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WARD 17 DON VALLEY NORTH



COMMUNITY UPDATE SUMMER 2021

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## Dear neighbours,

It's been a challenging year, but the end of this pandemic is on the horizon. With vaccination rates continuing to rise each day, we're finally getting back to normal. It's been lovely to see so many people out enjoying our parks, shops, and restaurants here in Don Valley North after collectively hunkering down for so many months.

My team and I have truly felt honoured to take your calls about vaccinations, hear your stories, and help you get both of your shots. Thank you for trusting us to help you through this challenging time.

This summer, my priority is to connect with you. After months of virtual meetings, it's finally safe to see each other in person again. My team and I have already gotten

the chance to chat with many of you at our Park Pop-Ups and hear what's going on in your neighbourhood. Keep an eye out for my bright pink tent in a park near you in the coming weeks!

Remember, our phone lines and emails will continue to be answered daily over the summer months. And be sure to subscribe to my weekly E-Blast to stay up to date on what's happening here in Don Valley North. Visit [shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe](http://shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe) to join the conversation.

Sincerely,

For more vaccine information, visit [toronto.ca/covid-19](http://toronto.ca/covid-19)



## Parks & Environment

### Park Improvements



We are in the process of getting community feedback on a number of park improvements in our neighbourhoods. **Cummer Park, Bellbury Park, Pinto Park, Clydesdale Park, and Ruddington Park** will all be getting new and improved playground equipment soon. This includes a new three-on-three basketball court in Bellbury Park and seniors fitness equipment in Ruddington Park!

We have also started a mini Participatory Budgeting process in **Henry Farm**. City staff are costing out the project ideas and we'll be back out in August for a community vote day. We'll also be bringing this PB process to **Brian Village** this fall!

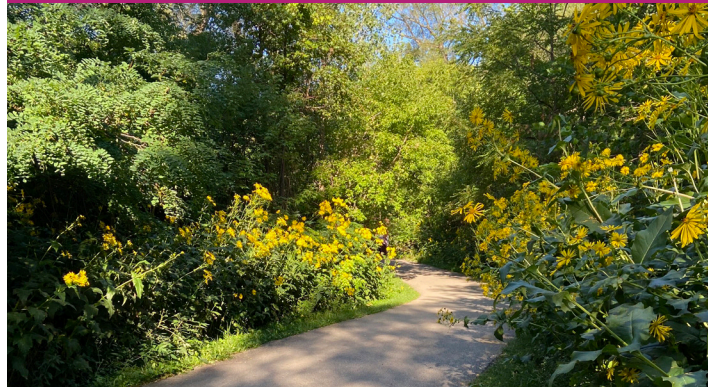
Finally, we need your help to envision the future of **Parkway Forest Park**! We'll be out in the community to hear your ideas on how we can use developer funding to enhance the park. To stay updated and share your thoughts, visit [shelleycarroll.ca/parkway-forest](http://shelleycarroll.ca/parkway-forest).

### Environment Days

Due to the pandemic, the City delayed the usual Community Environment Days held in the spring. To make sure these events can happen safely, the City will host two Community Environment Days for Ward 17 this fall at the Victoria Park Transfer Station. I hope you'll be able to join us to dispose of household waste and pick up bags of compost.

**Save the Date:** October 3 & October 24, 10 AM - 2 PM  
Victoria Park Transfer Station (3350 Victoria Park Ave)

### Ravine Work



Later this year, the City will be upgrading the sewer connection on the northwest corner of Sheppard Ave E and Leslie St in the **East Don Parkland**. Due to the complexity of the project, construction will take approximately four to five years to complete and will require the parking lot and washrooms to be closed starting this fall. I am actively pushing staff to arrange alternatives for this well-used community lot. Updates will be posted at [shelleycarroll.ca/east-don-ravine](http://shelleycarroll.ca/east-don-ravine).

I'm excited to share the news that the **Duncan Creek** restoration is nearly complete. Construction will finish this summer and residents will again be able to enjoy the creek's beautiful scenery on the new multi-use trail.

### Don Valley North Garden Contest



I know that we have some stunning gardens here in Don Valley North and I want to see them! Show off your gardening skills by entering our Garden Contest! Email photos of your garden to [councillor\\_carroll@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_carroll@toronto.ca) by **Friday, August 27** to enter. Winners will have their garden photos shared in my E-Blast and on social media and will receive a special certificate.

# Planning & Development

## Development Applications & Housing

Despite the pandemic impacting many sectors of our economy, one sector that hasn't felt the pain is the development sector. The City continues to receive new applications, including new applications at 10 Ruddington Drive, 71 Talara Drive, 589 Sheppard Ave E, and Tyndale University. As with every development application, City Planning will rigorously review each of these proposals. My team and I continue to meet with neighbours concerned about these applications, both virtually and in small groups in parks, ravines, and other public spaces. If you have questions or concerns about any development issues, contact my office or visit [shelleycarroll.ca/development](http://shelleycarroll.ca/development).

At our July Council meeting, City Council voted to defer the proposed rooming house licensing framework to our meeting in September. We have long had problems with illegal rooming houses in Don Valley North and I know the status quo of enforcement isn't working. After listening to many community voices and learning from the experiences of my colleagues with licensed rooming houses, I will be supporting Mayor Tory's effort to introduce this framework with some conditions:

- Removing the potential of more than 6 dwelling rooms per house,
- Increasing the number of enforcement officers to make sure our ward has dedicated staff, and
- Completing a third party review with comprehensive community consultation after the new program has been fully implemented.

Stay up-to-date on this issue by visiting my website at [shelleycarroll.ca/rooming-houses](http://shelleycarroll.ca/rooming-houses).

## Staying Connected

### Connecting with your Councillor



I want to connect with you this summer! Check your mailbox for an invitation to one of my **Park Pop-Ups** in a local park near you and come by to chat. You can also tune into a **Coffee with your Councillor** session on Facebook Live to hear me answer questions from the community. Of course, you can always call or email my office with questions or concerns about issues in your neighbourhood. I look forward to hearing from you!

### Add me on WeChat!

WeChat ID: ShelleyCarroll

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## Pleasant View Library Expansion



In my last newsletter, I shared that **Pleasant View Library** would finally be receiving its planned Digital Innovation Hub upgrade. Just this month, I negotiated an additional \$3.3 million from developers to expand the library by over 3000 sq ft to include more community space and a 25% increase in service hours. Toronto Public Library is in the process of hiring an architect and will be consulting the community in early 2022.

## School Capacity in Bayview Village

Since becoming your Councillor in 2018, I have heard from many community members who are concerned about the lack of school capacity in the Bayview Village community. Years ago, the TDSB received land for a new school in the Canadian Tire Lands. Unfortunately, no funding has been allocated by the Province or School Board to build the school. Over the coming months, my team and I will be launching an effort to get the ball rolling on securing funds for this new school. While it's not a municipal responsibility, it is a vital piece of community infrastructure needed in growth communities like ours. Add your name to our efforts at [shelleycarroll.ca/school](http://shelleycarroll.ca/school).

## Don Valley North Youth Council



The first year of our Don Valley North Youth Council was a great success in engaging youth in our community. As the new school year starts, we're looking for new members to join. Youth ages 14 - 21 who are interested in getting involved in their community are encouraged to learn more and apply at [shelleycarroll.ca/youth-council](http://shelleycarroll.ca/youth-council).

## Summer Tenant Guide

My team and I have heard from many tenants who've experienced new challenges over the summer months. That's why we mailed out a summer tenant guide full of helpful tips and resources to thousands of tenants across Don Valley North. Find the summer guide online at [shelleycarroll.ca/tenant-guides](http://shelleycarroll.ca/tenant-guides). To request a hard copy, email my office at [councillor\\_carroll@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_carroll@toronto.ca).