



LILY'S WEEKDAY UPDATE

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Hi Neighbour!

THIS WEEKEND!

Don't miss out on the [Tayo Immersive Filipino Cultural Experience](#) at Mel Lastman Square on June 15th and 16th for a weekend of outdoor experiences celebrating the vibrant Filipino culture with the rest of the Willowdale community!

In celebration of 75 years of Canadian and Philippine friendship, let's come together to enjoy a lively showcase of Filipino culture and traditions!

[Congratulations to Yonge North York BIA](#) on a successful second annual Night Market in collaboration with [Street Eats](#) that included an inaugural collaboration with [Luminato](#) AND the [Food Network](#)! Many enjoyed diverse food options at food trucks and stalls, fun claw machine games, and adorable trinkets and jewelry for purchase. The place was abuzz with a hopping DJ right on Yonge St. and an energetic interactive audience dance at the Mel Lastman stage. My office has received great feedback from the community about their experiences at this event.

Participatory Budgeting (PB) has begun in Willowdale!

My team and I were thrilled to officially launch PB with an introductory webinar held on May 29th. This will be a great pathway to strengthen civic engagement and hopefully have some fun participating in democracy.

The webinar covered the following:

- The PB process & timeline
- Funding sources
- The estimated costs of a few examples of potential PB ideas
- How to participate including how to make proposals and vote on ideas

This year we will be focusing on [Newtonbrook West](#) and [Willowdale West](#) with the remaining neighbourhoods to be covered over the following 2 years.

IDEA COLLECTION begins in June and will continue over the summer through various in-person and online channels. Stay tuned for updates! As mentioned in our webinar, projects that have the best chance of succeeding will have a champion to garner interest and support in the community.

TTC riders! If you're at Finch Station on June 12th or 13th, be sure to stop by our booth after work. Residents of Newtonbrook West and Willowdale West can submit their Participatory Budgeting (PB) ideas, or you can learn more about the process. Our next TTC Pop-Up will be at North York Centre Station in July.

Many thanks to [Director, Policy & Stakeholder Relations, Joshua Bowman](#) from [Councillor Carroll](#)'s office for sharing his insights and experiences with us. He encouraged us to keep sharing our ideas and reminded us with these closing remarks, "Remember: The next great project hasn't happened yet!" We are grateful for the support of Councillors Carroll and Moise who have successfully implemented PB in their respective wards.

If you missed the webinar, you can participate by signing up for the [Willowdale Action Hub](#), a platform we have created for sharing ideas and mobilizing support. Please sign up here: www.willowdaleactionhub.ca

For more information on Participatory Budgeting, please visit:

www.lilycheng.ca/pb

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the recording of the webinar.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the presentation slide deck.

Climate Action Roundtable Recap

We were thrilled to see an inspiring turnout of environmentally conscious residents at our third Willowdale Climate Action Roundtable. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all participants whose dedication fuels our hope for impactful change.

Event Highlights:

1. Diverse Representation and Ideas:

- [Suranjita Khaund](#): Shared her family's initiatives, including Youth Climate Action Grants and Willowdale Climate Action Champions. Their current project involves developing Automatic Air Purifier Controllers to save electricity and reduce greenhouse gases by controlling air purifiers based on Total Volatile Organic Compounds (TVOC) levels. Many substances, such as natural gas, can be classified as volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
- [Bonnie Mullrooney](#): An inspiring teacher from [McKee Public School](#), presented her work with the school's Eco Club, integrating environmental education and Indigenous teachings. The club collaborates with the [Parkview Neighbourhood Garden](#) and is starting a pollinator garden using indigenous species. Daniel, an enthusiastic grade two student, assisted in the presentation, expressing pride in his contributions to environmental protection.
- [Luka Jovanovic](#): An eleventh grade student presented an incredible presentation advocating for the need for a new bus route in Willowdale to promote public transportation and reduce carbon emissions, potentially saving up to 2.2 tons of carbon emissions per person annually. His analysis highlighted that bus routes in Willowdale have not been updated for decades. Luka recently reached out to our office with his proposal which is now being reviewed by staff at TTC.

2. Keynote Presentation:

- [Andrew Plunkette](#): Project Lead at the City of Toronto Environment and Climate Division, presented on Transform TO and the Net Zero strategy. The Q&A session underscored the importance of community support and individual actions in achieving net-zero emissions. Andrew's presentation on [Climate and Resilience Action](#) is attached to this email as it contains a lot of useful information for those interested.

3. Community Engagement:

- [Green Neighbours Network of Toronto](#) and [Seniors for Climate Action Now](#) hosted tables to engage with participants.
- [Repair Café Toronto](#): Repair Café Toronto is a grassroots, volunteer group that organizes events where neighbours help neighbours learn how to repair. They have been lending their volunteer repair skills to help people fix small household items since 2013. With support of our community leaders like Sally Gustin and Peter Low, we are thrilled to announce that Repair Café is coming to Willowdale on Saturday September 7, 2024 from 12:00pm - 3:00pm, at the North York Central Library. Such cafés are located in other parts of the city and are run by local resident volunteers. For Repair Café to be successful and come back again, it needs to attract local residents to volunteer. Please let us know if you would like to help.

Future Actions:

- Recruitment of volunteers for the Repair Café.
- Organizing a Fall Bike Ride.
- Assessing the feasibility of applying for a Neighbourhood Climate Change Grant.
- Planning the next roundtable on Health and Climate Action, with the support of Seniors For Climate Action Now.
- Continuing advocacy for construction of Cummer Station within the Yonge North Subway Extension plan.

We are so grateful for the passionate participation of multigenerational participants from our community in this roundtable. We look forward to further collaborations inspired by our collective commitment to combating climate change in Willowdale and beyond. To view the presentation, visit [TransformTO Climate and Resilience Action Cllr Slides 30May2024.pdf](#)

10 Fashion Roseway Tree Removals

A concerned resident recently reported some concerning tree removals that were happening at the centre courtyard of 10 to 30 Fashion Roseway. Here are our findings after consulting with Urban Forestry:

In March, a permit was issued for Parking Garage Roof Slab Rehabilitation at the Centre Courtyard area of 10 to 30 Fashion Roseway, permit # 24 110143 BLD 00 BA. This work is now in phase 2, involving the complete removal of overburden in the courtyard in the parking garage, general concrete repairs and full landscape rehabilitation including two additional areas outside of the parking garage area.

As part of this project, Urban Forestry's Tree Protection and Plan Review (TPPR) team received a tree removal/injury application for 16 by-law-protected trees located atop the underground parking garage on January 12 of this year. Upon review and site inspection on March 7, it was confirmed that the subject trees conflicted with the planned work; however, alternatives were not identified that would reduce the tree losses, short of not doing the work.

The private tree by-law (MCC813, Article III) includes a specific provision that speaks to this situation, that gives staff delegated authority to permit the removal of healthy trees:

"813-18-B. Despite § 813-17C [healthy trees may not be permitted for removal] the General Manager may issue permits to injure or destroy healthy trees where:

(7) Trees are growing on top of underground parking structures, if removal or injury is required to facilitate repairs to the structure and a satisfactory replanting and/or tree protection plan is included with the request;"

Accordingly, a permit to remove 15 and injure 1 by-law-protected tree was issued on May 15, 2024. As a condition of the permit, **the owner has agreed to plant 41 replacement trees on site following construction** (the list includes a mix of Freeman maples, birch, tulip trees, linden, Colorado blue spruce, white pine, and eastern hemlock).

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about the tree removals, please contact tpprnorth@toronto.ca or submit a tree bylaw complaint/report directly to Urban Forestry Compliance & Enforcement via 311.

To view the building permits issued for this address, please visit:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/ApplicationStatus/setup.do?action=init>

Warmly,

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