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Hi Neighbour!

Thank you to all the residents who have volunteered and participated in our inaugural Spaghetti Town Halls. It was music to my ears to hear the beautiful hum of neighbours chatting with neighbours over spaghetti. We have one left this year for **Willowdale East** happening **NEXT THURSDAY** (please come!). The remaining areas will see town halls in the new year. I also want to extend a special thank you to my team. I believe Spaghetti Town Halls are a new concept and my team worked hard to make it happen! I am also grateful for the tremendous support of City Staff who came out to connect with our neighbourhood.

SEE YOU LATER TODAY! (Market+Parade+Tree Lighting)

A few years ago I had a dream of having an evening parade through Willowdale that would bring the community together while celebrating local businesses, schools and organizations. This will now be the 3rd annual **We Love Willowdale Christmas Market and Parade!** It will be the first time the festivities are held at Mel Lastman Square! I am grateful for the hard work and leadership of **NeighbourLink North York** for this incredible event! Their tireless efforts continue to support the most vulnerable in our neighbourhood. I'm also grateful for the Yonge North York BIA for bringing a **Holiday Tree Lighting** to our neighbourhood! I look forward to seeing you there! This event supports the food bank, youth programs and senior programs run by this community development organization.

Market: 2:00pm-9:00pm

Parade: 5:30pm

Festive Tree Lighting: 6:30pm (Featuring Santa & Ms. Claus!)

Connecting Avondale Area

NEXT TUESDAY from 6:30-8:30pm we are holding a meeting for all those interested in forming a neighbourhood association for the Avondale area. Having a Neighbourhood Association can help a community build strong social connections, organize events, build Neighbourhood Watch networks and advocate for what is needed in the community. The Avondale area south of Sheppard between Yonge and Bayview is a unique cluster of condos and homes with a beautiful stretch of park. We look forward to the opportunity to catalyzing a more connected community in the area! See you at Lansing United Church!

Intimate Partner Violence

November is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. It is a difficult time when we think of the 62 women and children who have died due to intimate partner violence this past year. I am grateful to be playing a role in trying to improve how our city works towards preventing domestic violence and how we can better support victims.

Over the past few months since our mayor Olivia Chow and City Council unanimously declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic, I have carried the baton to strengthen our relationship with frontline serving organizations including **Aura Freedom, WomanAct, the Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto, the Barbara Schliker Clinic, YWCA Toronto, Women's Habitat of Etobicoke** and **White Ribbon Canada**. Currently there are many city divisions that have included Gender-Based violence and Intimate Partner Violence in their divisional action plans including SafeTO, People and Equity, Toronto Police Services, and Toronto Public Health. Our hope is to build a stronger collaborative infrastructure that includes the input of frontline organizations. I strongly believe this effort will help to strengthen and expedite the city's ongoing work towards supporting victims and fighting Intimate Partner Violence. Much of my meetings these past few months with an amazing group of women on the front lines have been spent listening to determine what gaps they see and how they want to work together. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to advance this important work.

Toronto City Budget,

How much property tax do you hope to pay next year? This is your opportunity to let the city know! **NEXT MONDAY** (Nov. 27) evening, I hope to see you at one of our 2 back-to-back in-person Budget Consultations that will help us hear your priorities as we build out the Toronto City Budget for 2024. There was a strong turnout in Etobicoke and Scarborough. We hope our North York voices will also be reflected! [Click Here](#) to sign up for the 7pm or 8:30pm session.

Bike Lanes Input

The City of Toronto has a vision to get more people out of cars and onto bikes. This has been a controversial issue in Willowdale due to the ReImagine Yonge project that has been approved by City Council. The city is currently formulating our Cycling Network 2025-2027 plan. It is imperative that those with strong opinions should participate and share your ideas and input. You can do this at an in-person consultation **NEXT TUESDAY** or through a virtual consultation or survey. [Click Here](#) for details.

THIS WEEKEND:

- **THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT! [We Love Willowdale Christmas Market & Walking Parade](#)** - Sat. Nov. 25

NEXT WEEK and BEYOND!:

- **MUST ATTEND! [City of Toronto 2024 Budget Consultation](#)** - North York Memorial Hall - Mon. Nov. 27- 7-8:30pm OR 8:30-10pm
- **[North York at the Centre Public Meeting \(Secondary Plan Refresh\)](#)** - North York Memorial Hall - Tues. Nov. 28 - 6:30-8:30pm
- **[Cycling Network 2025-2027 Public Input](#)** - Victoria Village Library 184 Sloane Ave. - Tues. Nov. 28- 5 to 7:30pm
- **[Willowdale East Spaghetti Town Hall](#)** - Spring Garden Church - Thurs. Nov. 30 - Dinner at 5:30, Town Hall at 7pm.
- **[St. Luke's Christmas Market](#)** - Church of St. Luke Lutheran - Fri. Dec. 1 at 6pm
- **[3rd Annual Artisan Holiday Market](#)** - Historic John McKenzie House - Sat-Sun, Dec. 2-3, 10am-4pm
- **[Avondale Neighbourhood Association Discussion Meeting](#)** - Lansing United Church - Tues. Dec. 5, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- **[Menorah Lighting](#)** - Mel Lastman Square - Thurs. Dec.7, 6pm
- **[Lansing Holiday Market](#)** - Lansing United Church - Sat. Dec. 9, 12-5pm

Winter Clothing Drive

Winter is here which is a difficult season for the unhoused and newly arrived refugees.

A clothing donation bin has been installed at the Hullmark building at Yonge/Sheppard & North York Central Library. Please consider dropping off any adult winter clothing or gear for the 420+ refugees staying at 5800 Yonge Street, hosted by Homes First.

There is also a winter coat and gear drive including sleeping bags and blankets as well as NEW socks and underwear for the unhoused hosted by the Cummer Avenue Drop In program. Items can be dropped off between 9am-2pm at Cummer Avenue United Church - 53 Cummer Ave.

We have also been asked to run NEW SOCK DRIVES for the unhoused across our city. Please consider running a drive at your office, classroom, condo or with neighbours as this is a much needed item in the shelter system. Please let our office know if you are collecting socks.

Giving Tuesday/Year-End Giving

Many people may have seen some of the videos we have shared over the past few weeks highlighting some of the amazing organizations in our neighbourhood who would appreciate your donations. Please consider donating to some of the following organizations that are doing amazing work right in our neighbourhood!

[Canadian Helen Keller Centre](#)
[Intercultural Iranian Canadian Resource Centre](#)
[NeighbourLink North York](#)
[North York Seniors Centre](#)
[The Shining Through Centre for Children with Autism](#)

I hope to see you at Mel Lastman Square today (Saturday), the City of Toronto Budget Consultation on Monday, and/or the last Spaghetti Town Hall of the year for Willowdale East! Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest Regards,

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THANK YOU to everyone for coming out and joining us at our Newtonbrook East Spaghetti Town Hall. Thank you for sharing your ideas, concerns and feedback. Many thanks to the city staff who also came to support this important opportunity for democratic participation. Also, special thanks to all the volunteers who prepared a delicious meal for us!

Click On The Links Below or Scroll Down To Learn More About:

~ COUNCILLOR UPDATES

- [Willowdale East Town Hall and Community Spaghetti Dinner](#)
- [Fight For Cummer Station](#)
- [Avondale Neighbourhood Association- Discussion Meeting](#)
- [Petition: Save Ontario's Science Centre](#)

~ CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

- [City Of Toronto 2024 Budget Consultation](#)
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- [Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre Scheduled Improvements](#)
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- [Ontario Rental Registry](#)
- [City of Toronto Warming Centres](#)
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~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

- [Danish Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar](#)
- [Christmas Market and Walking Parade](#)
- [Holiday Fair Supporting Epilepsy Toronto](#)
- [St. Luke's Christmas Maker's Market](#)
- [Holiday Artisan Market & Community Fair](#)
- [Light Up The Night- Public Menorah Lighting](#)
- [Lansing Holiday Market](#)

COUNCILLOR UPDATES



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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[RSVP Now!](#)

LET'S JOIN

The DISCUSSION to START an AVONDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

- Help build a friendlier and safer community!
- Share your ideas
- Meet your neighbours

- IN-PERSON MEETING AT LANSING UNITED CHURCH**
49 Bogert Ave, North York
- DEC 5, 2023**
Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:30pm



HOSTED BY: LILY CHENG
CITY COUNCILLOR WARD 18, WILLOWDALE

RSVP AT LILYCHENG.CA/EVENTS
Light refreshments will be served.

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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!](#)

PUBLIC MEETING FOR NORTH YORK AT THE CENTRE

A review of the North York Centre Secondary Plan is underway. As part of the 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 at virtual and in-person consultations and through an [online survey and tool](#).

Learn the City's [budget basics](#), 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!](#)



EHON Major Streets

The public consultation period for 'The Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods: Major Streets Study' has been **extended** to **December 14, 2023**. [Click here](#) to participate in the **online survey** or [Click here](#) to participate in a citywide **virtual consultation** event on December 6, 2023, from 6 to 7:30pm.

Details on the Major Streets Study:

The report proposes official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit townhouses and small-scale apartment buildings citywide, in Neighbourhoods, along Map 3 Major Streets. The amendments propose to permit townhouses and small-scale apartment buildings on all properties, along major streets, designated Neighbourhoods across the city and set out built form criteria in policy and zoning. The proposals contribute to the 2023 Housing Action Plan goals to remove exclusionary zoning and to increase housing opportunities in a range of housing forms.

The Ontario Rental Registry is an online database where tenants can anonymously register their rents. The purpose of the registry is to track rising rents across the province. This will lead to better, publicly-available housing data that can help protect and create more affordable housing. Click the button below to access the registry.

[Register Now!](#)

[Learn More](#)

DOUGLAS SNOW AQUATIC CENTRE PLANNED CLOSURE

The Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre will be **CLOSED** for maintenance and repairs from **Monday, December 4th, 2023 to Sunday, January 7th, 2024**. Pool will re-open on **Monday, January 8th, 2024**. Visit toronto.ca/swim for schedules at nearby locations.

Scheduled Improvements Include:

- Installation of new mirrors, benches, countertops, bathroom partitions, sinks, and faucets in both change room areas.
- Grout-work completion in the pool basin, therapeutic pool, deck, and throughout change room areas.
- Painting and maintenance in shower areas, as well as the second-floor viewing gallery.
- Replacement of lighting in the pool and accompanying areas.
- Repair of the slide in the main pool.
- Enhanced cleaning of all areas.
- Our team is eager to embark on these projects and create an upgraded and refreshed space for our valued members!

Closure Information:

Signs have been posted in the facility to notify clients of the temporary closure. During this period, members have the option to:

- Utilize their membership at alternate facilities.
- Suspend their membership, with the expiry date extended accordingly.

[Learn More!](#)



In response to the numerous speeding complaints received, divisional traffic officers along with the Traffic Services officers (Vision Zero) are enforcing the speed within 32 Division, as well as on 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 and received a 30-day license suspension, and a 14-day car impoundment. Once convicted, they will receive 6 demerit points, a fine of \$2000 to \$10000, potential jail time, as well as loss of license for a minimum of 1 year.

METROLINX- SHEPPARD EXTENSION

Metrolinx is now studying options and seeking community input to extend rapid transit along Sheppard Avenue (Downsview Park to Meadowvale Rd).

This extension would improve transit connections in Toronto's north end and make it easier and faster for people to get around Toronto and the GTA. Transit extensions on either side of the TTC's Line 4 subway could create new links to Line 1 and 2, connect to 3 GO Transit lines, and improve east-west travel in the region.

The last of the 3 in-person consultation meetings happened on Nov. 16 at North York Central Library. Most people at the consultation were very excited at the possibility of finally getting transit on Sheppard Avenue. There were **three** recurring questions that people asked:

What's the timeline for this project?

Right now, the Sheppard extension project is in the first stages of Metrolinx's project planning and development process, called the Initial Business Case (IBC). The IBC reviews a potential project to assess how a transit project might address existing traffic problems. As part of this phase, Metrolinx is launching a series of in-person and online public consultation opportunities to inform and engage with the community and get feedback.

Will the transit expansion be an LRT or subway?

It's too early in the process right now for Metrolinx to determine what kind of infrastructure will be built.

How do we stay connected and in the loop about the Sheppard extension project?

Metrolinx will present the results of the community feedback during a second round of consultations in Q2 of 2024.

[Learn More!](#)

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Order your Danish Candy, food and more on their webshop, and you can pick it up at the Church in Toronto at their upcoming planned activities/events ([Click here](#) to see the Calendar). They can also ship your order to you via Canada Post.

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WE ♥ WILLOWDALE

Christmas

Market & Walking Parade

Saturday, November 25
Mel Lastman Square

FESTIVE TREE LIGHTING

60+ LOCAL ARTISANS

FOOD, DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT

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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 or email at sebastian@neighbourlink.org

JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

HOLIDAY FAIR
mel lastman
SQUARE
Supporting Epilepsy Toronto

DEC 1 - DEC 23

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The most wonderful time of the year is just around the corner, and Epilepsy Toronto is thrilled to invite you to the spectacular Holiday Fair in The Square, 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!](#)



VENDOR OPENINGS FOR OUR
Christmas
MAKER'S MARKET

Friday, December 1st at 6pm
For more information
and to book your vendor space, email:
treasurer@stluketoronto.com
3200 Bayview Ave
(the church with the three crosses)

[Learn More!](#)

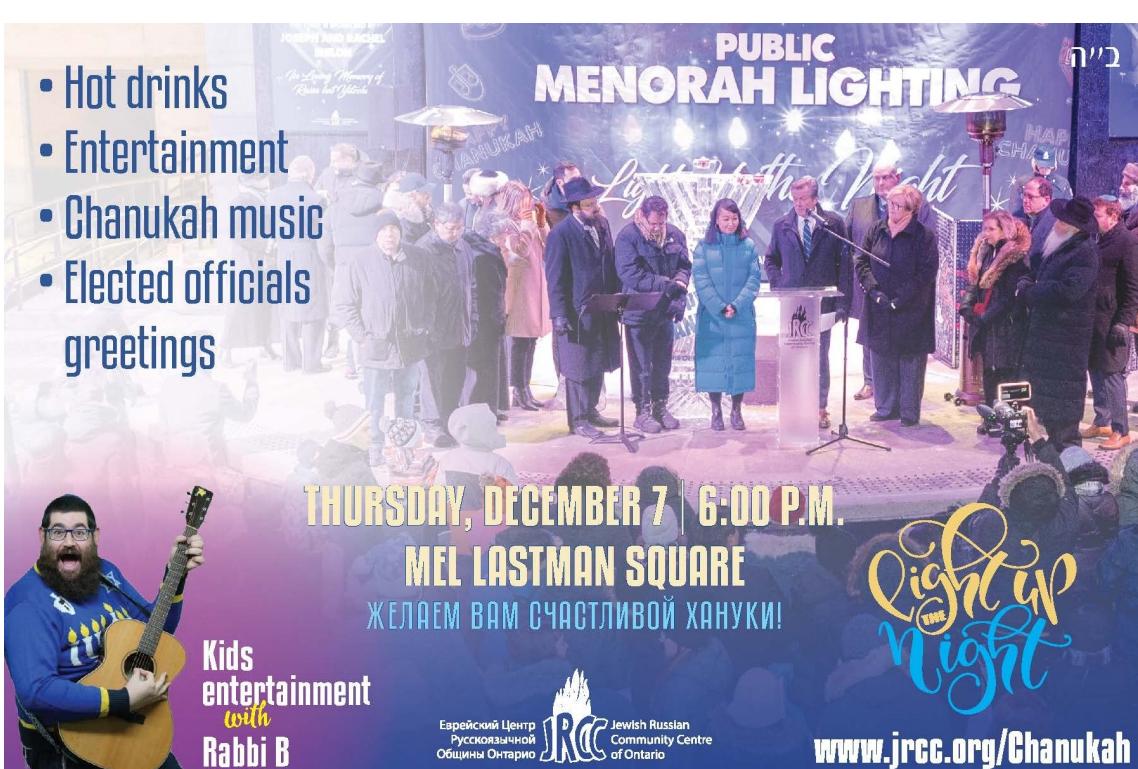
HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET & COMMUNITY FAIR

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 10AM - 4PM
HISTORIC JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE
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PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING
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Kids entertainment with Rabbi B
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LANSING HOLIDAY MARKET

DECEMBER 9, 2023, 12-5PM
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INDOORS AT 49 BOBERT AVE. NORTH YORK



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CALL OUT FOR COATS...AND HATS AND SWEATERS AND WARM BOOTS- ESPECIALLY LARGER SIZES FOR MEN

Every Wednesday, Cummer Avenue United Church Drop Inn offers a hot meal, a shower, and when possible, fresh clothing to a significant number of our un-housed neighbours, many of whom are from already under-served, marginalized, or vulnerable populations.



These friends need our help to stay warm this winter, so we're asking Willowdale to donate clean, warm clothing, blankets, and sleeping bags in good condition for distribution through the Drop Inn. Sweaters, hats, scarves, ski pants, and gloves/mitts are also welcome. **New unwrapped socks and underwear** are also in very high demand, as are hand-warmers.

Items can be dropped off at Cummer Avenue United Church (53 Cummer Avenue) any Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Parking is available on the west side of the building and a sign will guide you to the Drop Inn. 😊

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