



The Road to Building Great Neighbourhoods

At Dundas and Sackville Streets, concrete has been poured for the first public road in Regent Park in more than half a century. Sackville Street, as well as other streets in the Regent Park neighbourhood, has been cut off from the surrounding community since the area was redeveloped in the 1950s. Regent Park, originally touted as a "garden city," was created with many walkways and park spaces instead of streets. This isolated the neighbourhood's more than 7,500 residents from Toronto's downtown.

In 2004, Toronto Community Housing began consulting with neighbours and residents to develop a plan for community revitalization. The community principles developed included a goal to re-introduce pedestrian-friendly streets and to design a safe and accessible neighbourhood. The opening of Sackville Street north of Dundas is an important milestone that contributes to fulfilling these principles.



Site staff pour the concrete for the Sackville Street extension on October 18, 2008.

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Phase One Construction Progress

246-252 Sackville – Rental buildings

The mechanical systems on the roof of the seniors building is being enclosed. Work has started on balcony railings on the seniors building. For both buildings, work continues on interior walls, plumbing, and electrical. Painting, flooring, bathrooms, and kitchens have started in the family building

One Cole – Market condominium

The east tower concrete is now at the third floor and the west tower concrete following quickly behind.

One Oak – Rental building

The hole for the foundation has been dug and now the below ground structural supports are being put in place.



All photos are from late-October 2008.

Top row from top left: the 22-storey seniors rental building and the 8-storey family rental building, both at Dundas and Sackville.

Below from left: One Cole, the market condominium at Parliament and Dundas and the site for One Oak, the 10-storey rental building at Dundas and Oak.



Save the date

WHAT: Regent Park Community Update Meeting

DATE: December 8, 2008

WHERE: Regent Park South Community Centre

TIME: 6:30 pm



Get involved: Fall focus groups

We are always working to keep tenants informed and involved during the Regent Park Revitalization. This fall, Toronto Community Housing will be hosting a series of focus groups to talk about the proposed plans for the next phase of redevelopment. We will be holding focus groups with Regent Park's diverse cultural communities, youth, parent councils and more. Please keep an eye out for invitations to the focus groups because we want to hear from you.

This fall you will also see some of your neighbours acting as Community Animators. These individuals will be coming around to give you information about ongoing revitalization activities. This information could range from items like updates, meeting notices or invitations to a focus group. Community Animators are there to help make sure you are informed about what revitalization means for Regent Park tenants and how you can get involved.

For more information about these upcoming focus groups or how to get more involved with Regent Park revitalization, please contact Lancefield Morgan at (416) 981-4086.

What would you like to see?

What would like to read about in the Regent Park Revitalization Update? Send your ideas, suggestions or questions to Elizabeth.Ewing-Chow@torontohousing.ca.

For more information about the contents of this update, please contact the Regent Park Revitalization hotline at 416-981-4311.

Spreading the News

We want to make sure we reach as many people as possible with this newsletter, so please feel free to post it on your bulletin boards and distribute to your staff, as well as to tenants in Regent Park. In addition, if you know of someone who would like to receive this update directly, send their name and email address to Elizabeth.Ewing-Chow@torontohousing.ca.

City of Toronto—Toronto Social Services Regent Park Employment Engagement

Resumes Needed!

**Construction positions are available –
Labourer resumes needed**

If you do not have a resume, just jot down your work experience, educational background and any certificates or training you have and you will get to help create a resume.

Toronto Community Housing residents currently looking for work or need help with career planning and live in Regent Park can visit the Regent Park Employment Engagement office.

**Come see us, drop by or call for an
appointment**

Andrea Fairweather or Margaret Jasinski

**415 Gerrard Street East
(next to the pool)
416-981-4775**

**Monday to Thursday
from 9 am – 3 pm**

Are you an internationally trained professional?

Learn about work in your field (and related jobs) and network with other professionals.

A professional series offered during Canada Career Week 2008

Monday November 3

Tuesday November 4

Wednesday November 5

Thursday November 6

Professional Engineers Ontario

Ontario Teacher of Colleges

HealthForceOntario Access Centre

**Ontario College of Social Workers and
Social Service Workers**

9:30am to 11:30am

Toronto Christian Resource Centre

40 Oak Street

Please call Andrea Fairweather at 416-397-5493 to register.

Brought to you by Regent Park Employment and Enterprise Committee and Toronto Social Services.



Community Bulletin Board

Dixon Hall's Regent Park Learning Centre Programs

- **B.E.S.T.**
Join Business Employability Skills Training for women to learn computer and business skills over 12 weeks. Prepare for entry-level office administration jobs while increasing your motivation and self-esteem. Courses are offered in beginner to intermediate levels. Women receiving Ontario Works, are 19 years of age or older and have a minimum Grade 10 reading level may be eligible. A pre-admission assessment is required. The next session begins in September. To attend an information session call 416-864-1511.
- **Career Steps**
Located at Dixon Hall, Career Steps is the place where women can find FREE pre-employment services. They offer: a four-week program of career assessment and employment workshops; individual career counselling and support; and, assistance with volunteer and job placements. To find out more information, attend an orientation session held every Thursday at 10:00 am. Call 416-864-1511 or 416-863-0499 to book an appointment.
- **Homework Club**
On Wednesdays children in Grades 3 to 6 can get help with their homework in English and Math. For more information please call Jane Roy at 416-863-0499.
- **Men's Integrated Skills Training Employment Readiness (M.I.S.T.E.R.)**
With M.I.S.T.E.R., men can gain confidence while learning about effective communications, self-marketing and job search strategies. Men receiving Ontario Works and who are 19 years of age or older can apply. M.I.S.T.E.R. begins in September at Regent Park Learning Centre. Spots are limited. To attend an information session call 416-864-1511 extension 5.

Additional Notices

- **Volunteers Wanted for Dixon Hall's Regent Park Learning Centre**
Are you energetic? Enthusiastic? A person who likes to help others? If the answer is yes, then the Regent Park Learning Centre is the place for you. We are currently looking for volunteer tutors who want to help make a difference in the community by assisting in our computer classes, Monday to Friday between 9 am and 12 pm. We are located at 417 Gerrard Street, 2nd floor (beside the swimming pool). For more information, contact Khalid at (416) 363-8025
- **Tune in to RPTV!**
Regent Park TV (RPTV) is an on-line video broadcast about the Regent Park neighbourhood produced by the Regent Park Focus Youth Media Arts Centre. RPTV is a recipient of the Mayor's Community Safety Award. Tune in to see youth-produced current affairs shows, dramas and documentaries. Discover Regent Park from your computer at www.regentpark.tv.
- **Taoist Tai Chi for seniors**
Taoist Tai Chi for seniors at Dixon Hall every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The cost is \$6.00 per month. Dixon Hall is at 58 Sumach Street. For more information call Carmen Benoit at 416-863-0499 #223.
- **RPNI: Upcoming Event or Meeting?**
Are you organizing a meeting, an event, or have an announcement to share with your neighbours? Submit the information to The Park Bench, the RPNI newsletter! Notices should be brief. Send information to Regent Park Neighbourhood Initiative, 415 Gerrard St East, Toronto Ontario M5A 2H4