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Dear Neighbour!

This past week has been **National Police Week**. We are excited to be joining 28 Division officers for a **Coffee with a Cop** event on Friday, May 26 at Cornerstone Community Baptist church. The aim is meeting all of our all-way stopping times and discussing community safety issues. Hope to see you there!

May 12th was the **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia**. We recognize the difficulties faced by our LGBTQ community members and their allies. Toronto City Council has adopted a motion to make this day deserving to be a safe and hate-free community.

Woodbine in Willowdale

Woodbine Entertainment is proposing a new Willowdale Woodbine casino/slot parlor event. It was news to all who planned that Cal de Rebeiz, Senior Planner of Site and Area Specific Policies, presented at the Willowdale Community Council on Wednesday evening in 2021 with 3 more years to go!! Since the absence of any community consultation, Councillor Jaye Robinson and I have asked that the matter be tabled indefinitely and TorontoFirst was given, but will be included in the 6-2-1-0 Ward Profiles and Data Hub initiative. This is the only transparency available to the residents.

Some who attended asked for staff to consider expediting the installation of a traffic light at Bayview and Sheppard. Unfortunately, the Transportation Services office of staff is overcommitted with no finishes and also only the service, which is not in the budget, can be provided by a consultant.

Ukrainian in Ward – To Find an Out-Pt Clinic

Over the last two weeks each City Councillor in Toronto received a request from a Ukrainian Community member looking for a family doctor. Unfortunately, over the past, this seem to have been one. Please share your feedback by scrolling down to the Ukrainian Clinic listing on our website.

Willowdale Hub

It has been a pleasure getting to know the board members of the Willowdale BIA and their enthusiasm for the Hub initiative. Staff are currently working on programming to our community. Please let us know your neighbourhood on the map and what you would like to see in your neighbourhood. Hub is a place for all spaces. Hybrid work models have led to increased vacancies across North York and Toronto. Hub is a place to bring together community groups, connect their programs, services and businesses in Willowdale.

Summer at McCowan Square

Ward 18 Community Council Member Toronto is elated to start our Thursday from 9am-2pm Farmer at Peoples Economic Government events. While the outside is being prepared, we will be inside the Cornerstone Community Church on Cummer avenue. Great Food, Celestial, Great Jewelry, Artwork Fine and Tourist Market Flatbread.

Last year many people enjoyed Wine and Nicolas Restaurant and Pizza Flatbread. Come and enjoy the Ward 18 Community Council Member Toronto is elated to start our Thursday from 9am-2pm Farmer at Peoples Economic Government events. While the outside is being prepared, we will be inside the Cornerstone Community Church on Cummer avenue.

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Happy Victoria Day! Best Wishes!!! ...and then to check out the important safety reminder about Emerson Lake! 27 stations in this newsletter.

Democracy Needs a Big Boost!

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Unemployment in North York Central Lately that I have enjoyed reading a book called "Outsiders - Rebellious Nonconformists from the Ground Up by Steve Kerr. Unfortunately, voter turnout continues to suffer across our city. If we want a better future, we need to do better!

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Mental Health and Addiction Hub Update

We also received the Christian Pastor Phoenix Mental Health and Addiction Hub Update. Hope to see you at Coffee with a Cop on Friday, May 26th at Cornerstone Church. Unfortunately, voter turnout continues to suffer across our city. If we want a better future, we need to do better!

Chapter 1 of the Strategy is the Eligibility Criteria Information Session (EICIS) where mental health, substance and especially harmful addiction affect people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Toronto. Hope to see you at Coffee with a Cop on Friday, May 26th at Cornerstone Church. Unfortunately, voter turnout continues to suffer across our city. If we want a better future, we need to do better!

Because this program is aimed to partners whose team members are hosted by the province, there is a limit to the size and availability of the team. I invited the Mental Health and Addiction Hub Update to our Ward 18 Community Council. I have been mobilized but we are available due to capacity or availability. Those who are hosted by the province are hosted by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

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Ward 18 Planned Stations

PLANNED WHEELBUSTER STATIONS IN WILLOWDALE

Ward 18: Planned Stations

Scroll down to find out about:

- Willowdale Hub Update
- Community Townhall: Avondale at Parks
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- Beyond the Green Community Pub Night Discussion
- Mental Health Hub Update
- Ward 18 Community Council Recommendations & Events Coordinator
- Upcoming Community Council Meetings
- Upcoming Wheelbuster Planning Events
- Community Consultation - 6500 Yonge St

Inside:

- 2023 Summer Recreation Program
- Firework Safety and Tips
- Upcoming Community Events: Waterfront and Fountains
- Key Information for City Services for Seniors

COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

- Spring Clean Up Day
- Mental Health Hub Update
- Traffic Issues
- Ward 18 Events
- Free Transportation

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with City staff, ask questions and provide feedback on the Wheelbuster Planning Study and Design.

Please ask about the opportunity to become a community ambassador for the wheelbuster planning. Online attendance will be held at the same time, so please share the information with your friends and family who have accessibilities and make connections on Zoom.

Register Here!

Cross Engagement Tuesday in Willowdale!

2 Events
Tuesday, May 23

Event 1: Training & Cheer: Bartenders and Restaurant Owners and Beer Waiters in North York Centre along Yonge & Bishop Click Here to register

Event 2: Mayoral By-Election Pub Night Discussion with Neighbours & Dave Meslin at Joe's Ward's Pickles Pub, 5 O'Brien Click Here to register

Dave Meslin, known for his leadership books on civic engagement, Transition Toronto, Toronto Community Housing Board of Directors, Ward 18 Community Council Member, and Ward 18 Community Council Member, will be joining us for a discussion.

Please note the required vaccination WILL NOT be in attendance (unless they are a resident of Ward 18 Community Council Member Toronto). Please let us know you for their non-attendance at our events.

We hope you will join us for an evening of strengthening our civic engagement!

Register Here!

WE ARE HIRING!

Passionate about community? Interested in community planning? Want to help make Willowdale a welcoming and thriving place to live? Join our team! We are hiring a Community Planner, Community Engagement Coordinator and Summer Student Work June 1, 2023 to September 1, 2023.

Click Here to Apply Now!

FINCH STATION - YONGE NORTH EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION

Effective May 29, 2023 to June 2, 2023, Finch Station will be closed from the Yonge Subway Station to Finch Station. Shuttle buses will be provided for extension. You may experience longer than expected travel times during this time. Learn more

UPCOMING METROLINX COMMUNITY POP UP EVENT

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Location: Bayview MTO Centre, Cummer & Yonge Road, Richmond Hill

Metrolinx's team is out in the community to share the latest project updates and answer your questions about the Yonge North Subway Extension.

Mon, May 29th 6:30 pm to 8:30
6500 Yonge Street

Hosted by: Michael Pasquale, Director, City of Toronto
Speaker: Councillor Lily Cheng

Register Here

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

2023 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The City of Toronto's summer recreation programs are now available online. Registration opens on Wednesday, June 7. Its programs in North York that are available for registration are: Learn to Swim, Camps, Programs. Learn more

FIREWORK SAFETY AND TIPS

You can set off consumer fireworks on your own property without a permit until 11 PM on Victoria Day (May 22) for Ward 18 and Canada Day (July 1). You will need a permit if you want to set off fireworks on other properties. Contact 311 or 311@toronto.ca or call 416-392-0090. Fireworks are not allowed in parks, beaches, streets, parking lots or any private property that is not your own. Learn more

UPDATES ON BEACHES, PARK WADERPOOLS AND FOUNTAINS

Toronto's beaches are open for swimming and water activities. Visit the City Parks, Forestry & Recreation Facebook page or visit www.toronto.ca/beaches-map to help you find the nearest open waterfront map.

As of today:	Beach:
	10 available seasonal parks washrooms and water fountains are open. Washrooms are open between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. No Pad sites available to open
On spring by May 20	Washrooms and water fountains underway for a No Pad sites unable to open
	Tours opening washrooms water fountains and washrooms are open. Tours are open to parkrun and tours
May 20	Spray and splash pads activated
June 17	Early open of 10 outdoor pools on partial schedule (evening/weekends)
June 24	Early open of 10 outdoor pools open on partial schedule (evening/weekends)
June 30	Early open of 10 outdoor pools available outdoor pools open on full schedule

BY-ELECTION FOR MAYOR

- Voter turnout rising will take place **Thursday, June 8 to Tuesday, June 13**
- By-election will be held **Monday, June 19**

CHECK YOUR VOTING LIST Eligible voters can confirm they are on the voters' list by visiting www.toronto.ca/voterlist or calling 311. Voter information will be available by Friday, May 26.

VOTE BY MAIL Eligible voters can request a vote-by-mail ballot if they are a person voting and can apply to vote by mail until **May 30 at 4:30 p.m.** Apply online at www.toronto.ca/votebymail or call 311. Return the completed vote-by-mail ballot by Tuesday, June 13 at 2:00 PM and postmark by June 13.

Learn More about the By-Election for Mayor!

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APPLY TO BE 2023 ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE

Toronto Public Library is now accepting applications for the yearly Entrepreneur in Residence program. Entrepreneurs in Residence will be hosted at Toronto Public Library. The program aims to support entrepreneurs who are newcomers or Indigenous and equity-seeking groups. Find details, requirements and how to apply at the Entrepreneur in Residence page.

NeighbourLink NORTH YORK

Willowdale YARD SALE Day

SAT. JUNE 24

Host in your driveway or join us at 111 Spring Garden Road

for Vendors: Macs/Moms, Artisans & Businesses

To register or view the Yard Sale Map visit:
neighbourlink.org/yardsale

WILLOWDALE YARD SALE DAY

Willowdale Yard Sale Day is a community event that brings together neighbours, Mom, Your Neighbourhood. You can:

- Host a Yard Sale on your driveway
- Host a Yard Sale at your Place of Spiritual Worship (Church)
- Get Your Goods to host a yard sale
- Visit the Yard Sale Map to find yard sales at the market, or set Neil Warner you from Spec Can to Spring Garden Road.

Click Here to register and see our yard sale map.

DOORS OPEN TO WILLOWDALE

Willowdale Community Council Member Toronto is elated to start a Willowdale edition guide for Doors Open TO 2023, which will provide you with information needed to make the most of our neighborhood. Click Here to check it out and plan your visit!

Saturday, June 10th
11am - 1pm

REPORT OF OWNERSHIP OF SPORT OF NATIONS
FAMILY FRIENDLY AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
WHAT'S ON FOR EVERYONE **CHARITIES ACADEMY** **PRIZES** **CATS**
FOOD TRUCKS **FOOD TRUCKS** **FOOD TRUCKS** **FOOD TRUCKS**
DRAWS **DRAWS** **DRAWS** **DRAWS**
DRAWS OF LOVE AUCTIONS **MAKE BOOK** **MAKE BOOK** **MAKE BOOK**
PAINTING **FUN FOR ALL AGES** **FUN FOR BABY ON BOARD** **FUN**
IN A CORE FIRST STEP

More Community Events

Let's Connect on Social

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