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COMMUNITY UPDATE FALL/WINTER 2021

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Dear neighbours,

It's hard to believe that we're approaching two years since the start of this pandemic. Of course, we need to keep working hard to support those who have been hardest hit by COVID-19.

At the same time, we need to start looking past the pandemic and tackle the other big issues that impact our communities here in the suburbs, from congestion and transit to long-term care and affordable housing.

I want to hear from you and work together to find solutions that work for Don Valley North. We're approaching budget season, which is the perfect time to start this conversation. The City's budget may be the last thing on your mind, but it's a foundational document that sets our priorities for the year ahead.

This is your chance to have your voice heard by all of City Hall. Together, we can fight for the issues that matter most to you and your family. I hope you'll join my **Budget Town Hall** on **January 26 at 6:30 PM** (details on back) to learn more about the budget process and share your thoughts.

I know that we can create a stronger community, together. Don't forget to subscribe to my weekly E-Blast to stay up-to-date on the top issues affecting our city and our neighbourhoods. To join the conversation, visit shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.

Sincerely,

Want more information
on anything here?
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In the Community

Participatory Budgeting



Over the summer, my team and I hosted a very successful Participatory Budgeting process in **Henry Farm**. Residents came up with great ideas to improve the neighbourhood. The successful projects include lighting improvements in Havenbrook Park and resurfacing the Henry Farm Tennis Club courts. Thank you to the over 180 Henry Farmers who came to share their feedback on voting day!

In January 2022, we're going to start a Participatory Budgeting process in **Pleasant View**. Residents will have the chance to propose ideas for neighbourhood improvements and vote on how to spend \$500,000 in community funding. I can't wait to see the great ideas this neighbourhood will come up with!

Visit shelleycarroll.ca/participatory-budgeting for next steps on the successful Henry Farm projects and to get involved with Participatory Budgeting in Pleasant View.

Winter Tenant Guide

Last year, my team and I heard from many tenants who experienced challenges over the winter months. That's why we created a **Winter Tenant Guide** full of helpful tips and resources for thousands of tenants across Don Valley North. We've updated the guide this year and printed additional copies. Find the Winter Tenant Guide online at shelleycarroll.ca/tenant-guides or request a hard copy by calling or emailing my office.

Local Road Reconstruction Projects



There are several upcoming road construction projects along **Sheppard Avenue East**, including resurfacing from Bonnington Place to Bayview Avenue and reconstruction from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street. City staff will be hosting a virtual community consultation session on **Tuesday, December 7** from **6:00 - 8:00 PM**. To register for the community consultation and learn more, visit shelleycarroll.ca/sheppard-reconstruction.

There is also an ongoing road reconstruction project on **Cummer Avenue** between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street, which is slated to be completed by spring 2022. Visit shelleycarroll.ca/cummer-reconstruction to learn more about this project.

Don Valley North Holiday Contest



What better way to celebrate the holidays than by showing off your decorating skills! To enter our contest, send photos of your outdoor decorations (front lawn or balcony) to councillor_carroll@toronto.ca by **December 10**. Winners will receive a special certificate and have their photos shared in my E-Blast and on social media.

Development, Housing & Transportation

Development Updates

Don Valley North is one of the busiest and fastest-growing areas in the city. That's why my team and I put together a central webpage where you can find information on all of the development projects in our ward. Visit shelleycarroll.ca/development to find quick overviews, status updates, and other helpful information for the larger developments in our neighbourhoods, including **Tyndale**, **630-686 Finch Ave E**, and **680-688 Sheppard Ave E**.

RapidTO & Tackling Congestion



Many of you got involved in the **RapidTO** community meetings held this fall. RapidTO is exploring a number of ways to improve bus and streetcar transit across our city, which helps tackle congestion for us all. As there seems to have been some confusion around this policy, I want to make it clear that the City is **not** currently proposing dedicated bus lanes on any of our major roads here in Don Valley North. Rather, RapidTO is looking at a number of potential transit priority solutions based on what works best for each avenue. Learn more at toronto.ca/RapidTO.

Upcoming Events

Reminder:

All events will adhere to the most up-to-date public health guidelines, including capacity limits, social distancing, masking, and proof of vaccination where required.

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Neighbours Night

Thursday, January 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Oriole Community Centre Gym

We're hosting a Neighbours Night for tenants living around the Peanut with representatives from various City departments and community organizations that can support you and your family. Come out to learn about your rights and the services available to you.

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New Year's Levee Skating

Saturday, January 8, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Ethennonnhawahstihnen' Park

Join me for a New Year's Skating Party at Don Valley North's newest skating rink in Ethennonnhawahstihnen' Park (80 McMahan Dr). Don't forget your skates!

Affordable Housing



I've had conversations with many of you about how expensive housing has become in our city. I don't know about you, but I want my grandkids to be able to live nearby. That's why I'm happy to share that Council is moving forward with our **Inclusionary Zoning** policy, which will create thousands more affordable units for hardworking Torontonians. This policy defines what is considered affordable and requires developers to set aside a certain percentage of units as affordable in new developments. While our neighbourhood was left out of the first stage of this policy, I have worked with the Mayor and City staff to make sure it's part of the policy review coming this summer.

Rooming House Update

It's clear that the status quo isn't working to solve the illegal rooming house issue that affects us here in the suburbs. I worked hard to improve the licensing framework that was proposed to Council in July based on your feedback. Mayor Tory supported this new framework, but felt that there needs to be better communication around this issue before we move forward. A report will come back to Council in the new year that formalizes many of the changes the Mayor and I made with City staff. For more information, visit shelleycarroll.ca/rooming-houses.

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Budget Town Hall

Wednesday, January 26, 6:30 PM
Online

This is your chance to ask questions of City finance staff and learn more about how the budget shapes the services you rely on. RSVP at shelleycarroll.ca/budget.

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Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 5, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Georges Vanier School (tentative)

Join me to welcome the Year of the Tiger at Georges Vanier School (3000 Don Mills Rd). There will be family activities and light refreshments for all to enjoy. Please RSVP at shelleycarroll.ca/lunar-new-year, as event details may change based on COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, including booster shots and vaccines for kids, visit toronto.ca/covid-19



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