

**INTRODUCING THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS MAP**  
Visualizing Community Investments in Toronto Centre

SCAN THE QR CODE  
Explore our map and discover benefits in your neighbourhoods.

**WHAT ARE COMMUNITY BENEFITS?**

Community benefits are funds secured through zoning by-law approvals, used for capital projects to enhance our neighbourhoods, support local residents and promote community well-being.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS BY CATEGORY:**

- Streetscape & Public Realm
- Parks
- Heritage
- Recreation
- Public Art & Culture
- General Community
- Affordable Housing

**EXPLORE BY CATEGORY**

Our interactive map allows you to explore community benefits by category.

Different colours on the map represent the neighbourhood boundaries, making it easy to see community benefits in your area.

**EXPLORE BY DEVELOPMENT**

You can also explore by development. This provides detailed financial information on specific developments in Toronto Centre. Including total secured, received, interest, planned, allocated, spent and balance.

This makes it easy to see which developments are impacting your community.

## RentSafeTO

As a direct result of my work with Councillor Josh Matlow, **RentSafeTO will soon be a colour-coded system just like Toronto's DineSafe system**, now that it's been officially adopted by Toronto City Council.

Landlords will be required to post their green, yellow or red signs near the entrance of the rental building for better transparency, accountability, and standards.

Like with DineSafe, red is the colour for serious health and safety violations, yellow for minor infractions, and green means that the building is in good repair.

**I couldn't have done it without the direct input of residents across Toronto - especially from St. James Town**, who had the highest survey participant rate in the entire City. Thank you & well done!

Your active participation in this survey really helped drive the initiative forward, and Councillor Matlow and I couldn't be more grateful.

**The new colour-coded system will roll out over the next year in large, multi-residential rental buildings** - and I hope a green sign will quickly become a real point of pride for landlords here in Toronto Centre.

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## EVENTS

### Neighbourhood Town Hall

Wednesday, October 1, 2025  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wellesley Community Centre

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### Community Builder Awards & Holiday Banquet

Friday, December 5, 2025

St. Lawrence Hall

Get your FREE tickets at [chrismoise.ca/holidaybanquet](http://chrismoise.ca/holidaybanquet)

## NEW Online Resources

for Tenants, Community Services, Community Safety, Bylaws (ie. Noise and Pets), and Development (including Rental Replacement). Visit [chrismoise.ca/resources](http://chrismoise.ca/resources)

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## Fall Update 2025

It's been a very busy 2025 at City Hall, and I'm proud to see that results are visibly taking shape here in Toronto Centre - with even more service enhancements to come this fall and winter.

You will soon be able to contact **311 for Parks and Recreation issues**; new **street cleaning teams** have been hired as part of the Downtown East Action Plan; and a new **rating system for apartment buildings** will help the RentSafeTO team keep landlords accountable.

My work has resulted in a comprehensive **City-Wide Dog Off-Leash Strategy, significantly addressed encampments** in our parks, and my work as Chair of Board of Health has created a **Toronto-wide integrated treatment strategy for mental health, substance use, and harm reduction.**

These are just a small part of all the improvements happening here in Downtown Toronto. Find out more: sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at [www.ChrisMoise.ca](http://www.ChrisMoise.ca).

I'm working hard for you - and for all of our neighbourhoods and communities.

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## yongeTOMorrow Update

This important project is still going ahead, even though its start date has been pushed back until 2030 due to the Ontario Line construction.



Unfortunately its construction requires the Ontario Line station at Yonge and Queen to be complete before the transformation of Yonge Street can begin.

Undeterred, **yongeTOMorrow is currently undergoing its design phase, consultations are underway with its stakeholder working group and public consultations.** Since being adopted by City Council in 2021, yongeTOMorrow will increase the widths of the sidewalks along key parts of Yonge Street by reducing the existing four driving lanes to two lanes - that's why getting it right is so vitally important.

Find out more at its very own website: [www.yongetomorrow.ca](http://www.yongetomorrow.ca)

## St. James Town Parks and Open Space

**The City of Toronto, in collaboration with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), is transforming the open space behind 200 Wellesley Street into a new public park and community space.**

The project is being jointly managed by the City and TCHC and includes stakeholder engagement, design and engineering, the tendering process, and construction oversight. City of Toronto Parks and Recreation staff, along with representatives from TCHC, will be available at the St. James Town Festival to answer questions and share more information about the redesign with residents.

**Construction of the St. James Town Open Space is scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2026, following completion of**

Phase 1 of the 200 Wellesley Basement Revitalization. The project will be completed in phases and is expected to be finalized in 2028. Updates on design and timelines will be available through Toronto Centre Projects.

As part of participatory budgeting, the open space will also feature a mosaic designed and constructed by ReDefine Arts. In addition, the redesign will formalize the existing open-air market by introducing permanent market stalls.

Construction will not affect the Annual St. James Town Festival, which will continue to be accommodated throughout the project.

## Ontario and Aberdeen Bike Lane Improvements

**After extensive community consultation, the design for Ontario and Aberdeen St bike lanes has been selected.** Parking will be moved to the curb, and the bike lanes will be situated to the west of the parked cars. This design was approved by City Council in July.

As your councillor, **I was very pleased by the depth and extent of public participation in the consultation process.** We did door to door canvassing and an online survey in order to reach as many households as we could, in order to find out what option had most support from the people who live there.

**Construction will be done concurrently with a sewer upgrade, which is scheduled to begin within the next year.**

## Zero Encampment Strategy Working

**Great news: as of July, our Toronto Centre parks are finally clear of major encampments because we have found permanent housing solutions** for all affected individuals. This brings to a close one of the most difficult chapters in our City's housing crisis.

When I first took office in 2022, our Ward was home to the largest and most prolific park encampments in the city. From Moss Park to Allan Gardens, our green spaces had become sites of crisis where unhoused residents—without safe

options—made shelter where they could.

**I made it a priority to deliver effective solutions and get results, with compassion, consistency, and a strong commitment to real housing outcomes.** My team and I worked across divisions and with frontline partners to reimagine how encampments could be resolved—without any mass clearings or abandoning people to shelter waitlists.

Our Ward and our parks are for everyone to enjoy – together.

## 311 & Parks

**Beginning this fall, residents of Toronto will be able to report issues in City Parks through 311**

– over the phone, by email, or through the 311 website and app.

Currently, very few Parks-related issues can be reported, requiring people to navigate what could be

time-consuming and occasionally frustrating process. This change will make it easier for you to report issues such as litter, graffiti, broken or damaged equipment, and more.

Look for the full 311 integration to be in place by the end of September.



## Changes Coming to Recycling

**Starting January 1, 2026, the City of Toronto will no longer manage recycling collection.** Under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act of 2016, this responsibility will shift to producers, with Circular Materials taking over Blue Bin collections for all residential properties, schools, long-term care facilities and retirement homes.

The City will still be responsible for collecting and managing recycling from commercial locations; City Divisions and Agencies; Charities, Institutions and Religious Organizations.

This summer, you'll notice City workers placed stickers over the City of Toronto

logo on your recycling bins.

**Rest assured, your current recycling routine remains unchanged until January 1, 2026.**

For any recycling-related services, such as missed collections or bin repairs, please continue to contact 311.

This transition is part of the Extended Producer Responsibility initiative, which began on July 1, 2023, aiming to make producers more accountable. We're committed to ensuring as seamless of a transition as possible.



## Off-Leash Area Strategy

**Toronto's new Off-Leash Area Strategy was approved by Council this past April, and it's going to improve the quality and quantity of Off-Leash Areas here in Toronto Centre and all across our City.**

Improvements to the quality of OLAs include adjusting the hours of operation within 20m of a residential property, prioritizing critical repair, and ensuring accessibility.

With **refreshed OLAs coming to Allan Gardens, Barbara Hall Park, and Orphans Green, a new**

**OLA in Louis March Park, and soon-to-come new OLAs in Underpass Park West and Moss Park,** this strategy couldn't be more timely.

Previously, OLAs were planned and budgeted through the office of each local councillor, which led to erratic and inconsistent results. OLAs will be recognized for what they are: a vibrant part of the public spaces of our neighbourhoods, and City staff are required to consider them with new developments to accommodate that density.