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Hi Neighbour!

you can meet neighbours and share ideas towards improving our neighbourhood. Many people define their participation in democracy in their vote. I would like to challenge you to take things one step further by showing up to some of the upcoming opportunities to participate! There are also several holiday markets happening over the coming month - a great opportunity to pick

This month is a mega-month for community engagement opportunities where

up unique gifts for the season while supporting local artisans! **Remembrance Day in Willowdale**

A special procession with horses will start from Mel Lastman Square at 10am

tomorrow (Saturday) followed by a meaningful service at 11am at the Cenotaph at York Cemetery at 160 Beecroft Rd. I will be representing the city at this special commemoration of all those who have sacrificed for the freedom we enjoy. All are welcome!

HOUSE! Drop by our open house for some neighbourhood networking and yummy food.

HOPE TO SEE YOU WEDNESDAY! Celebrating 1 year in Office - OPEN

You'll get to meet my amazing team and find out WHO IS YOUR CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE? We will also have face painting and popcorn for all the kids (and adults) who come by to say hi! Click Here to RSVP!

4 Important Consultations

City of Toronto Budget - Nov. 27 - In previous administrations, the property tax increase was predetermined before the budget was made. Our new mayor would instead like to hear community feedback on priorities before deciding on the increase. The city expects a \$1.4 Billion shortfall due to rising costs for shelters, refugees and transit. This is why the NEW DEAL conversations happening with the provincial and federal governments will also be key in determining the outcome. There are many budget consultations happening virtually and across the city, with two happening back-to-back on the same evening in North York. We hope you will join us for this important opportunity to shape our budget together! Click Here for details.

updating our Secondary Plan which governs the shape of the area surrounding Yonge Street from Cummer to 401, we need your participation! What community infrastructure is needed? What type of density will we welcome? This process will shape the future of this already bustling part of Willowdale! Click **<u>Here</u>** for details. **Metrolinx Sheppard Extension Consultation - Nov. 16 - Metrolinx is**

North York at the Centre Consultation - Nov. 28 - As we work towards

considering an extension of the Sheppard Line westward to Sheppard West station and eastward to Sheppard/McCowan and possibly to Meadowvale Road. This would greatly increase connectivity across our city and will also impact how our community is developed. Have your say on the future of this important transit extension! <u>Click Here</u> for details. Willowdale TTC Consultation - Nov. 24 - This is a neighbourhood specific

opportunity for people in our ward to share concerns, complaints and ideas on how the TTC can better serve our community! Please drop by to help improve TTC service in Willowdale. Click Here to RSVP. 3 Spaghetti Town Halls

for an opportunity to dine with neighbours, speak with City Staff on how to improve our community AND share ideas on how we can improve our neighbourhood together! RSVP Today! LAST CALL for Tamarack Climate Conference. Be inspired by Climate Action

Leaders from across North America who will share knowledge related to bold and courageous climate action and explore examples of how communities have aligned local resources and assets towards shared goals, building cross-sector,

If you live in Newtonbrook East, Willowdale East or Willowdale West - join us

multigenerational partnerships that centre on the voices of those with livedexperience. Join fellow Climate Enthusiasts in our neighbourhood for this great 2-day networking and learning opportunity! Click Here for more information. **Click Here** to RSVP. • Tamarack Climate Conference- Willowdale Satellite- Nov. 14-15, 10am-5pm - **FREE!** (\$400 value) • One year in office OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION! Nov. 15, 4:30-8pm, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Willowdale West Spaghetti Town Hall- Thurs. Nov. 16- Dinner at 5:30, Town Hall at 7pm. • Metrolinx Sheppard Extension Consultations- Thurs. Nov. 16, 6-8pm.
- Danish Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar- Sat. Nov. 18, 10am-3pm • Senlac South CommuniTEA- Sat. Nov. 18, 2pm.
- Newtonbrook East Spaghetti Town Hall- Thurs. Nov. 23 Dinner at 5:30, Town Hall at 7pm. • TTC Willowdale Consultation- Fri. Nov. 24, 6pm.
- We Love Willowdale Christmas Market & Walking Parade- Sat. Nov. 25- SAVE THE DATE! • City of Toronto 2024 Budget Consultation - Mon. Nov. 27, 7-8:30pm OR
- 8:30-10pm. **MUST ATTEND!** • North York at the Centre Public Meeting (Secondary Plan Refresh)- Tues. Nov. 28, 6:30-8:30pm.
- Willowdale East Spaghetti Town Hall- Thurs. Nov. 30, Dinner at 5:30, Town Hall at 7pm. • St. Luke's Christmas Market- Fri. Dec.1 at 6pm.
- Avondale Neighbourhood Association StartUp- Mon. Dec. 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm (more details coming soon) • Lansing Holiday Market - Sat. Dec. 9, 12-5pm.

documentary called "Do You Hear What I Hear?" which captures the passionate advocacy of Ingrid Buday who is fighting excessive and unnecessary noise in the city. Ingrid is ramping up an advocacy campaign in preparation for a noise report that is coming to Toronto City Council in January. You can find out more

Do you hate noisy mufflers? It was great to participate on a panel at a Hot Docs Screening of the

at: www.nomorenoisetoronto.com. You can also add your noise incidents in Toronto to a great crowd sourced map. Click here

North York Centre Restored Evening and Weekend Access Since June 2023, North York Civic Centre (along with Toronto's other civic centres) reduced operating hours due to budget cuts. For over two decades, the North York Civic Centre has served as an important connection for local building residents and the public who have come to rely on the pathway to access many community amenities, including North York Centre Public Library, grocery store, community swimming pool, shopping, pharmacy and restaurants.

This not only provides a safe and sheltered pathway for all, especially seniors, it also creates a convenient travel option in a busy and densely populated neighbourhood. We are happy to announce that through tireless advocacy of local residents and our office, the pathway access through North York Civic Centre will re-open once again back to regular hours as of Monday, Nov. 13th.

Access Hours:

City Council Highlights

Weekdays: 7:30am-9pm Weekends & Statutory Holidays: 8am-6pm Many thanks to the City of Toronto's Corporate Real Estate Management team for assisting in re-opening this pathway option.

EX9.3 Generational Transformation of Toronto's Housing System to Urgently Build More Affordable Homes There were strong federal investments in social housing after the Second World

War. Things began to change in the 1980s when a recession caused the

government to decrease investments in social housing and stop building altogether in the 1990s. This placed the responsibility on provincial governments that downloaded the responsibility without the resources to municipal governments that barely had the means to maintain existing social housing. As a result, there has been very little movement in adding social housing stock for

quite some time. Meanwhile, our population has continued to grow steadily. On Wednesday, the City set a target of building 65,000 new rent-controlled homes. Funding has already been secured to deliver 4,455 homes. The estimated cost to deliver the remaining 60,545 homes is between \$28.6 billion and \$31.5 billion. However, the estimated contribution/funding required from each order of government over the next 7 years is between \$500 million to \$800 million per year, net of repayable loans/financing (see Financial Impact section). With access to low-cost financing, the contribution/grants required from each

journey with the federal and provincial governments. Places like Hong Kong and Sweden have around 50% publicly or non-profit owned housing. If we build all of the planned affordable housing moved in this

motion, it will bring our city up to 10% public housing. Affordable housing is

order of government can be further reduced. This will have to be a collaborative

important for an economy to thrive. The cost of housing in Toronto makes it harder for businesses, restaurants and even hospitals to hire staff. It is also difficult for young people who want to stay in the city and establish themselves.

EX9.10 - 2023 Update on the Toronto Community Crisis Service and **Proposed Expansion Plan**

In March 2022, the Toronto Community Crisis Service launched a 24/7 service to provide a community-based, client-centred, trauma-informed, non-police-led response to people experiencing mental health crises and wellness checks. In its first year of operation, the Toronto Community Crisis Service received 6,827 calls for service, with 78 per cent of calls transferred from 911 successfully resolved without police involvement. The pilot was restricted to four areas that did not include Willowdale. Due to the success of the model, the city will be expanding this service citywide. This is a great opportunity for more support for those struggling with mental health challenges who do not necessarily need police during a moment in crisis and can be better served by this type of service that includes bridging people to longer term supports. The city is proposing a 75%/25% cost share with the province paying the majority as mental health is a provincial responsibility. We hope to establish a sustainable funding model with the province to support the expansion of this much needed service.

Intimate Partner Violence

On a recent ride-along with 32 Division, my accompanying officer said that many of the calls they answer are related to domestic violence. This is not a surprise considering more than 4 in 10 women will experience some form of intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetimes. After Mayor Chow declared it as an epidemic, she passed the baton to me to try and connect city efforts to address this issue with the perspectives and ideas of frontline serving organizations. This past week I had a check in with these organizations including WomanACT, Aura Freedom, YWCA Toronto, Women's Habitat and Barbara Schliffer Commemorative Clinic. We are working with a team of amazing women to build a bridge with the city towards a more coordinated effort of alignment of the city's current and future efforts which sit across several divisions including SafeTO, Public Health, Social Development, Finance & Administration (SDFA) and People & Equity.

When COVID was declared a pandemic, an incredible amount of effort and resources was invested to help protect our community. We need similar crossdivisional coordination to ensure all of the city's efforts do not sit in silos and have robust input from those serving on the frontlines. As such, I am advocating that we invest in a lead to coordinate this cross-sectoral effort and work with all those at the table. Without such a lead, this work can easily lose steam and direction.

Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act

Perhaps you have heard of the Walkerton Tragedy? In 2000, 65 people were hospitalized, 27 developed hemolytic uremic syndrome and 7 people died. A public inquiry was launched that resulted in 121 recommendations which include source protection, standards and technology, municipal water providers, provincial oversight and special cases. This past week I went through a training with a quiz to be certified on this topic. The reason for this is because as a municipal councillor, I have decision-making responsibilities for our water system and therefore a duty to ensure our residents can have access to safe drinking water. This means any councillor could be fined or even imprisoned. There is just so much to learn as a city councillor! I felt like a student again having to take a quiz after our training.

Civic Appointments

Appointments. Over the next few weeks, I will be working with fellow committee members to select interview candidates for a newly established Housing Rights Advisory Committee. This will entail interviewing over 20 people to fill the 11 available seats that will serve alongside a City Councillor. We will also be interviewing people to serve on the Exhibition Board and selecting interview candidates to fill in 2 spots on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board. I encourage residents to consider applying to the plethora of committees and boards across our city. We need diverse voices with different lived experiences to contribute to the leadership of our city. Click Here to view current opportunities. Happy Diwali to all those who are celebrating this month. You can join in some

Another part of my week was spent being briefed as chair of Civic

(Saturday). Hope you have a wonderful weekend! Warmest Regards,

festivities happening at Mel Lastman Square from 11am-9pm tomorrow

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~ COUNCILLOR UPDATES One Year In Office Open House Celebration

Communities Taking Climate Action- Conference Willowdale West Townhall and Community Spaghetti Dinner

- Newtonbrook East Townhall and Community Spaghetti Dinner Willowdale East Townhall and Community Spaghetti Dinner
- TTC Pop-Up Consultation for Willowdale

• Fight For Cummer Station

Senlac South CommuniTEA

 Petition: Save Ontario's Science Centre ~ CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

Avondale Neighbourhood Association StartUp

- <u>City Of Toronto 2024 Budget Consultation</u> Public Meeting for North York At The Centre
- Metrolinx Sheppard Extension Consultation City of Toronto Warming Centres • Indoor Play Space Community Feedback Survey
- Speed Enforcement ~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE
 - North York Diwali Fest
 - Christmas Bazaar Christmas Market and Walking Parade
 - Holiday Fair Supporting Epilepsy Toronto St. Luke's Christmas Maker's Market Lansing Holiday Market

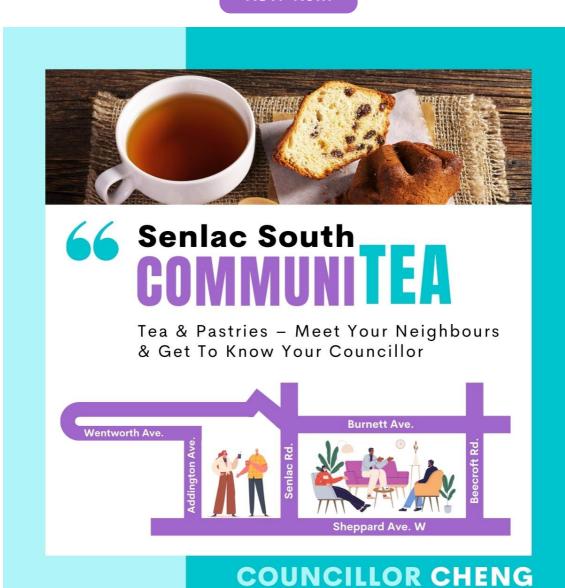
NYSC Active Living Fair

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JOIN US in celebrating 1 year in office. November 15, 2022 is the day we embarked on a great adventure in serving Willowdale and the City of Toronto. Visit our Constituency Office, enjoy some yummy food, meet my superhero staff team and connect with neighbours! It will be lots of fun! Hope to see you there!

RSVP Now!

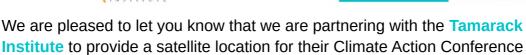


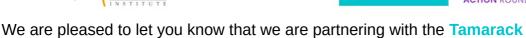
hosting a special CommuniTEA to Meet Your Neighbours and Get To Know Your Councillor! Please join us! Special thanks to Chartwell Retirement Residence for supporting this great opportunity to connect. **RSVP Now!**

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS! If you live in the Senlac South Area, we are

November 14-15







called: Communities Taking Climate Action: Leading Courageously. This conference usually costs \$400 to attend virtually. Our partnership allows us to invite neighbours to join us **FREE OF CHARGE!** The conference will take place November 14-15. Some refreshments will be provided, but we are also asking participants to consider bringing snacks to share. Register Now!







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provincial officials. We need continued support from our community for our voices to be heard loud and clear! Our provincial government should take urgent action to include Cummer Station in the Yonge North Subway Extension Project. Let's fight for Willowdale's future. CUMMER STATION NEEDS TO BE BUILT. Please continue to send your letters! **Email Now!** PETITION: SAVE ONTARIO'S SCIENCE CENTRE

RALLY, and to all those who sent their Cummer Station Advocacy Letters to our

Save Ontario's Science Centre needs your help to send a message that

Ontarians care about the Ontario Science Centre. Send a letter to provincial officials, our Mayor and my fellow City Councillors. Demand that proper

investments are made in the Ontario Science Centre so that it continues to be a world class educational institution that Ontarians can be proud of and enjoy for decades to come. **Act Now!**

PUBLIC MEETING FOR NORTH YORK AT THE CENTRE A review of the North York Centre Secondary Plan is underway. As part of the

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review, the City will engage with the community to refresh the vision and planning framework that will help shape the Centre as an inclusive, resilient, and complete community.

Date: November 28, 2023 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Location: North York Memorial Community Hall, 5110 Yonge Street Click here to learn more.

RSVP Now!

CITY OF TORONTO 2024 BUDGET CONSULTATION

From November 1 to 30, you are invited to join Mayor Olivia Chow, Councillor Shelley Carroll (Don Valley North), Chair of the Budget Committee, Members of Council and other Torontonians to share your ideas about the City's 2024 Budget and Toronto' at virtual and in-person consultations and through an online survey and tool.

Learn the City's <u>budget basics</u>, including key budget terms and how the budget is approved. You can join an online conversation, attend a virtual or in-person meeting or host your own discussion. **Learn More!**



rapid transit along Sheppard Avenue both east and west. They want to hear about how people travel along the Sheppard Avenue corridor today - and how they might benefit from new rapid transit options in the future - so we can maximize benefits for the community and future riders.

Date: Thursday, November 16

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: Toronto Public Library, North York Central Branch, 5120 Yonge St.,

North York, ON M2N 5N9

Learn More!



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INDOOR PLAY SPACE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY

The newly completed Ethennonnhawahstihnen' (pronounced Etta-nonna wastinuh) Community Recreation Centre and Library in North York is currently seeking for community feedback to help shape and design the new indoor play space for children aged 2 to 12. With an Aquatic Centre, Child Care Centre and a Toronto Public Library branch, the third floor of this new facility will be dedicated to creative play opportunities for children. Help shape and design the play space. Survey closes November 11, 2023.

Learn More!



In response to the numerous speeding complaints received divisional traffic officers along with the Traffic Services officers (vision zero) are enforcing the speeding within 32 Division, as well as Doris Ave.

In the picture: Divisional Traffic Police Constable SHARMA spotted a car

speeding 100 KM/H in the 40 KM/H zone on Doris Ave, North York. The driver was charged with STUNT DRIVING, a 30-day licence suspension, and a 14-day car impoundment. Once convicted, lose 6 demerit points, a fine of \$2000 to \$10000, receive potential jail time, as well as lose of licence for a minimum of 1 year.

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RSVP Now!



Join NeighbourLink's Christmas Market & Walking Parade featuring a Festive Tree Lighting presented by the Yonge North York BIA! Happening at Mel Lastman Square on Saturday November 25th, with a walking sidewalk parade along Yonge St at 5:30pm.

CLICK HERE to learn more and register your business, school or organization or email Event Manager Sebastian at sebastian@neighbourlink.org



Saturday, November 25th at Mel Lastman Square Walking Parade 5:30pm, Tree Lighting 6:30pm

Parade Participation

We have 3 different packages for you to highlight your business in the parade. Learn more at: www.neighbourlink.org/christmas

Businesses on Yonge between Empress and Sheppard are invited to stand on Yonge and cheer us on and hand out treats! Email sebastian@neighbourlink.org

Market Sponsorship

We are still accepting event sponsors! Connect with sands of neighbours! Email sebastian@neighbourlink.org for more details.



Learn More!



right here in our community! The event promises to be the most enchanting holiday event in North York. What to Expect: Winter Wonderland, Santa's Village, 65+ Artisans, Polar Point Bar, Holiday Midway, Roaming Performers, Fireside Lounge.

Learn More!





NYSC Active Living Fair



November 15, 2023 10am to 2pm FREE for all In Person at 21 Hendon Ave













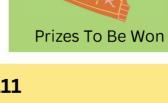


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