



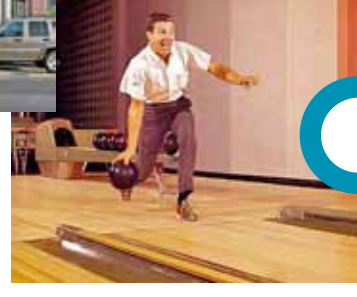
# PARC HISTORY



○ **1800s** Parkdale Village was a wealthy enclave outside Toronto



○ **1912** Buildings on either side of PARC are built – 1495 and 1501 Queen St. West



○ **1927** The Lakeview Bowling and Recreation Centre opens at 1499 Queen Street West



○ **1970s and 80s** de-institutionalization begins – Queen St Mental Health Centre begins discharging “ex-psychiatric patients” into local boarding and rooming homes.



○ **1979** Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital shuts down.



○ **1980** PARC opens its doors at 1499 Queen Street West.



○ **1981** 1495 Queen Street West is purchased and run as a 51-unit, unlicensed rooming house.



○ Pat Capponi hired and helps shift PARC's focus to psychiatric survivor issues, quality of housing and the politics of poverty

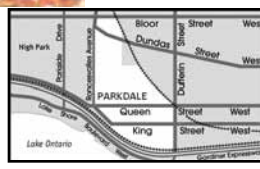


○ **1990** Owners of PARC building go into receivership; PARC Board of Directors decide to buy the building

○ **1991** PARC owns 1499 Queen St. West



○ **1991** PARC releases book of poetry and prose from writing group called Kiss Me You Mad Fool



○ **1995** PARC pilots the Community Housing Support Program, later known as POP

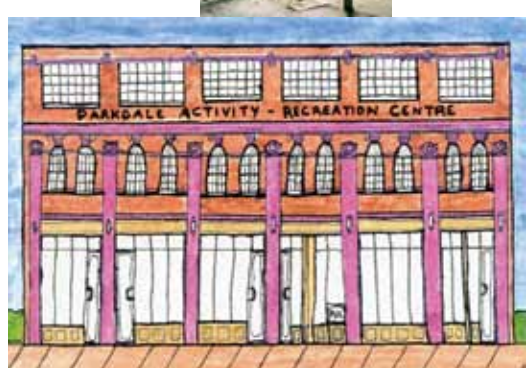


○ **1996** Edmond Yu evicted from 1495 Queen due to his “behaviour” and noise complaints

○ **1997** Edmond Yu is fatally shot by police at Spadina Quay



○ **1998** Fire at 1495 Queen. Two tenants perish, 49 survivors left with nowhere to live and all belongings destroyed or inaccessible



○ **1999** PARC begins renovation

○ **2000** PARC creates 10 units of Supportive Housing on the top floor



○ **2000** PARC and Parkdale Community Health Centre develop a partnership



○ **2001** PARC & the Ontario Council of Alternative Businesses (OCAB) start partnership for employment



○ **2007** PARC is the successful proponent for re-development of 194 Dowling/1495 Queen Street.

○ **2007-2010** Edmond Place – in development

## PARC COMMITMENTS

- **Welcoming:** PARC is a safe community with open doors.
- **End poverty:** PARC focuses on both the individuals affected and on the systemic practices that produce poverty.
- **Human rights:** PARC is committed to challenging oppression that renders people vulnerable.
- **Healing and health:** PARC encourages engagement, providing opportunities to share and learn; PARC is a community where people rebuild their lives.



**PARC**  
Parkdale Activity-  
Recreation Centre