

Connected Community March 10, 2023



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Dear Neighbour!

This week we celebrated **International Women's Day**, embracing equity across our ward, city, country and the world. I know many of our residents have family and friends in countries where women do not have a voice or freedom. In particular I think of the many acts of courage and sacrifice that have been made by women in Ukraine and Iran. I was inspired by the passion and arts shared at the International Women's Day Celebration organized by the Iranian Women Organization of Ontario (IROO). This translated poem by Dr. Fariba Bashiri, President of IROO, especially moved me:

Woman...

*She is an elegant mystery!
If you close her eyes, she will see more!
Throw her in jail, she will be freer!
Torture her, she will become stronger!
Take the school away from her, she will study harder!
Break her heart, the rain of tenderness will flow from her heart!
Remove her from society, she will become a leader!*

I hope that here in our city, we can continue to encourage and empower our girls and women so that they can feel seen and supported in anything they want to do. This is one of the reasons I ran for office – so diverse girls in our community, including my daughter, can know that their voices matter. Let's work together to increase representation of leaders at all levels.



I had the pleasure of joining Toronto's International Women's Day celebration at City Hall, surrounded by remarkable women Councillors, dedicated City of Toronto staff, and passionate community leaders. Together, we acknowledged the progress made on gender equity in our city, and the steps that still need to be taken to achieve full gender equity across sectors and industries.

Lastly, we are hiring a [Constituency Office Operations Manager](#). Do you know someone who loves the City of Toronto and wants to make a difference? Do you embrace new technologies and consider themselves an early adapter? We are looking for someone who is a creative problem solver with strong project management, organizational and communication skills. Would love to hire a Willowdaler for the position!

Hope you have a wonderful weekend and **Happy March Break** to all the kids and families taking the week off!

Warmest regards,
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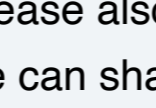
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COUNCILLOR UPDATES

WILLOWDALE NOWRUZ FOR FAMILIES
Co-Hosted by Councillor Lily Cheng
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SATURDAY 18 MARCH, 2023
1-5PM
Location: North York Centre Atrium & North York Central Library Auditorium
Sign-Up Today! www.lilycheng.ca/events

SPONSORS: Shapiro, Henna Florist, ArtByShirin, etc.

JOIN US FOR: Arts & Crafts, Calligraphy Workshop, Dance Workshop, Painting Workshop, Persian Tea House

HOSTS: NeighbourLink, tpi!

WILLOWDALE NOWRUZ FOR FAMILIES

Spring is coming and many Iranian Willowdalers will be celebrating **Nowruz (Iranian New Year)**. We are excited to be partnering with **NeighbourLink North York** and **North York Central Public Library Children's Department** to present a family friendly **Willowdale Nowruz Celebration** on **Saturday, March 18** that will include Persian Tea, arts demonstrations, crafts and an Instagram worthy **Haft-Sin** (a beautiful New Year table arrangement) in the **North York Center Atrium** as well as ticketed Nowruz crafts and Persian dance workshops at the Library Auditorium.

Please sign up here: WillowdaleNowruz2023.eventbrite.ca

WINTER WEATHER

Hundreds of community members have contacted me about gaps in the snow clearing across Willowdale from last weekend. Our team is advocating for any remaining areas to be promptly cleared.

For this current snowfall, here are some suggestions:

1. **Please be patient.** The City of Toronto gives our operators a 24-48 window for snow clearing after major snowstorms. During this time 311 is closed for snow complaints. It takes time for all plowing to be completed - especially the windrows that create an opening on driveways.
2. **Capture and log complaints of gaps in service AFTER snow clearing has been completed.** Please call 311 or [click here](#) to make a complaint online **24 hours after** a snowfall. Please include photos if possible as well as your address. This system collects data and creates service requests.
3. **After contacting 311, please email us the service request # and details** including photos so we are aware of what is happening across our ward and can advocate for better service.

For all of your Winter Weather related information including snow removal, sidewalk clearing, power outages and helping those in need, please visit: <https://www.lilycheng.ca/post/winter>

Based on what happened last snowstorm, we are considering starting a **Willowdale Winter Snow Volunteer Network** to support seniors and other vulnerable residents that need immediate clearance for medical appointments after snowstorms. If you have any ideas how this could be organized, please send us an email.

You can also track real-time locations of plows, sidewalk plows and salt trucks on [PlowTO](#).

COMMUNITY SAFETY TOWN HALL SUMMARY

If you missed our Willowdale Community Safety Town Hall on Feb 27, 2023, [click here](#) to read the highlights.

Please take a moment and share your thoughts on safety in our community. [Click here](#) to complete the Safety Survey. Please share with your neighbours.

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL: NOISE COMPLAINTS

In the Safety Town Hall, some neighbours raised concerns about excessive noise in our neighbourhood. The Toronto Police Service have advised that it is important to make the right call at the right time, to get the service you need. Advice on Noise Complaints and other common issues can be found on their website at www.tps.ca/contact/make-the-right-call.

OLT HEARING

172,176, 180 Finch Ave W, 1-33 Grantbrook St & 303-313 Hendon Ave

Time: March 30, 10am
[Click here](#) to join the online meeting, access code: **719-383-509**
*Once you enter the access code, click the **black** button that says **join in this browser**.

What is a Case Management Conference (CMC)?

A case management conference is a preliminary meeting that is held prior to an OLT hearing to determine key details such as participants of a hearing, key issues of importance, identifying issues raised by an appeal, outlining how a case is to proceed before the Tribunal, and setting a date a hearing.

Why is there a CMC meeting and who is appealing?

The developers filed an appeal to the OLT due to the lack of decision made regarding the proposal.

How can residents participate in the hearing?

Residents can attend the CMC only to observe and not participate in the hearing unless they request Party or Participant status. To participate as either a Party or a Participant residents are required to file a request form to the Tribunal: [OLT | Participant Status Request](#) or [OLT | Party Status Request Form](#).

The difference between a Party and Participant is detailed here: <https://olt.gov.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/OLT-Rules-of-Practice-and-Procedure-Nov-2021.html#rule8>.

Typically, residents register as Participants because in this role they are allowed to provide a **written statement** for the Tribunal's consideration to say their piece without being required to present evidence or cross-examine expert witnesses. The statement has to be written **10 days before the CMC date**. For this case, **the deadline for a written submission would be Thurs Mar 16th 2023**.

Who is the case coordinator for this appeal at the OLT?

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The case coordinator is the staff member at the Tribunal who is managing this Case Management Conference. If you have questions about the process, participation, or written statements, then reaching out to the case coordinator can be useful.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Temporary Road Closure:
[Yorkview Drive between Fleetwell Court and Wynn Road](#)
Expected Timeline: February 27, 2023 – March 13, 2023

Yonge North Subway Extension:
[Hendon Avenue](#)
Expected Timeline: February 21, 2023 - TBA

Toronto Hydro Overhead Civil & Electrical Upgrade:
[Finch - Grantbrook](#): Finch Avenue West and Ancona Street
Expected Timeline: March 2023 - June 2023

Watermain Replacement and Local Road Resurfacing:
[Eilerslie Ave](#): Eilerslie Avenue from Bathurst Street to Stafford Road
Expected Timeline: March 2023 - November 2023

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SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

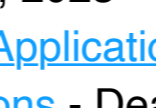
Registration for [spring recreation programs](#) in North York opened earlier today (March 10). **Programs start the week of April 1**, 2023 at your nearest location using the [Registered Programs Map](#).

The City's recreation programs are popular, and many have waiting lists. If registrants are unable to attend their program, they are asked to contact their local community centre or call the customer service line at 416-396-7378 to cancel their registration so that a spot can be offered to someone else.

To learn more about how to register, please visit [How to Register for Recreation Programs – City of Toronto](#). Click the hyperlinks to learn more about the following:

- [Welcome Policy yearly credit](#)
- [Discounts for older adults](#)
- [Recreation jobs](#)

- [Mayorol By-Election](#) - June 26, 2023
- [Young Urban Forest Leaders Applications](#) - Deadline: March 21, 2023
- [2023 Summericious Applications](#) - Deadline: March 22, 2023
- [2023 Curb Lane Cafe Applications](#) - Deadline: March 28, 2023
- [Pam McConnell Awards Applications](#) - Deadline: April 3, 2023



COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

March Break at Gibson House Museum

March 11-19, 11am-4pm @ Gibson House, 5172 Yonge St.
Dive into a multi-sensory experience of Toronto's foodways through demonstrations and food activations.

Talk: That's Why I'm a Journalist

Mar 15, 6:30pm @ Room 1, North York Central Library

Willowdale's Nowruz For Families

Mar 18, 1-5pm @ North York Public Library
Hosted by Councillor Lily Cheng, in partnership with NeighbourLink North York and the Toronto Public Library.

Journaling with Our Seniors

Mar 18, 11am-2pm @ 10 Senlac Rd (ChartWell Lansing), Theatre Room

Mid-Winter Wrap Market Return Visit

Mar 18, 11am-3pm @ 10 Senlac Rd (ChartWell Lansing), Theatre Room

80th Anniversary Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Mar 22, 2pm @ Prosserman Jewish Community Centre

Meet an Employment Services Representative

Mar 22, 2pm @ North York Central Library, 4th Floor

Networking Event for Entrepreneurs and Innovators

Mar 23, 6pm @ North York Central Library, Room 101

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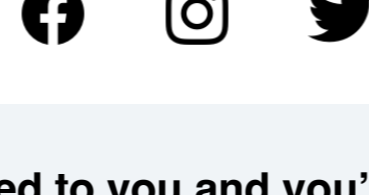
Mar 26, 3pm @ George Weston Recital Hall, Meridian Arts Centre

Business Inc.

Mar 30, 6:30pm @ York Central Library, Meeting Room 101

[Click Here to For More Event Details](#)

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