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Hi Neighbour!

I hope you are enjoying this last stretch of summer. In this issue of my e-newsletter, I'm excited to invite you to join us at upcoming events across our community, including the **Willowdale Climate Meet-Up** hosted by our Diversity Fellow, Andy Van, this **Thursday**, August 31 at **Lee Lifeson Park** and **Taste of North York** happening at **Mel Lastman Square**, September 8-10!

First Post-Summer Council Meeting

As you may know, most city committee meetings take pause in August when many city staff members and councillors take a breath before the work of running the city goes back into full swing in September. The big agenda topic for the first meeting will be the Financial Framework of the city. For more information, please see the City Manager and Interim CFO's [Presentation to Executive Committee](#), [Updated Long-Term Financial Plan](#) and the [Ernst & Young Report](#). Click [Here](#) to see the Sep 6 Council meeting agenda when it is published this Friday.

While Toronto contributes 21% of Canada's GDP and 53% of Ontario's GDP, the City has many financial pressures including the following:

- TTC operations impacted by COVID and inflation
- Maintaining the DVP and the Gardiner Expressway (no other city in Ontario is paying to maintain their highway)
- The rise in homelessness has a greater impact on Canada's biggest city; Toronto funds more shelter beds per capita than any other city in Canada
- The rise in refugees and refugee claimants—many of whom come to Toronto
- The rise of interest rates and inflation on the cost of operating the city along with labour shortages and supply chain challenges
- Downloaded cost of social housing.

We will be discussing potential revenue tools including:

- Multi-year approach for property tax rates
- Graduated Municipal Land Transfer Tax rate for high-value residential properties
- Removal of \$5/hour on-street parking rate cap to enable comprehensive rate review
- Increase the Vacant Home Tax rate (1% to 3%)
- Foreign Buyer Land Transfer Tax
- Commercial Parking Levy
- Dedicated 911 Next Generation Levy
- Emissions Performance Charge for Buildings
- Restructure or dissolve the Imagination, Manufacturing, Innovation and Technology (IMIT) Financial Incentive Program
- Remove non-residential non-ground floor area development charge exemptions
- Review City's surplus and underutilized real estate assets for disposition or change in use achieving greatest value.

Here are three interesting news articles by the Toronto Star to consider:

- [If you're mad about the state of Toronto, tell Justin Trudeau and Doug Ford to pay for a better future](#)
- [Sharing the HST would help municipalities across the country.](#)
- [New taxes will help Toronto's bottom line. But a true solution hinges on Ottawa and Queen's Park](#)

We Want To Hear From You

If you have any ideas on how the city can improve our financial situation or thoughts about the proposed revenue tools, please [Click Here](#) to fill out our community survey.

The Power of a Piazza

This past summer we had the opportunity to host the first ever **Community Movie Night at Avondale Park** sponsored by **CUPE Local 416**. We kicked things off with some zumba dancing led by a sponsored class from **Star Dance Studio** located across Yonge Street from the Avondale community. How wonderful it was to see the smiling faces of participants who spanned from children to seniors. This event illustrates the importance of having piazza-like spaces where community members can gather. [Click Here](#) to read my reflections.

As you scroll down, you will find details about upcoming events hosted by our office, **Willowdale Climate Meet-Up** and **Silverview Park Community Consultation + Potluck**. Also, there are some community events awaiting your participation: **Taste of North York**, **T.U. Jazz Fest + North York Night Market**, **Lansing Open Market**, **Full Moon Festival**, and **North York Senior Centre Fundraiser**.

Your participation is what helps us build a vibrant and connected community! I hope to see you at one or all of these events!

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warm regards,

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It was wonderful to celebrate Toronto Korean Festival, the largest Korean Festival in Canada. Congratulations to the KCBA on their biggest festival yet. Great to connect with Mayor Chow at the event!

Pictured here with Mayor Chow, President of the Korean Canadian Business Association President Chae and Korean Consul General Kim.

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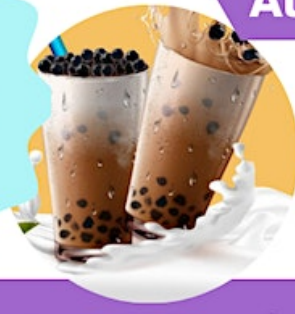
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- Full Moon Festival: Celebrating East Asian Heritage
- North York Seniors Centre Fundraiser

COUNCILLOR UPDATES

WILLOWDALE CLIMATE MEET-UP

FREE BUBBLE TEA
1st 15 participants!*

*For each painting session

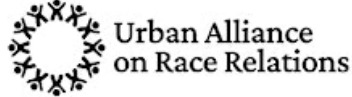


LEE LIFESON PARK
August 31, 5:00-6:30pm



FREE Pot Painting & Seeds
FREE Refreshments
Climate Action Resources
All ages are welcome!

Partners:



WAAT
(We Agree About Trees)

**活动将提供
中文翻译**

Hosted by Diversity Fellow Andy Van
RSVP: lilycheng.ca/events

WILLOWDALE CLIMATE MEET-UP

Join us at **Lee Lifeson Park** for a fun way to learn about the environment, paint your own pot and plant seeds! Our Diversity Fellow, Andy Van, will host a community **Climate Meet-Up** on **Thursday, August 31st from 5 pm to 6:30 pm**. All ages are welcome!

Free bubble tea will be given to the first 15 people who check in at each painting session! This event will be **translated into Chinese**. Register today to book your spot! Please only register for 1 painting session that starts at either 5 pm or 5:30 pm! One ticket per person, please!

Please also stay at Lee Lifeson Park for an evening of music that will run from 7-9 pm hosted by **Willowdale Central Ratepayer's Association**. You can find out more information here: <https://www.willowdalecentral.org/concert-series-2023>

[Register Now](#)

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**Meet your
City Councillor
Lily Cheng**



Saturday, September 16th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

SILVERVIEW PARK COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**Brunch
Potluck**

Join **Councillor Cheng** and the **Silverview Community Association** for a park potluck!

Bring your culinary creations and ideas for the future of Silverview Park. Let's connect to help shape our community together.

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CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

ONTARIO PLACE REVITALIZATION PROPOSAL

Early in fall 2023, the City is expecting to receive a revised planning application from Ontario to redevelop the provincially owned lands at Ontario Place. Join one of our community consultation meetings to learn more and provide your feedback.

The application includes a Public Realm Master Plan for public space improvements and amenities on the East Island, Marina and Mainland as well as public realm, shoreline and trail improvements on the West Island and Mainland.

Revised designs will be presented for discussion at the meetings. These meetings will focus on design responses to public feedback the City has received on the proposal to date. You are invited to ask questions and share your initial responses on the proposed changes to ultimately inform City staff comments on the application.

Join us at one of the upcoming public meetings:

In-Person Meeting:

Thursday, September 7, 2023 - Beanfield Centre, Exhibition Place

- Open house design panels: 3 pm - 6 pm
- Presentation and discussion: 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting:

- Open house design panels: 7 pm- 7:50 pm
- Presentation and discussion: 7:50 pm- 9 pm

[Register Now](#)

NOISE BYLAW PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

The City is reviewing the successes and challenges of implementing the Noise Bylaw, which was amended in 2019. Residents are invited to provide feedback at public consultations, starting Tuesday, September 12.

General noise (for example, unreasonable and persistent noise, power device noise and noise from waste collection):

- In-person: Tuesday, September 12, Metro Hall, 55 John St., Room 308/309, 7 to 9 pm
- Virtual: Tuesday, September 19, 7 to 9 pm

Amplified sound (for example, music from bars):

- Virtual: Wednesday, September 13, 7 to 9 pm
- In-person: Thursday, September 21, Metro Hall, 55 John St., Room 308/309, 7 to 9 pm

Motor vehicle noise:

- Virtual: Monday, September 18, 7 to 9 pm

Construction noise (for example, condo developments and residential infill):

- In-person: Wednesday, September 20, North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., Meeting Room 101, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Amendment of the bylaw in 2019 resulted in the introduction of sound level limits for amplified sound and motorcycles, enhancements to the noise exemption permit process and the introduction of a dedicated noise enforcement team with late night coverage.

This review aims to assess the bylaw amendments and consider potential refinements. Key focus areas for the review include:

- Assessing the effectiveness of the current decibel limits and enforcement approach for amplified sound.
- Enhancing the City's response to excessive vehicle noise.
- Strengthening noise enforcement and strategies for the proactive mitigation of noise issues.

[Register Now](#)

NIGHT ECONOMY REVIEW PUBLIC MEETINGS

The City is exploring strategies to support Toronto's night economy - the social, cultural and business activities that occur at night. The goal is to create a vibrant, safer, and more inclusive night economy, with an updated approach to licensing and zoning bars, restaurants and entertainment venues in communities across Toronto.

On September 6 and 7, the City will be hosting public sessions to share an

update on the review as well as a summary of proposed amendments to both the Zoning bylaw and Licensing bylaw as they relate to Toronto's Night Economy.

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 6 - 6:30 to 8 pm Click [Here](#) to Register
- September 7- 1 to 2:30 pm Click [Here](#) to Register

[Learn More](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE



T.U. JAZZ FEST + NORTH YORK NIGHT MARKET

Prepare to enjoy the 9th Annual T.U. Jazz Fest and the North York Night Market returning to **Mel Lastman Square**.

Take in the music, entertainment, and joy of dining at our returning night market and local patios, creating a truly immersive experience. Be part of the rhythm at Mel Lastman Square, where multiple artists will showcase their talents on stage.

When:

- Friday, September 1 at 6 pm - 11 pm
- Saturday, September 2 at 2 pm - 11 pm
- Sunday, September 3 at 2 pm - 11 pm
- Monday, September 4 at 2 pm - 8 pm

[Entertainment Schedule](#)



TASTE OF NORTH YORK

NeighbourLink North York and Street Eats Market present the 1st Taste of North York Food & Drink Festival, **September 8-10 at Mel Lastman Square!**

Celebrate all North York has to offer with over 50 food vendors, live music, art, dancing, kids activities and NeighbourLink's Meet & Eat! Net proceeds support NeighbourLinks food bank and community care programs.

The Meet & Eat located at the Reflection Pond at Mel Lastman Square includes:

- A patio to enjoy food and meet neighbours all weekend long
- A Community Fair of 25 local charities, organizations and clubs on September 9th

[Learn More](#)



[Register Now](#)



HERITAGE TORONTO
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**Full Moon Festival:
Celebrating East Asian Heritage**

Sunday, October 1, 2 pm-6 pm
North York Centre

Join us for a free celebration with food demonstrations, family-friendly activities, and prizes! All are welcome.

Food Demonstrations:
Matcha
Songpyeon

Activities:
Origami
Calligraphy

Hear community recipe stories and learn about East Asian food heritage.

Register early to receive a free mooncake at the event!*

Event Location and TTC access: Empress Ave., North York Centre, Yonge St.

Follow @heritagetoronto on social media for event updates and the chance to win prizes!

Mid-Autumn Festival

*Offer only available to the first 200 registrants. Limit of one mooncake per person.

[Learn More](#)



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**BETTER WITH AGE:
RELIEVE THE MOMENT!**

ABBAMANIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Bayview Golf and Country Club

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!
Ticket prices will increase on September 1st.

CALL THE ALC PROGRAMS TEAM AT 416 733 4111 TO GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

[Learn More](#)

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