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Dear neighbours,

It has been an eventful start to the new term of office, both for the City of Toronto and our neighbourhoods here in Don Valley North.

This newsletter includes updates on the upcoming **Mayoral By-Election** and local projects like our new **Ethennonhawahstihnen' Community Centre & Library**, the **Sheppard Reconstruction**, and **Fairview Mall Redevelopment**. My office is also hosting a number of community events in the coming months, including our **Community Clean-Up Day** and the return of **Summer Celebration!**

I look forward to continuing to connect with you on the issues that matter most to our community. Be sure to subscribe to my weekly E-Blast to stay up-to-date on these items and more at shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.

Sincerely,

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Economic & Community Development



This term, I am serving as Chair of the Economic & Community Development Committee. This committee has a mandate to strengthen communities, neighbourhoods, and economic opportunity across the city.

I want to highlight the recent investments we made in emergency services. We've budgeted to hire 200 firefighters, 200 police officers, and 250 paramedics this year. We're also expanding the Toronto Community Crisis Service, our new, non-police-led emergency service for those in crisis. These investments will improve lagging service and response times and make sure our first-responders get to you as quickly as possible in an emergency.

Community Upgrades

New Community Centre & Library



The new multi-use **Ethennonhawahstihnen' Community Centre** is nearly finished, with a soft opening tentatively scheduled for this coming June. The community centre will house an aquatic centre, child care centre, and a Toronto Public Library branch which is relocating from Bayview Village Mall. I look forward to our community coming together to animate the space and make the most out of this great new facility.

Bayview Village Participatory Budgeting

My team and I will be facilitating a Participatory Budgeting process in **Bayview Village** this year. There is \$500,000 available for neighbourhood enhancements. We'll be kicking off this process with a virtual information session on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM**. I encourage everyone in the neighbourhood to join and learn more about this process. We will then host an idea-gathering meeting on **Monday, June 5th at 6:00 PM** where you can attend and share your ideas to improve the neighbourhood with fellow neighbours and staff. Details for these events are still being finalized, so be sure to visit shelleycarroll.ca/PB and register to stay up-to-date.

Local Park Enhancements



There are exciting improvements coming to a number of local parks this year. **Bellbury, Leslie, and Clydesdale Parks** and **Elkhorn Parkette** will all receive new junior and senior play equipment and accessibility upgrades. Bellbury Park will also be receiving a new half-basketball court for all to enjoy. Construction for each project is set to begin between summer to fall of this year. I look forward to seeing families enjoy these great new amenities once they're complete.

There are also two new **dog off-leash areas** coming to Don Valley North. I am happy to report that construction on the **Parkway Forest Off-Leash Area** is set to begin this year. Additionally, my team and I have been working closely with staff to identify space for an off-leash area in the Pleasant View/Brian Village neighbourhood. **Old Sheppard Park** was identified as the best location. Staff are continuing to work on designs and technical reviews for this site. Be sure to subscribe to my E-Blast for further updates.

Transportation, Development & Housing

Sheppard Road Reconstruction



City staff have continued to refine the road resurfacing and reconstruction planned for **Sheppard Avenue East** from Bayview to Leslie based on feedback from the community. Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent community meeting and shared their thoughts on the project. The reconstruction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2024. Visit shelleycarroll.ca/sheppard-reconstruction to stay up-to-date on this project.

ReNew Sheppard East

City Planning staff are working to develop a plan to guide growth along **Sheppard Avenue East** from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street. The review analyzes parks and open spaces, transportation patterns and options, community amenities, and more. Learn more about this work to create a complete, liveable, and sustainable community along Sheppard at toronto.ca/ReNewSheppardEastStudy.

Development Updates

Thank you to everyone who came out and shared their feedback at the two **Fairview Mall Redevelopment** community open houses held this past March. These were great opportunities for our community to come together and share our vision for the future of the neighbourhood. For updates on this application and others in our ward, please visit my website at shelleycarroll.ca/development.

Pleasant View Library Expansion



Staff are currently working on the final design of the highly anticipated **Pleasant View Library Renovation and Expansion project**. Improvements include a 3000 square foot expansion, increased study space, additional washrooms, and multiple accessibility features. The branch will also be open six days per week once the renovations are complete. Visit tpl.ca/pleasantview to stay up-to-date on the project and share your feedback.

Expanding Housing Options & Improving Affordability

Housing affordability continues to be a concern across Don Valley North. Families, newcomers, seniors, and our own kids and grandkids deserve to be able to live in a range of housing types here in Toronto. I've been working closely with City staff on a range of impactful housing initiatives. One housing piece I want to highlight is **Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods (EHON)**.

The EHON initiative allows for a range of low-rise housing, including duplexes, triplexes, low-rise apartments, garden suites, and more, to be built in neighbourhoods across Toronto. These housing types give residents of all ages the chance to keep living in the neighbourhoods they love, and show that growth doesn't have to mean endless high-rise towers. Visit toronto.ca/ehon for more information.

Upcoming Events

APR 15
MAY 6

Compost Days
Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Steelesview Public School (Parking Lot)
Saturday, May 6th, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Brian Public School (Parking Lot)

Come pick up free compost for your garden at our two compost days. We have plenty to go around, so tell your neighbours to come out too!

APR 18

Community Safety Town Hall
Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Fairview Library Theatre

My office is partnering with Toronto Police Services and City Staff to host a Community Safety Town Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn about the work being done to keep our neighbourhoods safe and ask any questions or voice any concerns you may have.

APR 22

Community Clean-Up Day
Saturday, April 22nd, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location To Be Announced

Celebrate Earth Day by joining me and my team as we take part in the city-wide effort to clean up our green spaces. It's a great way for high school students to earn volunteer hours. To register and learn more about the event, visit shelleycarroll.ca/clean-up.

MAY 16

Environment Day
Tuesday, May 16th, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Cummer Park Community Centre

This is the first of two Community Environment Days my office is hosting this year. Donate old items, safely dispose of household hazardous waste, and pick up free compost.

JULY 8

Summer Celebration!
Save the Date: Saturday, July 8th
Oriole Community Centre

DVN Summer Celebration is returning this year! I can't wait to celebrate with all of you again. Come out to meet your neighbours, enjoy a barbecue, and take part in activities for the whole family to enjoy. Be sure to subscribe to my E-Blast for more details.

Mayoral By-Election

Monday, June 26th, 2023
Learn more: toronto.ca/elections

Toronto will have the opportunity to elect a new mayor this June. I know it may feel hard to get engaged so soon after an election, but this is a critical moment. I urge everyone to get out and vote for a mayor with a strong vision for the future of our city.