the Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre the weeks of July 6th to 10th and July 13th to 16th.

For more information call 416-393-9600 or visit www.tdsb.on.ca/aboriginaleducation

SUMMER JOB? KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The Ministry of Labour provides easy-to-understand, anonymous information in multiple languages. If you are uncertain about your legal rights as an employee, visit www.ontario.ca/employmentstandards Or you can call 416-326-7160 with questions about working hours, breaks, minimum wage, vacation pay, and public holidays.

SILLY SUMMER TONGUE TWISTER

Try to say it five times quickly:

"One smart fellow, he felt smart."



THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION REPORT

The TRC Report is about what happened in the Indian Residential Schools, and it contains the Commission’s recommendations on what Canada and Canadians should do now. The Report has just been published and is available online at their website: www.trc.ca



FREE TENANT INSURANCE FOR ODSP AND OW RECIPIENTS



The HSC Tenant Insurance Program offers low-cost tenant insurance to residents of social housing. This covers damage to tenants’ personal property in the event of fire, flood or theft. It also covers the expense of a hotel or moving in the case of fire, or the cost of repairs if you cause accidental damage. ODSP and Ontario Works recipients can apply to their case worker to have the cost of this insurance covered. For more information, visit <http://tenant.hscorp.ca/>

NEW SENIORS CRISIS LINE 416-640-1459

Woodgreen’s new Seniors Crisis Line will be open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm – weekends til 6:00. The service is for seniors with chronic health issues, cognitive challenges, mental health and/or addiction issues who need timely help with issues such as confusion, anxiety, depression, elder abuse or other age-related cognitive problems.

ABORIGINAL PAVILION VOLUNTEERS

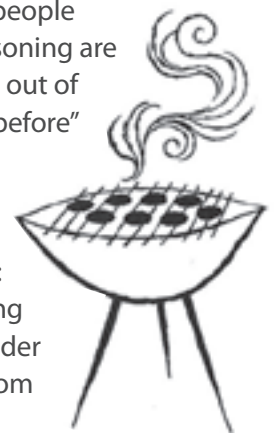
The NCCT asks individuals interested in volunteering to help out at the Aboriginal Pavilion at Fort York during the PanAm Games to attend one of the information session which are being held each Wednesday. Call 416-964-9087 or e-mail info@alppavilion.ca for more information.

YOUNG ABORIGINAL MEN NEEDED TO HELP SAVE LIVES 416-640-1459

Mike Daykin has leukemia and needs a bone marrow donor to beat this cancer and survive. Because he is of Aboriginal descent, there is a 90% chance that a matching donor will be found in an Aboriginal community. Any healthy person between the ages of 17 and 35 can sign up, but to help Mike, Canadian Blood Services is calling for healthy men between the ages of 17 and 35 to be tested to see if they are a “donor match”. The test is simply a swab of the inside of your cheek. To volunteer visit www.MatchForMike.com or call 1-888-236-6283.

BBQ SEASON SAFETY WARNINGS

Food poisoning sickens thousands of people every year and most cases of food poisoning are caused by eating food which has been out of the fridge for too long. Also, the “best before” date is no protection if the meat has been contaminated with juices leaking from an older package. Seniors and children are more easily poisoned: meat that doesn’t make a healthy young adult sick, can still seriously harm an elder or child. It is dangerous to buy meat from unlicensed distributors.





WIGWAMEN POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◆ GIFT BASKETS FOR NEW BABIES
- ◆ CHILDREN’S BOOK CLUB
- ◆ BACK-TO-SCHOOL PACKS
- ◆ WIGWAMEN POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS
- ◆ MONTHLY ZERO-BALANCE RAFFLE

For information about these Wigwamen tenant programs and contests, contact Amber Seager at 888-248-2104 x 222.

Application packages for Wigwamen’s 9th annual Post-Secondary Scholarship have been mailed out. Remember that to qualify your application must be postmarked no later than 5:00 pm on July 10th!

Proud winners from previous years...



2014

2013



2012



NO SMOKING AREAS

Multi-unit tenants please remember there is **NO SMOKING** in any of the common areas – laundry rooms, hallways, stairwells, garages...

WIGWAMEN MAINTENANCE

- ◆ If you have a maintenance issue, please contact your building manager. If you don't have a building manager on site, please call Head Office – 416-481-4451.
- ◆ Wigwamen’s website features an Online Maintenance Request Form: www.wigwamen.com/housing/maintenance-request-form/
- ◆ In event of an after-hours emergency (a flood, or a heating failure, for instance), please call 416-481-4451.

 **WIGWAMEN** Incorporated provides safe and affordable housing to hundreds of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families, singles and seniors throughout Toronto and Ottawa.

WIGWAMEN HOUSING

- ◆ The Terrace (104 units for Aboriginal seniors) 14 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON, M5R 3M4
- ◆ 20 Sewells Road (92 units for Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal individuals & families) Toronto, ON, M1B 3G5
- ◆ 228 Galloway Road (60 units for individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1E 5G6
- ◆ Scattered Housing (for Aboriginal families) 214 homes located throughout the GTA
- ◆ Place Perrault (41 units for individuals & families) 205 Eric Czapnik Way, Ottawa, K1E 0A5

TO APPLY FOR WIGWAMEN HOUSING

Families & individuals of Aboriginal descent should fill out Wigwamen applications that are available:



In person: at Head Office, at Wigwamen Terrace (14 Spadina), or 20 Sewells Road;
By mail: call 416-481-4451 to request; or
Online: at www.wigwamen.com

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and a copy of either your Status Card or an Affidavit of Aboriginal Descent for Housing Purposes with your application. Affidavits can be obtained from Aboriginal Legal Services.

Non-Aboriginal Families & Individuals should fill out a Toronto Social Housing Connections application that is available:



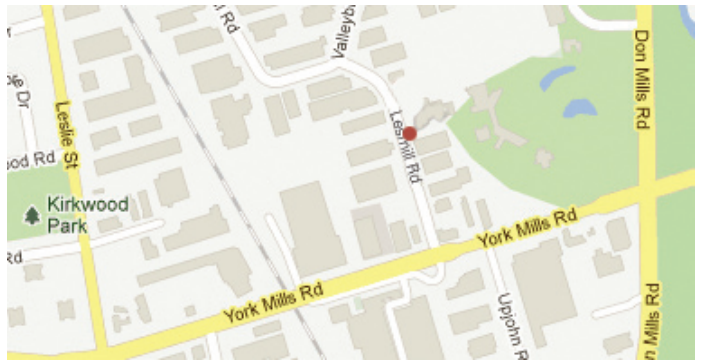
In person: at Housing Connections, 176 Elm St., near Dundas & University;
By mail: call 416-981-6111 to request; or
Online: at www.housingconnections.ca

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and your income with your application.



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23 Lesmill Road is located north of York Mills Road, between Leslie Street and Don Mills Road.

To get to Wigwamen's Head Office by TTC:

From York Mills Station take the 122 bus, which stops directly in front of the building; or any 95 bus, which all stop at Upjohn, just 200 metres south of Head Office. Alternately, from Pape Station, take the 25 Bus, get off at York Mills and transfer to a westbound bus, or walk west for about 5 minutes.

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