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Hi Neighbour!

It's hard to believe it's been a year since the day I was elected on October 24, 2022. I remember saying a prayer at the beginning of election day that I would do my best and trust that whatever the outcome, it would be the best path for me and my family. I also remember the tears shed by me and many volunteers when we found out we had won. It felt like a miracle because of the establishment, resources and experience we were up against.

As I look back on the year that has swept by I am deeply grateful for all those who supported me to be elected. We were very much "the little engine that could" with no political party affiliation or support. It took a group of grassroots residents, many of whom have never participated in politics, to run a campaign that had very little experience, but a lot of heart. I remember going door to door in the rain with my volunteers, going to subway stations and canvassing every day, one door at a time.

For me, the journey to be elected encapsulates my core belief, that anything is possible when people come together to bring change. And that is my continued dream for Willowdale - that more and more people would come together and dream dreams for our community. The slogan for my campaign was "Let's build a connected community!" and that is still the heartbeat of why and how I do what I do.

Every email we send out is an invitation, to be informed and to be engaged. Every week you will find multiple invitations to participate in our community. I hope you will say "YES!" because the work that needs to be done cannot be done by me and my office alone.

In the spirit of building a connected community, my team and I are excited to be launching the **Spaghetti Town Hall Roadshow!**

I'm sure you are wondering, **what is a Spaghetti Town Hall Roadshow?** We are organizing multiple Town Halls by area to give residents the opportunity to:

- Meet neighbours over spaghetti dinner
- Ask City Staff questions about: safety, transportation, parks and more!
- Connect with me, your City Councillor
- Discuss ideas of how to strengthen our community

We have 3 events planned for November with remaining areas to happen in the new year. Dinners will begin at 5:30pm followed by a Townhall at 7pm. People can register for both or one part of the evening.

Please RSVP for the area you live in:

Willowdale West - November 16 - Willowdale Presbyterian

Newtonbrook East - November 23 - Wellspring Worship Centre

Willowdale East - November 30 - Spring Garden Church

We are grateful for the partnership of local neighbourhood associations and faith communities to create this opportunity to connect! One important topic we will be discussing is creating community based Neighbourhood Watch, which we know is needed with the significant increase in break-ins and auto thefts.

I hope you will join us for these dinners if you live in any of these areas! **Please RSVP by visiting: www.lilycheng.ca/events.** We will be hosting similar events in the new year for the remaining areas: Newtonbrook West, West Lansing and Avondale.

It was wonderful to see the festivities this past weekend at Mel Lastman Square for Diwali. It was not easy for the organizers with the gusty wind and cold weather. I appreciate every group that brings culture and animation into our neighbourhood!

There will be another group hosting a **Diwali** event on November 11. [Click Here](#) for more information. You can also join me that morning at the York Cemetery Cenotaph (160 Beecroft Rd.) at 10:45am for a **City of Toronto Remembrance Ceremony**. [Click Here](#) for further information.

This week's email newsletter is somewhat lighter as there were no committee meetings. My week was filled with different constituent, developer and city division meetings. We have also been planning our **GRAND OPENING of Willowdale's first Bike Share** location (NE corner of Yonge/Bishop) **TODAY, October 28 at 2pm**. Hope to see you for our ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE to Bayview and back. Attendees will have the chance to win a one year membership for Bike Share!

Weekend Safety Alert

There have been images floating around social media about a potential protest from Pickering to Yorkdale along Sheppard. We reached out to 32 Division. This is what they shared: "The TPS is aware of, and investigating, the social media post. The TPS continues to track numerous events organized by those impacted by this conflict. Plans are in place to facilitate any peaceful law abiding demonstrations, and to respond to and investigate any behaviour that goes beyond peaceful and law abiding".

Special Climate Action Opportunity

I'm also excited to let you know that we are partnering with the **Tamarak Institute** to provide a satellite location for their Climate Action Conference called: **Communities Taking Climate Action: Leading Courageously**. This conference usually costs \$500 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.

[RSVP](#) to join us!

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the conference.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest Regards,

Lily Cheng 陳伶俐
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Councillor Lily Cheng

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Great connecting with neighbours to envision the future of Holmes Park during a fun neighbourhood playdate. I had the opportunity to hear from so many of our community members on shaping the second phase of Holmes Park. Thanks to all who joined us!

Scroll Down To Find Out More About:

~ COUNCILLOR UPDATES

- Willowdale Bike Share Grand Opening and Community Bike Ride
- 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
- Petition: Save Ontario's Science Centre

~ CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

- Silverview Park Improvements Survey
- City of Toronto Warming Centres
- Indoor Play Space Community Feedback Survey

- Property Tax, Water & Solid Waste Relief Programs
- Small Business Forum

~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

- Haunted House
- North York Diwali Fest
- Pop-Up Artisan Market
- Christmas Bazaar
- Christmas Market and Walking Parade

COUNCILLOR UPDATES



WILLOWDALE BIKE SHARE GRAND OPENING & COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR FIRST BIKE SHARE STATION AND RIDE THE HYDRO CORRIDOR TOGETHER!



- GO TERMINAL AT YONGE/BISHOP (NORTH EAST CORNER)**
5697 Yonge St, North York
- OCT 28, 2023**
Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- RSVP** | lilycheng.ca/events

COUNCILLOR CHENG

Get your wheels spinning to welcome **BIKE SHARE** in Willowdale! Our first Bike Share station is located at the northeast corner of Yonge St. and Bishop Ave. Let's celebrate this with a **COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE** along the hydro corridor, starting at the Go Terminal at Yonge/Bishop (North-East Corner) this Saturday, October 28th at 2 pm. Thanks to Bike Share Toronto, you will have a chance to **WIN** a **FREE 1-YEAR BIKE SHARE** membership. **FREE Bike Lights** courtesy of Cycle Toronto (Limited quantity). Please bring your own bike. See you there!

[Register Now!](#)

November 14-15



Conference Hosted By:



Viewing Location Hosted By:



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WILLOWDALE WEST TOWN HALL WITH COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER



- WILLOWDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
38 Eglerslie Ave, North York, M2N 1X8
- THU, NOV 16, 2023**
Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00pm
Town Hall 7:00-9:00pm
- RSVP** | lilycheng.ca/events

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NEWTONBROOK EAST TOWN HALL WITH COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER



- WELLSPRING WORSHIP CENTRE CHURCH**
89 Centre Ave, M2M2L7
- THU, NOV 23, 2023**
Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00pm
Town Hall 7:00-9:00pm
- RSVP** | lilycheng.ca/events

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WILLOWDALE EAST TOWN HALL WITH COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER



- SPRING GARDEN CHURCH**
112 Spring Garden Ave, M2N3G3
- THU, NOV 30, 2023**
Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00pm
Town Hall 7:00-9:00pm
- RSVP** | lilycheng.ca/events

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Register Now!

LET'S JOIN

TTC POP-UP CONSULTATION



“ Help shape TTC's 5-Year Service Plan and Customer Experience Action Plan ”



NORTH YORK CENTRAL ATRIUM

5150 Yonge Street, Toronto



NOV 24, 2023

Friday, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

HOSTED BY:

LILY CHENG

CITY COUNCILLOR WARD 18, WILLOWDALE

RSVP AT

LILYCHENG.CA/EVENTS

Register Now!

FIGHT FOR CUMMER STATION!

10,400+ PEOPLE COMING*
... AND MANY MORE EXPECTED

5,000+ PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVE THERE*

ACT NOW!

*0.8km radius surrounding Yonge and Cummer

- Existing Apartment Buildings
- Proposed/Approved/Under-construction Developments

Thank you to all who came out to support our 'FIGHT FOR CUMMER STATION' RALLY, and to all those who sent their Cummer Station Advocacy Letters to our 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

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!

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

SILVERVIEW PARK IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

LAST WEEK of online survey for Silverview Park: The City is undertaking a study to help determine improvements at Silverview Park, located in the Newtonbrook neighbourhood in the Yonge/Finch area. Please visit the project webpage to learn more and to sign up for the email list to stay informed. The survey is available in English, Korean, Chinese, and Farsi. Please encourage local friends, neighbours, and family members to participate so that everyone's voices can be heard!

Take the Survey!

CITY OF TORONTO WARMING CENTRE

WARD 18 WILLOWDALE

WILLOWDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
15 Olive Ave, North York

NOV 15, 2023 - APR 15, 2024

COUNCILLOR CHENG

Each year, from **November 15th to April 15th**, the City of Toronto activates its Winter Services Plan to ensure that warm spaces are available for individuals experiencing homelessness during the cold weather. This year, in our ward, we are hosting a warming centre at Willowdale Baptist Church, located at 15 Olive Ave. For residents who have questions, concerns, or would like to get involved in welcoming these residents into our neighbourhood, the City of Toronto has organized an online [information session](#) on **November 1st, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. You can join the meeting by visiting www.toronto.ca/homelesshelp. We are also working toward arranging an in-person meeting with City staff and the operation team. Please stay tuned for more details to come.

Learn More

INDOOR PLAY SPACE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY

The newly completed Ethennonnhawahstihnen' (pronounced Etta-nonna wasti-nuh) 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!

RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR PROPERTY TAX, WATER, AND SOLID WASTE

Tuesday, October 31, is the last day for low-income seniors and low-income people with a disability to apply for Property Tax, Water and Solid Waste Relief Programs.

Learn More

SMALL BUSINESS FORUM



OCT 30



Experience the City of Toronto's free full-day, in-person signature event in support of small businesses. The forum features main stage programming with keynote speakers and expert panels from a wide range of sectors, as well as the Nobellum Pitch Competition, breakout rooms, small group speed mentoring, a vibrant Indigenous Market and a trade show hosting a diverse display of small business services and goods providers. Only electricity from renewable energy sources will be used at the forum.

Date: Monday, October 30, 2023

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre (opens in new window), South Building, Level 800, Exhibit Halls F & G

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[Register Now!](#)

COMMUNITY UPDATES

**SPOOKYSIDE UP
HAUNTED HOUSE**

**OCTOBER
27TH, 28TH, 29TH & 31ST
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
34 PARKVIEW AVE**

ALL AGES

FREE AND PAID ATTRACTIONS
BOUNCY CASTLE | GAMES | FACE PAINT | PERFORMERS | RAFFLE

Willowdale is getting its own **Haunted House!** Fun and a few scares abound at the **John McKenzie Historic House**. Thanks to Willowdale Central Ratepayers Association for hosting in partnership with Sunnyside Up Camp. We are grateful to them for hosting a **Food Drive** for the 415 Food Hub. If you are visiting the haunted house, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

[Register Now!](#)

**MOKSHA
CANADA FOUNDATION**
In Association With
SoLoMo **RAPA**
Presents

**North York Diwali Fest
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Yummy Foods & Sweets 🪔 *Art & Craft Workshops*
Cultural Performances 🪔 *Diwali Shopping*
Lots of Fun & Prizes

NOV 11TH 2023, 11 AM - 9 PM
Mel Lastman Square

FREE PUBLIC EVENT

For Sponsors & Vendors
Deep: 647-546-3377 | Sam: 647-831-7223
For Artist Opportunity
Rashmi Mishra: 437-258-3065
events@mokshacanada.com

[Register Now!](#)

**NOV 4 & 5
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**ARTISAN
MARKET**

food, art, wares, home decor

John McKenzie Historic House
34 Parkview Ave, North York, M2N 3Y2



WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL | NOVEMBER 16

9 AM - 2 PM | ARTS AND CRAFTS | FOOD | FUN

WE ❤️ WILLOWDALE

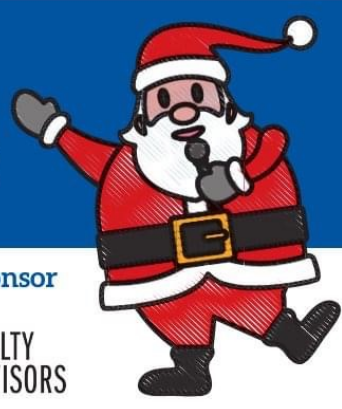
Christmas

Market & Walking Parade

Saturday, November 25
Mel Lastman Square

- FESTIVE TREE LIGHTING
- 60+ LOCAL ARTISANS
- FOOD, DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT

Learn More & RSVP
neighbourlink.org/christmas



- Hosted By
- Tree Presenter
- Lead Sponsor

[RSVP Now!](#)

OUR 2023 CHRISTMAS MARKET VENDOR APPLICATION IS OPEN!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25 AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

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