



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.

Take the Riverside BIA’s Self-Guided Walking Art Tour

The Riverside BIA recently launched a self-guided walking art tour that takes you through the art-filled streets of Riverside. As part of Inspired Art Impact, a STEPS and Toronto Metropolitan University research project on public art in main streets and core public spaces, this walking tour highlights public art installations by artists and community collaborators.

Go to stepspublicart.stary.app/en/tour/18311 to begin your own walking tour of Riverside’s beautiful public art.



Don Mount Basketball Courts Refurbishment

Buckets & Borders, a charitable organization who aim to improve communities and bring people together through basketball, has chosen the Don Mount Court in Rivertowne as their inaugural project in Toronto.

Their in-kind donation includes significant improvements to the current basketball court, new backboards and rims and other court amenities. Working with Toronto Community Housing and Parks, Forestry & Recreation staff, they will engage diverse Rivertowne youth in the design and refurbishment of the Don Mount Courts.

Stay tuned for updates!



RTCC Board and staff.

Ralph Thornton Community Centre

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre (RTCC) has been delivering great community programs and supports in South Riverdale since 1981.

Learn more about RTCC and how you can get involved and serve your community by visiting ralphthornton.org.

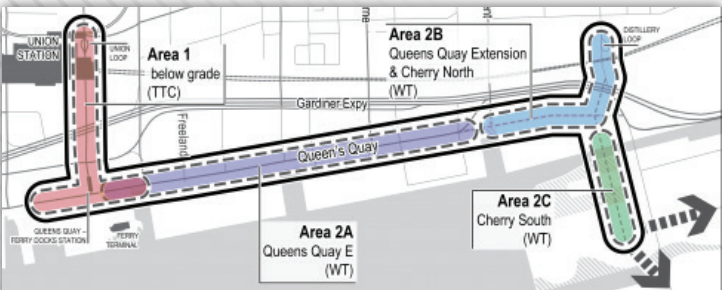


New affordable housing in Riverside.

Creating New Non-Profit Co-operative Homes in Riverside

Construction is well underway for 26 brand new units, including 17 new and nine replacement units that include two studios, 13 one-bedrooms, nine two-bedrooms and two three-bedroom units. Occupancy is anticipated in spring 2024.

Visit riverdalecoop.ca for more on this project.



Waterfront East LRT Extension Update

The city of Toronto, TTC and Waterfront Toronto recently held a public meeting to share the latest on the Waterfront East LRT extension project to extend transit from Union Station to the Port Lands.

The project design team discussed updates on:

- Designs for Segment 1 (Union Station to Queens Quay), Segment 2 (Queens Quay East) and Segment 3 (Cherry Street, Commissioners Street and a new loop in the Port Lands)
- Project phasing and implementation
- The Transit Project Assessment Process, constructability assessment and business case

Learn more at toronto.ca/waterfront-east-lrt-extension.



RIVERSIDE

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
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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.