

The Roehampton Residence Committee Update

NSS Council Oct 27, 2020

Diana Goldie, Chair:

The City of Toronto's Shelter Support and Housing Administration (SSHA), opened homeless shelters at:

- 55/65 Broadway Avenue on April 29th, &
- The Roehampton Hotel, at 808 Mount Pleasant Avenue on July 3rd.

These shelters were opened as part of the requirement of the Toronto Public Health guidelines for physical distancing in response to COVID 19.

The Broadway shelter was closed in September.

The city has a two-year lease with an option of a third year with the Roehampton site.

There was a Community online Meeting on the shelters with Mayor John Tory and Councilor Josh Matlow in mid-August, I felt the whole truth was not being told to the community. It seemed very controlled.

I sent an email to school council saying I thought there was more to it than what we were being told in the summer.

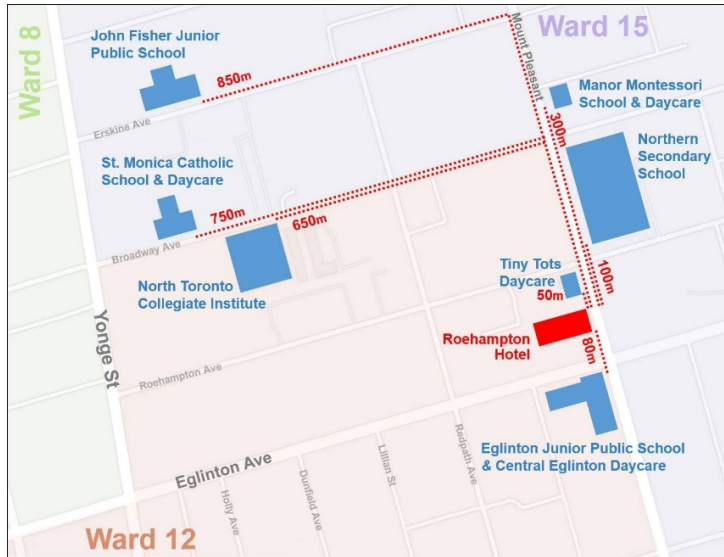
I am currently on the Roehampton School Safety Committee with Tanya and Mr. Marshall. This committee was initially set up to create a School Safety Plan to ensure student safety for the return to school with the changes in the NSS neighbourhood since mid-March when the students were last in school. This committee is still meeting to discuss the ongoing concerns over school safety.

I also joined the Roehampton Residence Community Liaison Committee (CLC). This committee is looking for ways the Roehampton Residence can work together within our community & other initiatives. As part of this committee I also receive general updates on the Roehampton Residence.

My main concern at first was who are the residence of the Roehampton? Well Roehampton does not screen their clients, meaning anyone can use it. With the provincial jails and psychiatric hospitals releasing thousands of inmates amid calls to slow down the spread of COVID 19. How do we know if there are any residence that should not be around our children?

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Since these shelters were open many of the local residences have felt a dramatic increase in crimes.

- a stabbing at the hotel in the summer
- quite a few overdoses on the shelter sites.

Also, during the summer, the SSHA was looking at putting an SCS (Supervised Consumption Site) at the Roehampton Residences. There is a letter campaign going on now. I believe there is a link or template letter on the School Council website. On top of the SCS, the Federal Government's Announce Safe Drug Supply, where the Feds will be supplying the drugs.

My priority is Student Safety

And secondly Student Education (maybe with WellNSS)

Finding dirty needles

Urinating in flower bed

Defecating on Eglinton Public School.

Ask question and learn more

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Website

Toronto Police Services Calls

<https://www.TPSCalls.Live>

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Roehampton Residence Shelter Contact Information

The Shift Supervisor at the shelter at **437-247-2287**. They can dispatch Community Safety Teams that are available 24/7.

Toronto Police Services

For any emergency that requires police or EMS please call **9-1-1**. To report crimes that are non-emergency or pose no immediate threat to safety, please call **416-808-2222**