

Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers' Association

A community-based non-profit organization that represents the interests of homeowners in Sheridan Homelands

What is a Ratepayers' Association?

A ratepayers' association is a volunteer-based organization that works to improve the quality of life for its members:

- ▶ Inform members of community activities, events, initiatives, and issues
- ▶ Act as a collective voice for members
- ▶ Address common issues and concerns
- ▶ Represent members to governments and other groups
- ▶ Promote community awareness and participation



What is SHORA?

SHORA stands for Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers' Association. If you own a home in the Sheridan Homelands community, SHORA is your ratepayers' association.

SHORA has actively supported the Sheridan Homelands community for over 30 years. We are governed by a volunteer board of directors that meets monthly and invests a combined total of 1000+ hours annually.

Our organization is non-profit; we rely on membership fees to fund our continuing efforts. Join now at www.shora.ca.



Why should I become a SHORA member?

SHORA is proud of its efforts to improve the quality of life for its members. Here are just a few reasons to support your ratepayers' association:

Health and the Environment

In 2009, SHORA worked tirelessly with other ratepayers' associations, government officials, and community members to stop the building of a gas-fired power plant in Mississauga - a feat that some thought was impossible to achieve. As a result, the air and water quality in Sheridan Homelands and surrounding areas will not be further compromised.

Finance

Property taxes are a significant cost element in any household budget. SHORA works closely with the City of Mississauga, the Region of Peel and other ratepayers' associations to ensure that your concerns about the use of our tax dollars are factored into the government's decision-making processes. SHORA has participated in the public consultation process to guide City Council in limiting tax increases for the coming years.



Fun, Recreation and Community Engagement

SHORA is all about promoting fun and recreation for the entire family by supporting and/or promoting a wide variety of events and activities, such as annual community fun days, Victoria Day fireworks, the Thornlodge Park ice rink, and the David Ramsey Pool opening celebrations.

Perhaps one of the most important services that SHORA offers is to foster community engagement by promoting the individuals and organizations that make a difference in our community. We do so through our acclaimed publication, the Sheridan Times, and via our website at www.shora.ca.

Arts and Culture

We are fortunate to live in a community rich in home-grown talents and diverse cultures. SHORA is committed to supporting arts and culture within our community by regularly sponsoring and/or promoting events and activities that broaden our perspectives, such as the Art Project in Thornlodge Park, Shakespeare in the Park and holiday theatre events such as A Christmas Carol.

Safety

SHORA is actively involved in community safety through its participation on the Police Community Liaison Committee at 11 Division (corner of Erin Mills and Dundas). We work hand-in-hand with local police and community groups to improve the safety and security of your family and property.

Beautification

A beautiful neighbourhood is an important element in maximizing property values and improving community appeal. SHORA has sponsored, supported and participated in many such projects over the years including the Hidden Gems Backyard Garden Contest, Holiday House Decorating Contest, creation of the Peace Garden, plant swaps, streetscaping, and neighbourhood clean-ups.