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WARD 17 DON VALLEY NORTH



COMMUNITY UPDATE SPRING 2022

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Dear neighbours,

Spring is finally in the air, and I can't wait to enjoy the beauty of Don Valley North. Most of all, I can't wait to get to chat with you in person again. The pandemic has had a dramatic impact on our lives, our values, and the way we gather, but through it all my top priority has remained the same: staying connected with you.

As your Councillor, it's my job to reach out and find solutions that work for our neighbourhoods here in the suburbs. I know that when we work together, we can tackle any issue, from making roads safer near our schools to improving our local parks and protecting our natural environment.

My team and I have planned a number of events in the coming months to connect with you and hear about

the issues that matter most to you and your family. From outdoor events like our Community Clean Up and Environment Days to informational Seniors Services Town Halls and the return of Neighbours Night, I can't wait to see our community come together again.

I'm confident that whatever the coming months have in store, our community will continue to support one another. I will continue to keep you up-to-date on the top issues affecting our city and our neighbourhoods through my weekly E-Blast. To join the conversation, visit shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.

Sincerely,

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on anything here?
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Environment & Parks

LDD (Gypsy) Moth Treatment Plan



Our neighbourhoods were particularly hard hit by the **LDD (Gypsy) Moth** infestation last year. Thank you to everyone who helped combat this issue by identifying heavy infestation locations in our area. Based on feedback from our community, the City is planning an Aerial Spray Management Program from **May 16 to June 15**, which will be applied to certain areas of our ward.

For more information on this treatment program and resources on how to report and treat LDD moths, visit shelleycarroll.ca/ldd-moths.

Taking Action on Leaf Blowers

Thank you to the hundreds of residents who have signed my petition at shelleycarroll.ca/leaf-blowers to support a seasonal or year-round ban on gas-powered leaf blowers. Staff will report back on the noise impact of these machines later this year. Additionally, I have requested that staff present a plan to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers for municipal use. We're already seeing this policy move forward in cities like Markham and Ottawa. As the fourth largest city in North America, the City of Toronto should be a leader on this issue and phase out these harmful machines.

Duncan Creek Restoration



I had the pleasure of touring the newly rehabilitated **Duncan Creek** this past fall. I was thrilled to see major improvements that made the trail safer and more resilient for our community. I am happy to share that in addition to Urban Forestry's planting plan, there are two community tree plantings taking place this spring to help reforest the ravine. I know our community will help make the ravine a vibrant and beloved green space in Don Valley North.

East Don Ravine Construction

Work is ongoing to upgrade the sewer system in the **East Don Ravine** at northwest corner of Sheppard Avenue East and Leslie Street. We are currently in Phase I of the construction project, which includes removal of the concrete weir, channel improvements, and continued work on sewer replacement/connections. Work hours have been updated to include Saturdays from 9 AM - 7 PM, in accordance with the noise bylaw, to ensure the project stays on track. Phase II is expected to start in 2023 and be completed in 2025. For more details on this project, visit shelleycarroll.ca/east-don-ravine.

Environment & Parks (continued)

Participatory Budgeting Updates



This past January, my team and I hosted a meeting to kick off a Participatory Budgeting process in **Pleasant View/Brian Village**. Thank you to everyone who joined us virtually and shared your great ideas to improve the neighbourhood. We have brought these ideas to staff to see which are feasible, and are inviting the community to our **Pleasant View/Brian Village PB Vote Day** on **Saturday, May 7 from 1 - 4 PM** to choose the projects you want to see implemented in your neighbourhood.

My team has also been working diligently with staff to advance the projects chosen during last summer's PB process in **Henry Farm**, including lighting and playground improvements in Havenbrook Park and resurfacing the Henry Farm Tennis Club courts. We will continue to share updates as we receive more information on these projects to keep you engaged throughout the implementation process.

Visit shelleycarroll.ca/participatory-budgeting for more information and to register for our upcoming vote day.

In the Community

Community Safety



Keeping our community safe is a major priority for me and my team, and I know that we need to tackle this important issue from many angles. I've spent the past two years working closely with Mayor Tory and Deputy Mayor Thompson on the City's new **Community Crisis Support Service Pilots**, which will see new community-led solutions to mental health crises in four areas of the city. This is essential as we work to create a city that is truly safe for all.

My office has also hosted a number of **community safety audits** here in Don Valley North in partnership with Toronto Police to find solutions to local safety concerns. If you and your neighbours have a safety concern in your area, don't hesitate to reach out to my office. My team and I would be happy to set up a safety audit and take a proactive approach to keeping the neighbourhood safe.

Park Enhancements

Many of our local parks are in the process of receiving great upgrades for the community. **Bellbury Park, Pinto Park, Clydesdale Park, and Ruddington Park** will all get new junior and senior play equipment. Additionally, **Ruddington Park** will have a new all-ages fitness circuit, while **Bellbury Park** will be home to a full-size basketball court and new gazebo with plenty of seating.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the surveys for these local park improvements. I can't wait to see these beautiful new parks once they're completed. Some will be done by year's end, while others may take a bit longer due to product delivery delays. Feel free to reach out to my office if you have questions about any of these projects.

Parkway Forest Dog Park



After years of conversations with residents in the Parkway Forest community about the need for a local dog park, I'm happy to announce that the construction of a new off-leash area in **Parkway Forest Park** is tentatively scheduled to begin in fall of this year. The off-leash area will be located in the southwest portion of the park. I can't wait to come by and see our neighbourhood pets finally enjoying the much-needed space once it's complete.

Youth Council

Throughout the pandemic, I have had the invaluable experience of meeting regularly with the members of our **Youth Council**. They have shared so much about their experiences during this challenging time and asked insightful questions about housing, transportation, climate change, and more. It's great to finally be able to meet in-person and I look forward to learning even more from them as we start to look beyond the pandemic.

Sparrowways Recreation Room

I can't wait to see the new recreation room that is in the works at the **Sparrowways**. I worked with staff to secure funding for this much-needed upgrade, which will include a new exercise space, computer lab, and kitchen for cooking programs. This project will help create an even more vibrant community hub and provide a great space for residents to socialize. I look forward to stopping by once the project is complete!

Thank you to Officer Dale Swift

Many of you have gotten to know Officer Dale Swift during his years of service as Neighbourhood Community Officer. He has done amazing work to build trust between the community and the police. I want to sincerely thank Officer Swift for his dedicated service to our community as he hands over the reins to new Neighbourhood Officers after five years of service.

Development & 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 **123 Parkway Forest Dr**, **2135 Sheppard Ave E**, and **Greenbriar Rd**.

Expanding Housing Options



I know that affordable housing is a concern for many in our community. Housing is becoming increasingly out of reach for many young people and hard to maintain for many seniors. I've been working closely with City staff on a range of initiatives to expand housing options in our neighbourhoods. The focus is to update our zoning policies to allow for more low-rise housing options like duplexes, townhouses, and low-rise apartments, particularly along some of our major roads. These housing options give residents of all ages the chance to continue to live in the neighbourhoods they love. For more information, visit toronto.ca/ehon.

Sheppard Road Reconstruction



Thank you to everyone in the community who has taken the time to share their feedback on the proposed plan for road reconstruction on **Sheppard Avenue** from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street. Staff are continuing to accept comments from the community as they refine the design for further consultation later this year. Visit shelleycarroll.ca/sheppard-reconstruction to stay up-to-date on this project.

For information on COVID-19 vaccines, including fourth doses, visit toronto.ca/covid-19



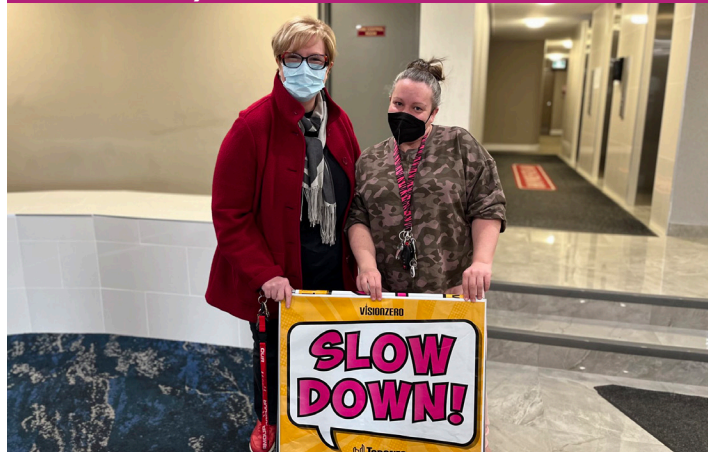
Pleasant View Library Consultation



There are exciting changes coming to **Pleasant View Library**, including a new Digital Innovation Hub and a substantial renovation. Our community voted on these improvements back in 2014, but the process was delayed as the City waited to receive the necessary funds. During this time, I was able to negotiate extra funding for more improvements at our library and make sure that this project is included in the 2021-2030 Capital Plan.

My team and I will be hosting a community consultation on this project alongside City staff on **Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**. This will be your chance to see the exciting changes that are planned for the library and ask questions of staff. Be sure to save the date and stay in touch with my office for registration details.

Road Safety



I frequently hear from parents and community members who are concerned about speeding on our local roads, especially around our schools. The City's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras are an important tool to combat this issue. The next locations for these two cameras in our ward will be **Don Mills Road south of Freshmeadow Drive** and **McNicoll Avenue near Sexton Crescent**.

My team and I have also met with many parent councils and community members to discuss road safety improvements in their neighbourhoods. If you have concerns about road safety in your area, my team and I will be happy to connect with you to find solutions.

Old Cummer GO Underpass

The Finch Hydro Corridor multi-use trail ends as it approaches **Old Cummer GO**, limiting access to this station and other major destinations like Seneca College for thousands of cyclists and pedestrians. City staff are looking into the feasibility of constructing a grade separated crossing of the rail line to better connect our cycling infrastructure here in Don Valley North. I'll be sure to keep the community updated on this project through my weekly E-Blast, so be sure to stay tuned.

Upcoming Events & Community Resources

Reminder:

All events will adhere to the most up-to-date public health guidelines at the time of the event.

APR 23
Community Cleanup
Saturday, April 23, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Leslie Street & Old Cummer Avenue

Come join me and my team to pick up litter in the Finch Hydro Corridor as part of the annual city-wide Clean Toronto Together initiative. It'll be lovely to connect with you and your family as we clean our community together. Email councillor_carroll@toronto.ca to RSVP.

MAY 21
Community Environment Days
Saturday, May 21, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Old Cummer GO (5760 Leslie St)

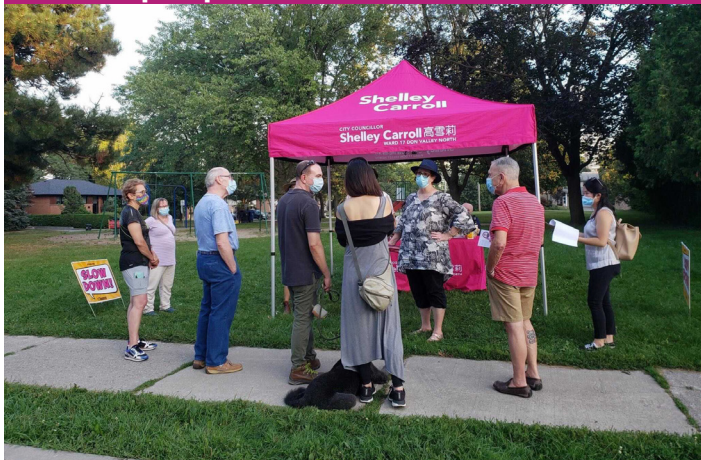
JULY 30
Saturday, July 30, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Endridge Head Office (500 Consumers Rd)

This year, we will have two Community Environment Days for you to dispose of household hazardous waste (including electronics) and donate gently used clothing and furniture. You'll also be able to pick up compost for your gardens. I look forward to seeing you there!

JUNE 9
Neighbours Night
Thursday, June 9, 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, including RentSafeTO, Willowdale Community Legal Services, and Working Women Community Centre. Come out to learn about your rights and the services available to you.

Park Pop-Ups



I'll be bringing my office to a park near you again this spring and summer! Check your mailbox for an invitation to a **Park Pop-Up** in your neighbourhood, and stop by to chat about anything that's on your mind. I look forward to seeing you there and enjoying the beautiful weather together!

Tenant Guides

Our seasonal **Tenant Guides** are full of helpful tips and resources for renters in our neighbourhoods. We update this guide every year and drop off copies to thousands of tenants in Don Valley North to make sure you have access to the information you need. You can view our guides at shelleycarroll.ca/tenant-guides or request a hard copy by contacting my office.

APR 27
Seniors Services Town Hall
Wednesday, April 27, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Seneca Village Community Centre Gym

Join my team and City staff at Seneca Village CC (1700 Finch Avenue East) to learn more about the services the City offers to seniors. You will also get a chance to share your thoughts on how these services can be improved. Consecutive Mandarin interpretation will be available. 到时将会有中文翻译. RSVP by calling my office or visiting shelleycarroll.ca/seniors.

JUNE 4
Condo Clinic
Saturday, June 4, 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Parkway Forest Community Centre

Our first ever Condo Clinic will feature experts from the City, Province, and local agencies who will share helpful information on condo law, governance, and the responsibilities of owners, board members, and management. Email my office to RSVP.

JUNE 22
Chinese Seniors Town Hall
Wednesday, June 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Location to be determined

My office is partnering with Yee Hong, a not-for-profit senior care organization, to host a language-specific Seniors Town Hall for seniors who speak Mandarin or Cantonese. We are still in the process of planning this event and will share more information once a location is confirmed. To stay up-to-date on this event and more, add me on **WeChat: ShelleyCarroll**.

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Don Valley Northerner of the Week



Every week, my office is recognizing one local resident who supports their community here in Don Valley North. If you know someone who makes a difference in your neighbourhood, nominate them for **Don Valley Northerner of the Week**! Email my office with the name of the person you are nominating and a short blurb on how they give back to the community, and we will contact you if they're selected.

Seniors Guide

My team and I have compiled a **Seniors Guide** to help our seniors here in Don Valley North access information on the wide variety of services offered by the City and many local agencies. You can receive a copy of the guide at my **Seniors Services Town Hall** on April 27, or request a drop-off at home by contacting my office at **416-338-2650** or councillor_carroll@toronto.ca.