



CreateTO rendering of new Leslie Lookout Park.

Leslie Lookout Park Update

Construction continues on the Leslie Lookout Park, a 1.9 acre open space that will be located on the Martin Goodman Trail at the entrance to Tommy Thompson Park.

Revitalizing this underutilized land will bring this site back into public use, beautify the landscape and complement the natural heritage system of the Port Lands, creating a stronger connection between the city and the natural areas south of Unwin Avenue and Tommy Thompson Park.

Construction is expected to be completed later this year. Visit createto.ca/leslie-lookout-park for more.

Leslieville Farmers' Market Returns May 14th

The Leslieville Farmers' Market returns this year on May 14th. It will be held every Sunday in Greenwood Park from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Learn more at leslievillemarket.com.



Badgerow Parkette Now Complete

Construction on the long-awaited Badgerow Parkette was completed last fall.

The new parkette pays homage to Carlaw Avenue north of Queen Street, the main artery of a busy industrial area for most of the 20th Century. Celebrating the rich industrial history underpinned every aspect of the initiative and inspired all of the designs.

The Badgerow Parkette project emerged from the city's Carlaw + Dundas Community Initiative, which was created to establish a vision for the neighbourhood and identify public realm improvements.

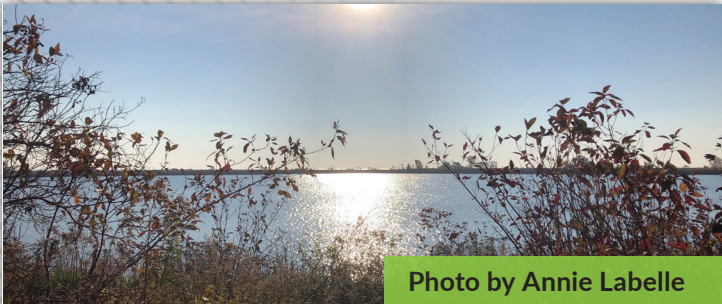


Photo by Annie Labelle

Leslie Street Spit: Better Enforcement for Natural Environment

After my request to the city in 2021, Toronto Region Conservation Authority and City staff continue to enforce rules that protect the wildlife and sensitive ecosystems located in the Leslie Street Spit.

Staff engagement with dog owners, E-vehicle users and other visitors has helped to limit improper activity and protect this pristine, ecologically-sensitive area.



First meeting of the Ontario Line Subcommittee

Subcommittee on Ontario Line Construction

I joined with my colleagues Councillors Ausma Malik and Chris Moise to start the Subcommittee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction.

This comes in response to concerns from residents and community stakeholders who expressed frustration with the lack of public engagement and communication from Metrolinx about the impacts of their construction on traffic, trees, parks and businesses as they roll out this important new transit infrastructure.



Queen and Carlaw Laneway to be Named After Degrassi Co-Creator Kit Hood

I'm happy to support the proposed renaming of a lane way in Leslieville to honour Kit Hood, co-creator of the television show Degrassi.

In addition to his important contributions to arts and culture in Toronto, Kit continued renting his production company's offices to Woodgreen Community Services and the Red Door Family Shelter after he retired. This helped to ensure vulnerable individuals and families in Ward 14 could continue accessing critical supports.



LESLIEVILLE

SPRING 2023 UPDATE

FREE COMPOST

COUNCILLOR

Paula Fletcher's

COMPOST DAYS

Compost will be dropped off early – be sure to bring your own shovel and container.

- PHIN PARK
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
7:00 a.m.
 - MONARCH PARK
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
8:00 a.m.
 - KEMPTON HOWARD PARK
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
9:00 a.m.
 - RIVERDALE PARK
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
11:00 a.m.
 - GREENWOOD PARK
Sunday, April 23rd, 2023
7:00 a.m.
 - WILKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Sunday, April 23rd, 2023
8:00 a.m.
 - WITHROW PARK
Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
7:00 a.m.
 - EAST YORK CIVIC CENTRE
Tuesday, June 20th, 2023
9:00 a.m.
- For information visit:
paulafletcher.ca
/compost_days_2023
- 

TORONTO-DANFORTH COMMUNITY

ENVIRONMENT DAY

AT DIEPPE PARK

(455 Cosburn Avenue)

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
May 20th, 2023
10:00A.M. -TO- 2:00P.M.

By-Election for Mayor

The mayoral by-election is scheduled for June 26th, 2023. Visit www.toronto.ca/elections to learn more.



Paula and School Trustee Sara Ehrhardt.

Build the Park

Metrolinx is relocating its planned GO Train Layover in the Don Valley to an alternative site, avoiding permanent ecological impacts to one of the great natural river valleys in our city. Thank you to the many community members for their tireless advocacy. This wouldn't have happened without you.



Danforth Church to be Turned Into Affordable Seniors' Housing

The Danforth Baptist Church at Bowden Street and Danforth Avenue will be transformed into 50 new affordable homes for seniors by Woodgreen Community Services. It's the first major development on Danforth Avenue after the adoption of the Danforth Planning and Heritage Study. I'm proud to support this initiative and thank everyone involved.


Learn more about this project at woodgreen.org/welcome-to-60-bowden-st.



Celebrating Lunar New Year


I celebrated the Lunar New Year with the community, East Chinese Chamber of Commerce and students from Riverdale C.I. Happy Year of the Rabbit.

Community Crisis Service Pilot is Successful



The Community Crisis Service (TCCS) Launched in early 2022, the Community Crisis Service (TCCS) delivers alternative, community-led responses to mental health calls and wellness checks instead of the police. Program data shows TCCS is successfully diverting 78 per cent of the calls made to the police about people in crisis and providing referrals to community resources and provide other support services to those experiencing mental health crises.

Visit toronto.ca/toronto-community-crisis-service for more details.



Paula with Riverdale C.I. students during their protest of Bill 23.

Standing Up Against Bill 23

The province's Bill 23 allows for development on the Greenbelt, two million acres of protected land that's critical to our environment. It could also prevent the city from requiring developers to replace affordable housing units in new developments. This will accelerate the loss of affordable housing, drive up rents and force people out of Toronto or into our overloaded shelter system.