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Hi Neighbour!

Thank you for all the well wishes I received regarding my surgery. Pain is very humbling to endure and I realized that our current health system is dependent on family support being available. I could not have endured this past week relying solely on what is provided by the system. This is why we must strengthen our social fabric because not everyone has the privilege of having family support available. At the same time, we must continue to advocate for a better healthcare system to ensure people get the care they need. I also want to thank my incredible team that made it possible for me to take some rest days to recover.

Happy Easter!

We hope you enjoy the long weekend! Many parents, including myself, will be looking for strategic places to hide chocolates! Christians around the world will be taking time to reflect on the gift of forgiveness, hope and redemption. For those who are celebrating, I hope it is a meaningful time where we can connect with the unconditional love we have received.

Join our neighbours in taking action on the TDSB Budget!

Spearheaded by a Willowdale community member, a petition has been launched about recent proposed cuts to their Learn4Life adult education programs. Adult education can play an important role in workforce adaptability and building social fabric. Some parents are also alarmed to hear after-school language programs currently available after school would be moved to 5:30-8pm. This change would negatively impact the accessibility of the program. Building language skills in the next generation is a huge benefit for our competitiveness in a global economy.

Please consider supporting the petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/preserve-adult-continuing-education-classes-at-the-toronto-district-school-board-tdsb>

You can also consider writing a letter to our Premier, Minister of Education, MPP and TDSB Trustee. Some parents are asking for a "No Cuts Budget."

Premier Doug Ford: premier@ontario.ca

Minister Stephen Lecce: minister.edu@ontario.ca

MPP Stan Cho: Stan.Cho@pc.ola.org

TDSB Trustee Dr. Weidong Pei: Weidong.Pei@tdsb.on.ca

This could be a great opportunity for you to engage young people in your life to participate in civic action.

Democracy cannot be based on headlines and quick-takes

This week our communication channels exploded as people reacted to the study being conducted on the potential Stormwater Charge. A deeper dive into this issue follows, but what I realized is the volumes of information that are layered into any significant policy are not easily digested by those not deeply entrenched in the work. And who could have the time in modern life to deeply understand all the policies that impact our everyday lives? So, here is my attempt to unpack Stormwater Charges that are being studied.

Proposed Stormwater Charge

Currently, residents in Toronto pay one water fee. This proposal would instead break out costs that were previously embedded together in our water utility bill. Therefore, instead of one fee, users would pay:

- Water Service Charge
- Stormwater Charge

[Click Here](#) to see a video about this charge.

[Click Here](#) for more information.

Here are answers to some of the questions we have received about this proposed fee.

Is this a new tax being created by our new mayor and councillors?

This work was initiated in 2017 under a previous mayor and city council. This is NOT a newly launched tax or policy. Staff are simply following council direction that was passed years ago. It is not a new tax, it is delineating streams within an existing charge.

Do other cities do this?

Many municipalities across the country have stormwater user fees including Mississauga, Markham and Richmond Hill. [Click Here](#) to see a list. Many other cities, including Toronto are in the process of examining an implementation.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater refers to rainwater and melted snow that runs off surfaces like roofs, roads, and sidewalks, often carrying pollutants and causing flooding if not properly managed. A combination of factors including less softscape, more density and more unstable weather patterns means issues relating to stormwater present greater risks and impact.

Why separate out the charges?

Separating out a stormwater charge would allow the city to:

1. **Make investments to address the challenges associated with urban runoff** by funding the maintenance, repair, and improvement of stormwater management systems and infrastructure including pipes, catch basins, and stormwater management ponds. These improvements help reduce the risk of flooding, prevent pollution of water bodies, and protect the environment.
2. **Promote responsible water management practices including the provision of opportunities to incentivize investments and design** by property owners that reduce stormwater risks and impact. A stormwater credits program is being considered that would incentivize property owners to manage stormwater on-site to reduce the burden on the city's stormwater management infrastructure. Property owners who implement approved stormwater management practices, such as green roofs, permeable pavement, or rainwater harvesting systems, could be eligible for credits against their water service charge.
3. **Help the City of Toronto adapt to the challenges of climate change** including more frequent and intense storms.
4. **Ensure the costs of stormwater management are shared fairly** among property owners based on their contribution to the problem.

How would the charge be calculated?

The charge would be calculated based on each property's contribution to stormwater runoff, typically determined by factors such as:

- Lot dimensions
- Size of surfaces, both hard and soft, like driveways and rooftops on the property.

What is the Water Service Charge?

The proposed Water Service Charge separates out costs currently embedded together with stormwater charges in our water utility bill. This would delineate a stream of funding to cover costs associated with providing clean and safe drinking water, as well as wastewater treatment services.

How will the Water Service Charge be calculated?

Similar to the current water utility fee, the Water Service Charge would be calculated based on the size of the water meter installed on the property (e.g. most residential properties have a water meter size of one inch or less). The water meter size can be found on a meter's top panel.



This panel has a 3/4 inch meter.

How will the Water Service Charge be used?

The stream of revenue from the Water Service Charge would be used to maintain and operate Toronto's water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure, including water treatment plants, pumping stations, pipes, and sewage treatment facilities. This funding ensures that residents have access to high-quality drinking water and that wastewater is safely and effectively treated before being discharged into the environment.

For more information, please visit the city's website: [Stormwater Charge & Water Service Charge Consultation – City of Toronto](#)

Public Consultation

Currently, the City is consulting the public about the potential implementation of both charges. Public consultation on a potential stormwater charge and a water service charge will take place **March 18 to April 30, 2024**. Following public consultation, City staff will review all feedback received. A report to the Executive Committee and City Council on the outcomes of consultation is planned for summer 2024.

When would this be implemented?

Should Council decide to adopt these changes, it **will not** come into effect until **2027**.

How can I provide feedback?

There are three upcoming scheduled virtual consultations with City Staff:

Monday April 8, 6–8 pm [Register for Meeting #1](#)

Thursday April 11, 6–8 pm [Register for Meeting #2](#)

Tuesday April 16, 6–8 pm [Register for Meeting #3](#)

We are currently assessing if a further Willowdale Stormwater Town Hall is needed to ensure our community voices are considered in the implementation. Please let us know if this would be of interest to you.

Willowdale Arts Collective Meeting

This past Wednesday, local arts enthusiasts and community stakeholders met to share ideas, collaborate on resource management, and address ongoing challenges in program funding and networking. Led by [Stephen Boyle](#) of the [Willowdale Central Ratepayers Association](#), the group left inspired with actionable steps and expanded networking opportunities for future discussions. This is the beginning of monthly meetings that will bring opportunities for additional collaboration and sharing of expertise and experiences to elevate all organizations in their efforts to support the arts, culture, and vibrancy of our neighbourhood. Many thanks to Steve for making this happen!

Space to pray

Many thanks to [Parks, Forestry and Recreation](#) along with the staff at [Edithvale Community Centre](#) for providing late night space for Ramadan Prayer for the [North York Muslim Association](#). As mentioned in an earlier email, they had significant challenges securing space for their month-long Ramadan Prayers. As our community continues to increase in density, maximizing the use of all our public spaces to support our community increases in importance. The willingness of staff to extend their work hours to make this accommodation was greatly appreciated.

Willowdale Environment Day:

We are excited to announce our two Willowdale Community Environment Days for this year which will be held:

- [April 13th at Earl Haig Secondary School and](#)
- [July 20th at Centrepont Mall](#)

These events help lower landfill waste and ensure the safe disposal of hazardous household materials. We are also hosting an ECO Fair for all to enjoy!

We hope you will join us for:

- FREE compost
- Seed Exchange
- Bike Safety Checks and Tune Ups (*limited slots available)
- Kid's Eco Show
- Environmental Kids Craft
- [Tiny Toy](#) donations (bring your random toy pieces) They will be refurbished and repackaged for use by the next generation of kids!...and more!

Willowdale Youth Council

This past Monday we held our first official Youth Council Meeting at St. Stephen's Newcomer Community House. We are grateful to TNG Community Services who are providing space for our monthly meetings every last Monday of the month from 4-6 pm.

Twenty-six passionate Willowdale youth participated in our first meeting. They are eager to initiate change in their community. The students shared many creative ideas and solutions to local issues with a focus on community connectivity. Youth Workers from TNG Community Services and Neighbourlink North York shared their respective initiatives, which encouraged youth to begin thinking about how youth from across organizations and initiatives can collaborate for greater impact.

Three priority areas for action were identified by youth through a live poll:

1. Community Connectivity
2. Mental Health Supports, and
3. Community Safety.

A committee will be formed around each priority area for members to identify action items and develop projects. We introduced the council election process; youth will write and present an article on a topic within the three committee areas in order to run for an executive leadership position. The articles will be presented in the coming months, followed by a vote to establish the leadership team. We are very excited to see the many youth-inspired community dreams that will become a reality through the council! A big Thank You to Loblaws Yonge Street for sponsoring the snacks and drinks for this meeting!

Toronto Police Service Child and Youth Advocacy Centre


This week my staff toured the [Toronto Police Services Child and Youth Advocacy Centre](#) (CYAC), open since 2013. CYAC provides protection and support for victims of child abuse throughout the investigation process, court and beyond. The officers at this centre oversee only cases with known offenders (e.g. re-offenders) where victims of physical violence are under 16 and victims of sexual violence are under 18. In 2023, 690 charges were laid and 204 arrests were made. Where the offender has not previously offended, cases are instead investigated by local divisions or the TPS Sex Crimes Unit.

Detective Sergeant Hunter Smith and Boost CYAC staff member, Lindsay, led the tour and described the effective partnership between community, private and public sectors to provide victims and their families with the very best child-focused investigation, treatment, support services, and advocacy under one roof. CYAC partners also include several children's aid societies. We saw colourfully decorated family rooms and interview rooms, a room for giving remote testimony in court for child and youth witnesses, a medical examination room and a large room of officers at work investigating cases.

Boost is the umbrella and advocacy organization. They are the CYAC partner that employs social workers to provide mental health support through brief counseling interventions and single session support for families to create the safety plans urgently needed. Although the CYAC is not funded to provide system services for adults, their system navigation assistance to families is invaluable. It's wonderful to see such a thoughtful and collaborative approach to support children and families through difficult circumstances.

Thanks again for reading our newsletter which is a great way to help us build a connected community! Have a wonderful long weekend.

Warmest Regards,

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CEREMONIAL NAMING SURVEY

LET'S HONOUR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS



Many of us remember the Yonge Street Tragedy that was a dark moment in our community where many lives were lost. During that moment and for the months following, we were well served by our First Responders including our Fire Department, Paramedics and 32 Division. One of our community members, Diane Broom, has been working hard these past 6 years to honour their heroic efforts and show gratitude for all they do to serve our neighbourhood. One of her efforts is to pay tribute to First Responders by giving Canterbury Place (the road) a ceremonial name: Hero's Way.



We would like your feedback on this matter. This would NOT be a re-naming. No addresses would change. Instead, an additional sign plate would be added with the ceremonial name. This proposal has officially received support from our MP Ali Ehsassi, MPP Stan Cho, and City Councillor Lily Cheng. We are now receiving community feedback to make an official submission. Thank you for your participation and consideration.



ACT NOW!

PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY!
bit.ly/herosway

DEADLINE: APR 16, 2024



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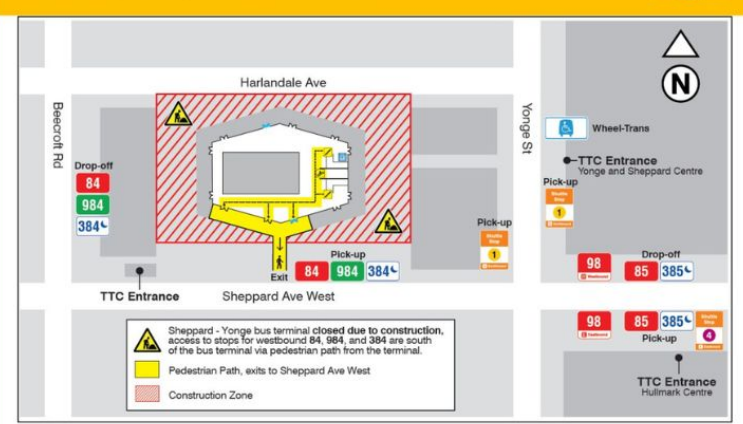
Share your thoughts on honoring our community's First Responders by adding a ceremonial name, "**Hero's Way**" to Canterbury Place. This tribute, spearheaded by **Diane Broom** and supported by MP Ali Ehsassi, MPP Stan Cho, and City Councillor Lily Cheng, aims to commemorate their heroic efforts without changing any addresses. Your feedback is important.

Please complete the survey by **April 16, 2024**. Thank you for participating!

[Take the Survey](#)

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

Construction Notice



SHEPPARD-YONGE STATION BUS ROADWAY CLOSURE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

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SHEPPARD-YONGE STATION BUS ROADWAY CLOSURE

On **April 1st**, major infrastructure upgrades at the **Sheppard-Yonge Station** will temporarily close the bus roadway at the station, though the bus terminal remains open for use. **Bus onboarding locations will temporarily relocate onto Sheppard Ave West (North side), and bus off-boarding will be on Bescroft Road (West side)**. A pedestrian pathway will be maintained for bus terminal access.

Work will be carried out in phases during weekdays from 7am-7pm. Please expect some level of noise, dust, and vibration associated with general construction work which will be kept to a minimum.

For more information, [click here](#).



REPORTING POTHoles

Report pothole damage on roads and expressways by submitting a service request to 311. A service request can be submitted via the [311 Toronto mobile app](#), online at toronto.ca/311 or by calling **311**.

Potholes, boulevard trip hazards and asphalt road damage are **repaired everyday Monday to Friday**, weather permitting. Transportation Services also has a field investigator doing patrols and inspections which captures many potholes not communicated to 311.

[Learn More](#)



CLEAN TORONTO TOGETHER

Toronto's annual spring cleanup is **April 19 to 22**. Gather your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues and help clean up litter in Toronto's parks, beaches and other public spaces. Last year, over 1,000 cleanups took place across the city and over 70,000 residents and City staff pitched in. Working together we helped keep Toronto clean and green.

Corporate 20-Minute Makeover: Friday, April 19
Community Cleanup Days: Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21
School Cleanup Day: Monday, April 22

[Learn More](#)



Toronto Microgrants
InTO the Ravines x Sparking Change

Connecting communities and celebrating local parks and ravines in Toronto.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Generously supported by the Balsam Foundation and  In partnership with 

OFFICIAL TORONTO MICROGRANTS

Toronto-based community groups, organizations and small grassroots initiatives can now apply to **receive up to \$1,500** alongside training and support to organize one environmentally focused event **taking place from mid-June to November 1, 2024** in their local park, green space or ravines.

InTO the Ravines and Sparking Change Microgrants are due by **Monday, April 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm**.

Getting Started Microgrants are due by **Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm**.

Successful recipients will be notified by the end of May.

[Learn More](#)



ACTION PLAN FOR TORONTO'S CULTURE SECTOR

The City of Toronto is developing two plans related to creative industries: an [Action Plan for Toronto's Culture Sector](#) and an [Action Plan for Toronto's Economy](#).

These plans will inform the City's approach to supporting the growth of creative industries and other industrial and cultural sectors as generators of vibrancy and innovation. Creative industries are those based in creativity and skill, leading to job creation and revenue generation through the production of intellectual property, such as interactive digital media including video games, film, TV and music production.

Participate and share your perspective by attending a virtual Creative Industries Town Hall on **April 24, 10:30 am to 12 pm**.

[Register to Attend](#)



FINANCIAL & SOCIAL SUPPORT

Human Services is your gateway to municipal services and supports such as [Toronto transit discounts](#), [recreation and child care fee subsidies](#), [housing](#), and [financial supports](#).

[Learn More](#)



FREE PRINTING AT TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Printing services at Toronto Public Library are now **free of charge!** This means you can print your documents, reports, and study materials without worrying about any costs.

Please note that this **free printing offer is temporary** and will be in place until a new print management system is introduced. Once the system is implemented, fee-based printing will be reintroduced. During this period, there won't be any options to purchase, reload, or use copy cards.

Take advantage of this opportunity to access high-quality printing services at no cost. Visit [North York Central Library](#) or your nearest Toronto Public Library branch today and enjoy the convenience of free printing!

[Learn More](#)



CASWELL AND PEMBERTON PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENTS

We're thrilled to announce that both the [Caswell Park and Pemberton Parkette Playground Enhancement Projects](#) are set to commence construction in the **Summer of 2024**, promising enhanced play experiences for all.

[Learn More](#)



TTC WHEEL-TRANS COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The TTC wants to hear from you! From now until **April 30th**, the TTC is looking for community feedback on improving their Wheel-Trans Service & Family of Services.

All persons with disabilities who use the TTC, including Wheel-Trans, support persons and members of community-based organizations that support or advocate for people with disabilities are invited to participate. Your feedback plays a crucial role in shaping decisions concerning accessibility at the TTC.

You can share your feedback by participating in this survey:

[Wheel-Trans Community Feedback Survey \(forumresearch.com\)](https://www.forumresearch.com/surveys/wheel-trans-community-feedback)

You are also welcome to attend one of the public meetings on **April 16 or April 18, 2024**.

[Learn More](#)

COMMUNITY UPDATES



SPRING LANTERNS IN WILLOWDALE

Welcome Spring by enjoying the beautiful lanterns placed across our neighbourhood. The **Yonge North York BIA** proudly presents its FREE **"Spring Lanterns"** exhibit. This vibrant art display brings traditional hand-made silk lanterns from Sichuan, China.

You are invited to enjoy these beautiful vignettes at our sponsored locations until **April 30**.

Participating BIA Locations:

- North American Centre: 5650 & 5700 Yonge St.
- Mel Lastman Square: 5100 Yonge St.
- Yonge Sheppard Centre: 4841 Yonge St.
- Emerald Park: 4750 Yonge St.

VISIT, SHARE & WIN!

From March 15 to April 30, we are hosting an Instagram Contest, whereby patrons are encouraged to share their Spring Lanterns experience(s) on their public Instagram Account for a chance to WIN a \$250 gift card to the Yonge North York BIA restaurant of their choice. To enter, make sure to tag #yongenorthyork. To receive additional contest entries, upload selfies at other participating Spring Lanterns locations. Click on the button below for full contest details and rules.

[Learn More](#)

WCRA ARTS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS...

Live Music

AT THE JOHN MACKENZIE HOUSE (JM)

DETAILS:
WWW.WILLOWDALECENTRAL.ORG/WHATS-NEW

LIVE MUSIC AT THE JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE

The WCRA Arts Collective is announcing a year-long live music project, in partnership with the Ontario Historical Society starting **March 29th!**

The project will proudly feature a wide range of independent and emerging Canadian artists at the **John McKenzie House**. Keep up with the vibrant lineup of musical acts, continually added throughout the year.

Check out these great upcoming local date night opportunities.

Friday, March 29, 8-10 pm: Ryan Gazzola Band

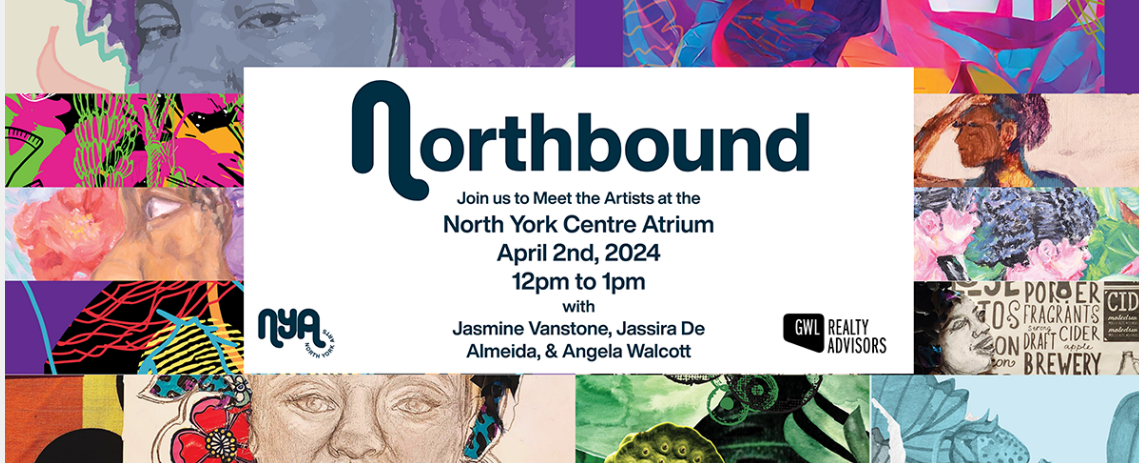
Ryan Gazzola is a Vancouver-born, Toronto-based singer-songwriter who fuses nu-disco grooves, noodling guitars, and soaring vocal hooks. His songwriting marries the sweet and catchy melodies of modern pop with a funk and soul instrumentation backbone. It takes inspiration from modern contemporaries: Maroon 5, Dua Lipa, and Charlie Puth, to icons: Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson.

Saturday, April 13, 8-10pm: Evelynne Ross Trio

The Evelynne Ross Trio is a 3-piece Canadian pop/rock trio from Toronto, Canada. The band has played together for over 20 years and is the core trio from the full band that was put together to showcase Evelynne Ross for her most recent EP release show in January 2023. Her EP titled Against the Fence; a six song EP was released in December 2022.

The band is comprised of multi-talented and well-established professional musicians who have played together and in different bands within the local GTA music scene for well over 20 years. The talented musicians, which include Howard Rabkin on guitar and backing vocals and Henry Lees on backing vocals and percussion come together to bring Evelynne Ross' original songs to life. Their unique brand of entertainment fuses her memorable hooks with tight harmonies, air tight musicianship and high energy and will make you want to sing along.

[Learn More](#)



NORTH YORK ARTS' NORTHBOUND EXHIBIT

Check out **North York Arts' "Northbound Exhibit"** now on display at **North York Centre atrium!** This exhibit showcases the artistic talents of Angela Walcott, Jassira De Almeida, and Jasmine Vanstone, three Black women artists from North York. Huge thanks to GWLRA for their support. If you haven't already, don't miss the vibrant new addition Northbound brings to the atrium!

Don't miss out on the fantastic exhibit and an artist meet-and-greet on **Tuesday, April 2, from 12-1 pm** in the North York Centre atrium!

[Learn More](#)

NEWCOMERS WELCOME TEA
欢迎新移民茶会
صرف چای با تازه واردین

신규 이민자 이벤트
ВІТАЛЬНИЙ ЧАЙ
Bienvenida para recién llegados a Canada

Location: Spring Garden Church, 112 Spring Garden Avenue
When: Sunday, April 7th
Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

TO REGISTER: neighbourlink.org/newcomers

Walk, Run, Bike
LET'S MOVE, WILLOWDALE

FAMILY FUN! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

COMMUNITY MOVE-A-THON & BBQ

SAT. MAY 4 • HENDON PARK
11AM MOVE-A-THON • 12PM BBQ

FUNDS RAISED ALLEVIATE SOCIAL ISOLATION!

REGISTER TODAY!
neighbourlink.org/letsmove

LET'S MOVE, WILLOWDALE

Join NeighbourLink North York for their 3rd Let's Move, Willowdale Move-a-thon & BBQ in partnership with the North York Seniors Centre (NYSC) on **Saturday, May 4th!** The fun starts at **Hendon Park** with a 10:45 am stretch, and 11 am walk, run and ride along the Finch Hydro Corridor with friends, family and neighbours, marshalled by We Run North York and Cycle Toronto! May the 4th is Star Wars Day so come dressed up if you'd like!

Following the Move-a-thon there will be a BBQ beginning at 12 pm with delicious food, entertainment, kids activities, crafts, caricature artists, prizes and much more!

For more details and registration visit www.neighbourlink.org/letsmove

All funds raised will go towards NeighbourLink and the North York Seniors Centre's programs targeted at alleviating social isolation for the most vulnerable in our community. NeighbourLink North York programs include Mobile Food Deliveries, Community Care Team and Single Moms Mother's Day event. NYSC programs include their Friendly Visits, Wellness Monitoring, Social Club and virtual programs.

[Learn More](#)

PETER MANSBRIDGE and Mark Bulgutch
HOW CANADA WORKS

NYHS PRESENTS: MARK BULGUTCH

The North York Historical Society, in partnership with the North York Central Library is pleased to bring former CBC producer, **Mark Bulgutch**, to present his latest book, **How Canada Works**. Co-authored with Peter Mansbridge, How Canada Works uncovers first-person stories about the unique people and professions that make Canada work.

Seating is limited, so register today! There is no charge for tickets.

Where: April 17th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

When: North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street - Room 101

[Register Now](#)



ALL-IN SPRING SALE

As you do your spring cleaning, the **Cummer Lodge** volunteers are looking for donations for their next big sale, which will be held on **April 26 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM** in the main lobby.

Jewellery, clothing, housewares, artwork, home decor, sports equipment, games, books, and almost anything else (but not the kitchen sink or large furniture items please!) would be greatly appreciated.

Funds raised at the sale will support resident programs.

[Learn More](#)



KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA

Discover the **Kindred Spirits Orchestra's 2024-2025 concert season**, featuring 9 performances in Toronto and Markham under Maestro Kristian Alexander's direction. Experience "3 at the Weston" concerts in **March, May, and June 2024 at Meridian Arts Centre – George Weston Recital Hall**. Don't miss these incredible musical experiences! Tickets are on sale now!

[Buy Tickets](#)

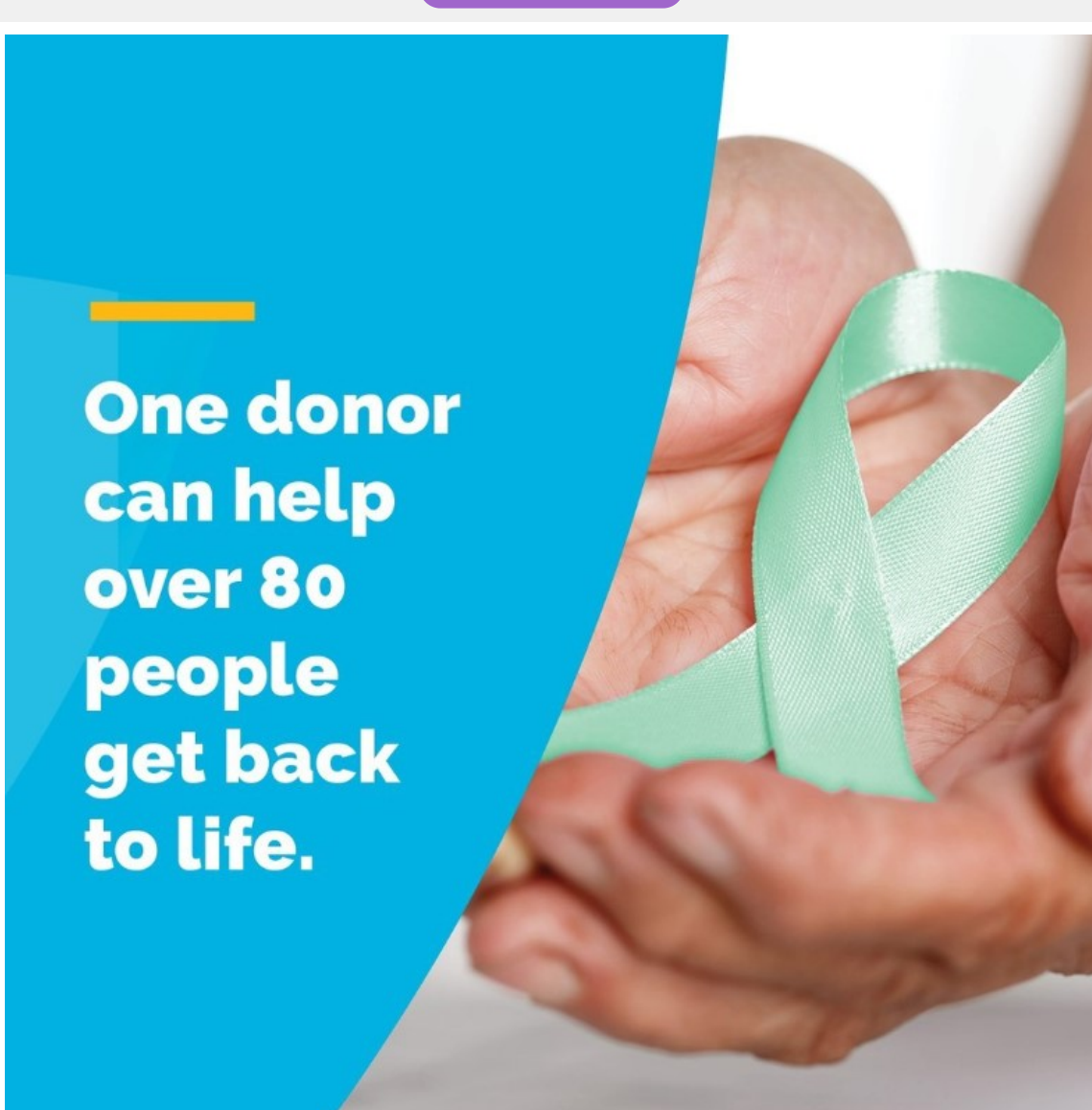


TALK CLIMATE TO ME SPRING SESSIONS

Talk Climate to Me is a **fun, free, online, team-based climate education experience** for women in Canada. Through training sessions, outreach materials, and digital tools, TCM aims to educate a strong and diverse force of climate leaders who will be armed with the climate awareness and behaviour change tools necessary to speak confidently and inspire change in their homes and communities!

The next run of Talk Climate to Me starts this **April** and you can have a front seat! Catch TCM online on **Monday evenings or Tuesdays at lunchtime** or dive deep into the **Weekend Intensive sessions!**

[Learn More](#)



RECOGNIZE BE A DONOR MONTH IN APRIL

Did you know that **one organ donor can save up to eight lives and improve the lives of up to 75 others through tissue donation?** In Ontario alone, approximately **1,400 people are eagerly awaiting life-saving organ transplants**. Sadly, every three days, someone loses their battle while waiting for a transplant.

But here's the empowering truth: **everyone, regardless of age or health, has the potential to be an organ and tissue donor, becoming a beacon of hope for those in need.**

Over 4 million compassionate Ontarians have already taken this vital step. Don't forget to have a conversation with your loved ones about your decision, ensuring your wishes are honoured.

Visit www.BeADonor.ca today to become a donor and learn more about how you can transform lives. Your generosity can be the gift of a lifetime. Let's make April a month of giving and saving lives together!

[Learn More](#)



TORONTO MARATHON

Get ready to lace up your running shoes as the annual [Toronto Marathon](#) takes over the streets on [Sunday, May 5, 2024](#)! This event welcomes over 16,000 participants from 60+ countries.

[The Marathon begins at 7:30 am.](#)

[The Half Marathon begins at 8:30 am.](#)

[5K and 10K begin at 8:00 am.](#)

Hwy. 401 – Ramps to Yonge Street Southbound will be open by 10:00 am. For East-West travel: Bloor Street, Danforth Avenue, Queen Street, and Dundas Street are all open for uninterrupted East-West traffic. Police will be at major intersections to direct traffic. Expect some delays.

For more information, including detailed road closures and course maps, visit www.torontomarathon.com.

[Learn More](#)

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