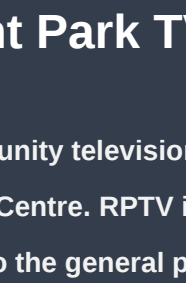




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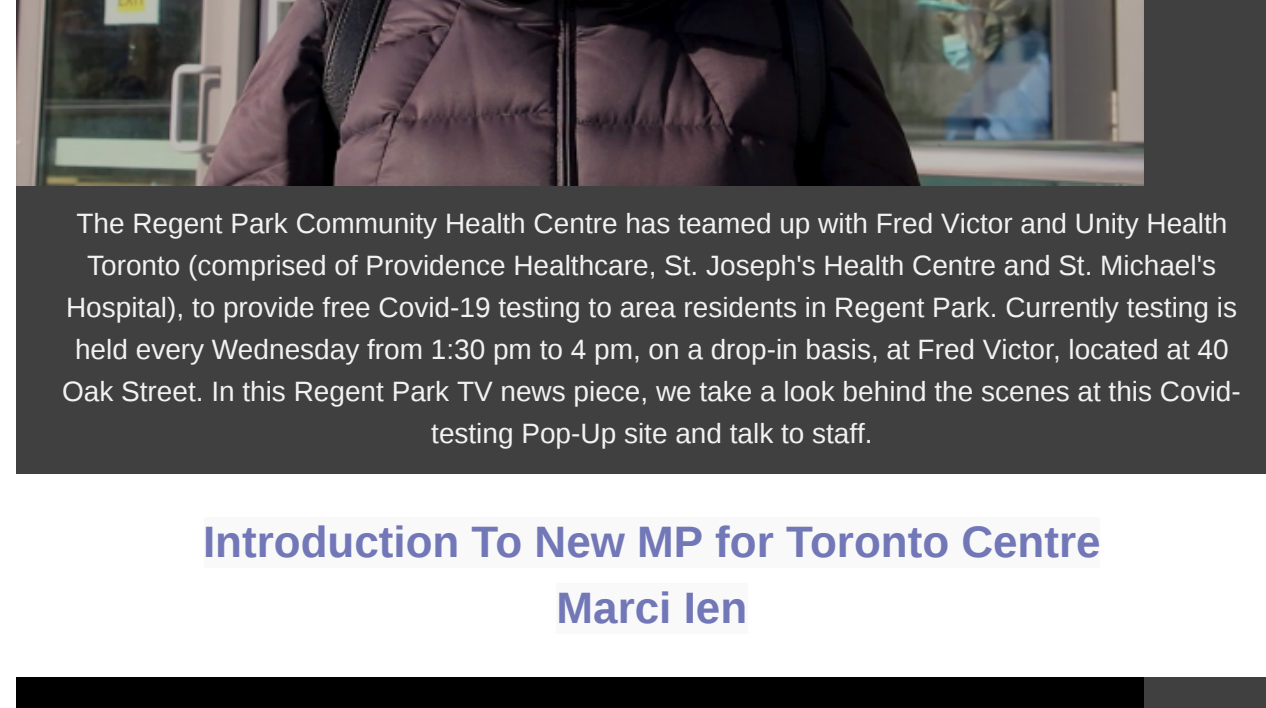
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**Regent Park TV News**

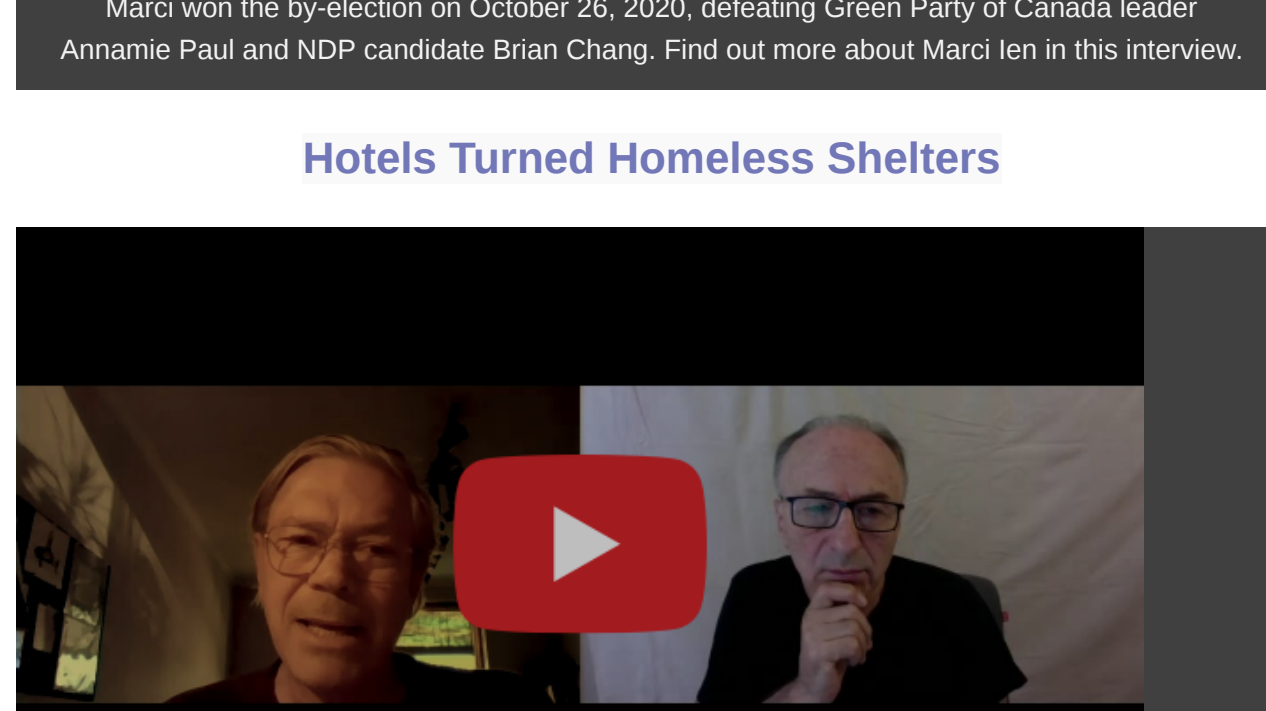
Regent Park TV (RP TV) is a community television station serving Regent Park that is operated by the FOCUS Media Arts Centre. RP TV is accessible to Regent Park residents on Rogers Cable Channel 991 and to the general public on the Regent Park TV YouTube.

**Covid-19 Testing in Regent Park**



The Regent Park Community Health Centre has teamed up with Fred Victor and Unity Health Toronto (comprised of Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Michael's Hospital) to provide free Covid-19 testing to area residents in Regent Park. Currently testing is held every Wednesday from 1-30 pm to 4 pm, on a drop-in basis, at Fred Victor, located at 40 Oak Street. In this Regent Park TV news piece, we take a look behind the scenes at this Covid-testing Pop-Up site and talk to staff.

**Introduction To New MP for Toronto Centre  
Marci Ien**



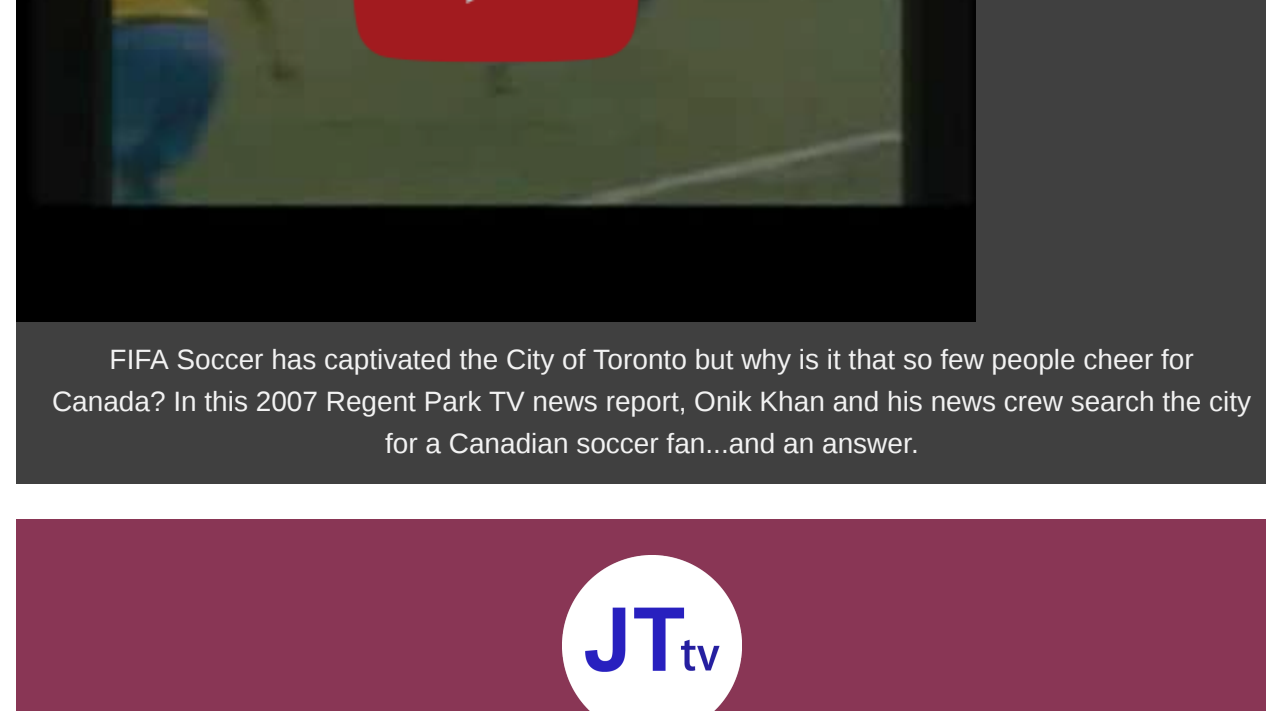
In this episode of Regent Park TV News, we introduce the Regent Park, Moss Park and the St. James Town Community and the winner of Toronto Centre, to their new Member of Parliament. On September 17, 2020, Marci Ien was announced as the Liberal candidate for the by-election to the 43rd Canadian Parliament for Toronto Centre, following the resignation of Bill Morneau. Marci won the by-election on October 26, 2020, defeating Green Party of Canada leader Annamie Paul and NDP candidate Brian Cheng. Find out more about Marci Ien in this interview.

**Hotels Turned Homeless Shelters**



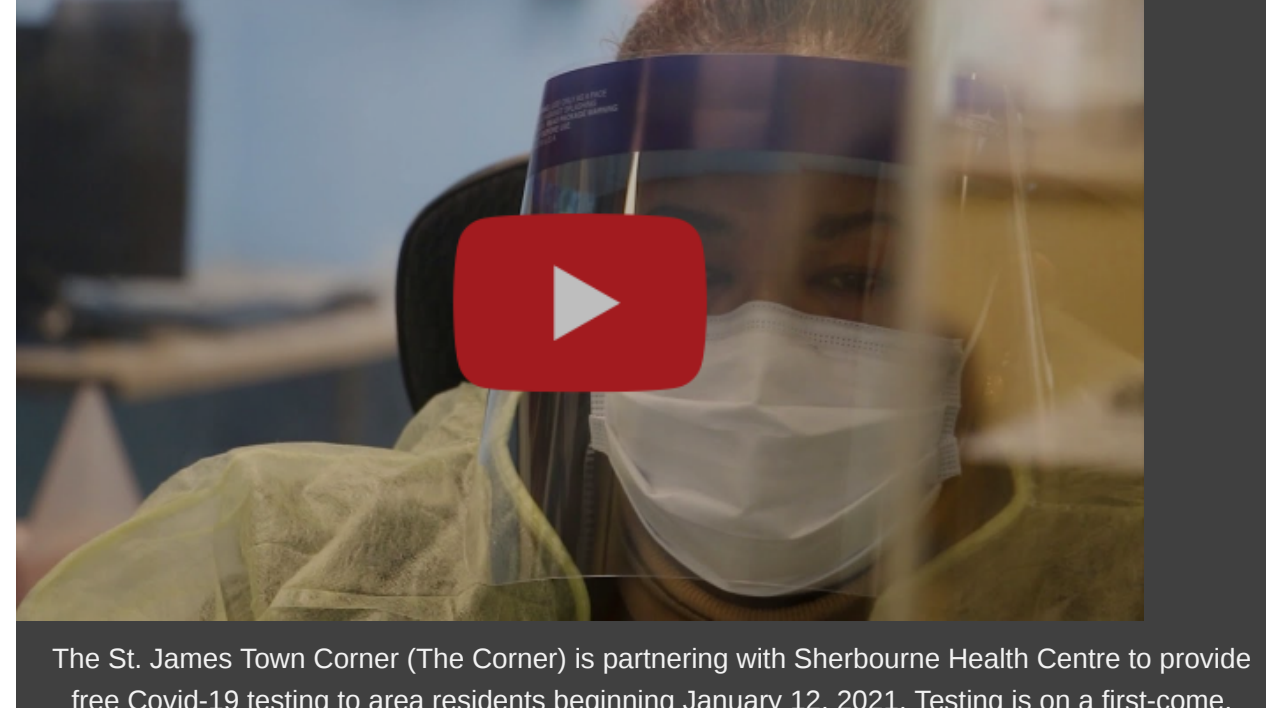
Acknowledging that tent cities are not a viable solution to homelessness, the City of Toronto, to its credit, through the Shelter, Support & Housing Administration Division, has over the course of the pandemic substantially increased the level of support to homeless people. Among the more striking and contentious developments has been the leasing of hotel sites in the Toronto area. What began with sheltering 313 homeless people in hotels by April 7, 2020, has, as of September 16, 2020, grown to 2,000 individuals occupying 19 hotels. Read more about in this RP TV interview with David Reycraft, Director of Housing, Homelessness Services - Dixon Hall.

**Living With Anxiety**



A short animated film about one person's struggle with anxiety. A film by Kaylin Lopes, an emerging filmmaker in the 2017 FOCUS media program.

**BLAST FROM THE PAST - Who Cheers for Canada?**



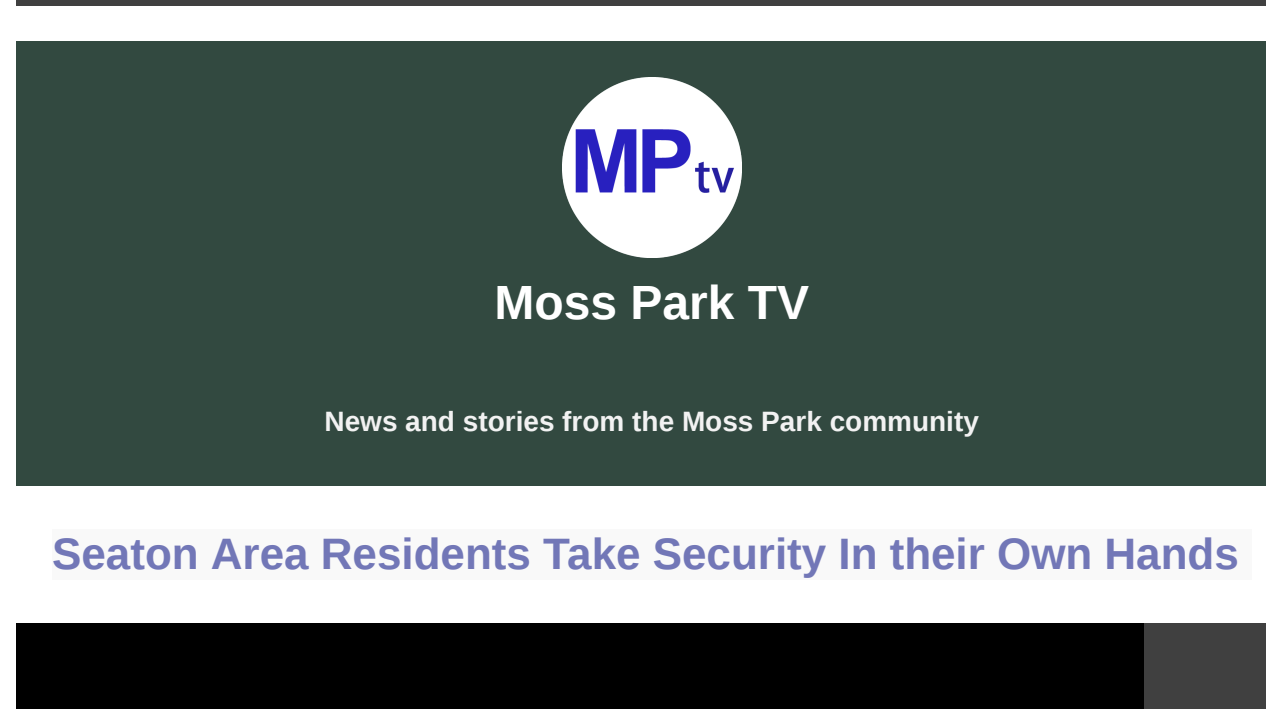
FIFA Soccer has captivated the City of Toronto but why is it that so few people cheer for Canada? In this 2007 Regent Park TV news report, Onik Khan and his news crew search the city for a Canadian soccer fan...and an answer.



**St. James Town TV**

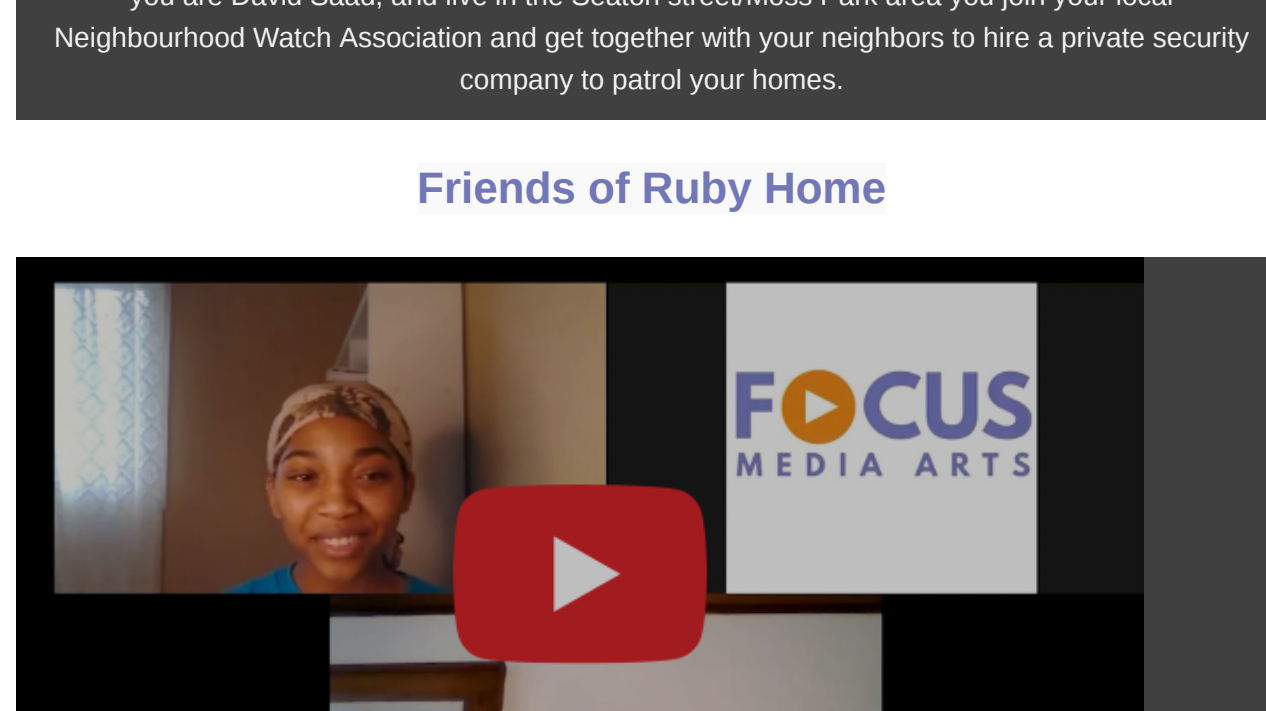
News and stories from the St. James Town community

**Covid-19 Testing in St. James Town**

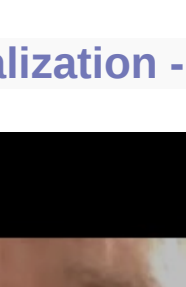


The St. James Town Corner (The Corner) is partnering with Sherbourne Health Centre to provide free Covid-19 testing to area residents beginning January 15, 2021. Testing is on a first-come, drop-in basis and will take place every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm and Friday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, at The Corner, located at 200 Wellesley Street, East. In this St. James Town TV News piece, we go behind the scenes of the St. James Town Covid-19 testing site to talk to the staff involved and why they feel it is important for residents to get tested, as well as the supports available when someone has tested positive.

**In Conversation With Annamie Paul,  
Leader of the Green Party of Canada**



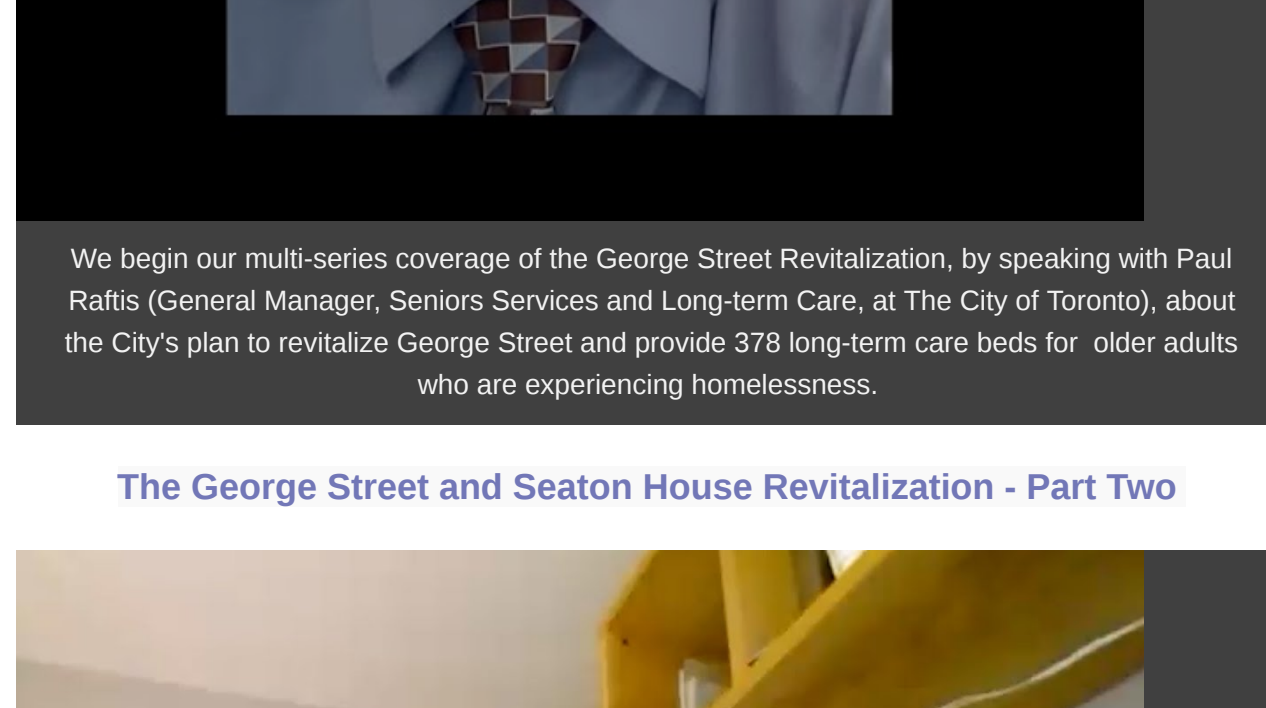
In honor of Black History Month, the St. James Town Community Corner (The Corner) features a conversation about leadership, mentorship, foreign essentials, and community with Annamie Paul - Leader of the Green Party of Canada.



**Moss Park TV**

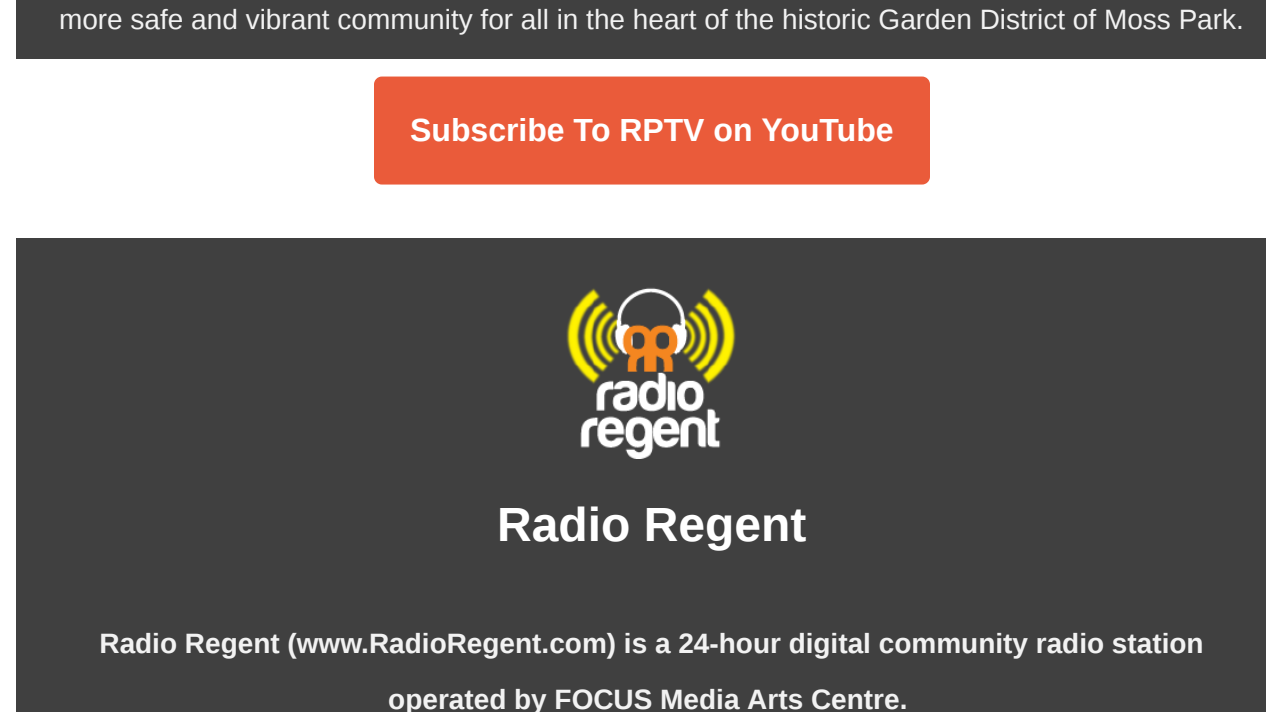
News and stories from the Moss Park community

**Seaton Area Residents Take Security In their Own Hands**



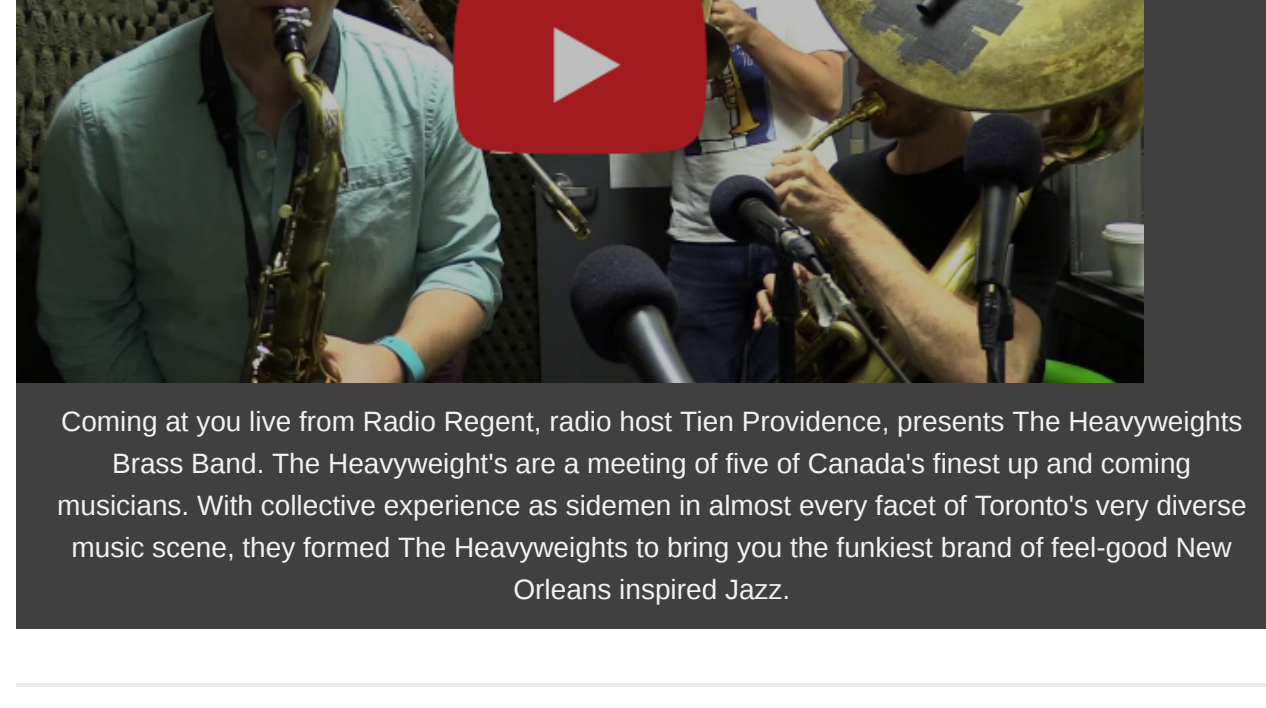
What does one do when you are often awoken in the middle of the night by the carryings on of an illicit drug trade and sex trafficking in the street below or finding fire drug paraphernalia and used condoms outside your home? What do you do when you are told that police can't do anything about the minor assaults, break-ins and vandalism in the area due to the lack of community officers or an unwillingness to arrest or prosecute offenders due to covid-19? Well, if you are David Saad, and live in the Seaton street/Moss Park area you join your local Neighbourhood Watch Association and get together with your neighbors to hire a private security company to patrol your homes.

**Friends of Ruby Home**



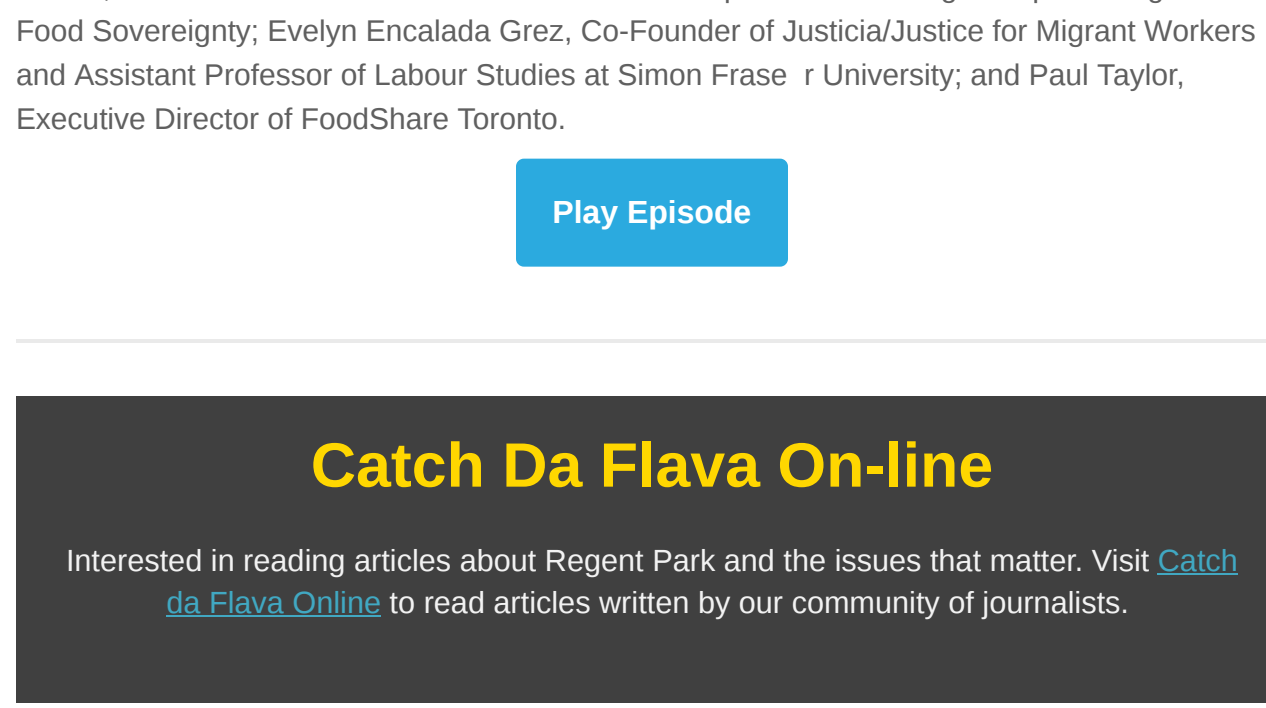
In the Moss Park community, located between Jarvis and Sherbourne Street, on 257 Dundas Street, you will find a colourful rainbow-accented building that The Friends of Ruby call Home! The Friends of Ruby Home was designed to appeal to youth, not just any youth, but LGBTQ2S youth between the ages of 16 - 29 years who are in need of transitional housing and support. Find out more in this Moss Park TV interview with Lucy Gallo, the Director of Youth Services and Housing, at the Friends of Ruby Home.

**The George Street Revitalization - Part One - Longterm Care**



We begin our multi-series coverage of the George Street Revitalization, by speaking with Paul Rattis (General Manager, Seniors Services and Long-term Care, at The City of Toronto), about the City's plan to revitalize George Street and provide 270 long-term care beds for older adults who are experiencing homelessness.

**The George Street and Seaton House Revitalization - Part Two**



According to The City of Toronto, "The George Street Revitalization (GSR) will see the revitalization of the northernmost block of George Street and transform Seaton House men's shelter into a world-class facility providing specialized care for vulnerable populations, including a transitional living facility, an emergency shelter, affordable housing, and a community hub serving residents of both the site and the local neighbourhood. GSR will be the catalyst for a more safe and vibrant community for all in the heart of the historic Garden District of Moss Park."

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**Radio Regent News & Views**

Feb 12, 2021, Episode

In this Feb 12, 2021, episode of Radio Regent News & Views, we present a report on the COVID testing going on in St. James Town, Toronto, at the The Corner, a community hub in the area. In the report, we'll hear interviews with Doctor Wanda Iqbal, a family physician at the Sherbourne Health Centre and Shova Achikari, a St. James Town area Community Engagement Facilitator. We'll also hear an excerpt presented by The Leap, a Canada based, internationally recognized organization dedicated to examining and acting in light of the climate crisis and its intersectionality with multiple issues. The webinar presentation hosted by Leap founder Avi Lewis, is entitled From Scarcity to Sovereignty: Food in a Time of Pandemic and features Raj Patel, author of Stuffed and Starved, film-maker, academic, Dawn Morrison, Sovereignty Nation, Founder/Curator of Research and Relationships of the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty, Evelyn Encalada Grez, Co-Founder of Justicia/Justice for Migrant Workers and Assistant Professor of Labour Studies at Simon Fraser University; and Paul Taylor, Executive Director of FoodShare Toronto.

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