



Ward 16 2019 Fall Newsletter: Don Mills Edition

I hope you find this Don Mills Edition Newsletter helpful – it's focussed on what's going on close to home. Visit my website to see the newsletters for the rest of Ward 16.

City Approves New Ontario Line

Toronto City Council recently approved the new Ontario Line, a public transit line that will run from Ontario Place to Eglinton Avenue at the Ontario Science Centre, via the downtown core. This new line will be a great addition to the neighbourhood, connecting directly with the downtown. It will have stops at Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park, terminating at Eglinton and Don Mills. Importantly, it will get people out of cars and allow them to travel downtown quickly and easily.

Don Mills Community Recreation Centre Update

This past July, Toronto City Council approved the building of the biggest and best new community recreation centre in Toronto, at the Celestica site on Don Mills Road. Close to home and bringing recreational facilities to an underserved area, this new facility will be a tremendous asset to the community.

Council's approval included instructions to Parks, Forestry and Recreation to develop and implement a comprehensive community consultation process to promote local participation in the future design, planning and development of the new facility. Additionally, Parks was directed to assess what community needs exist in the area and consult with the public regarding the future public/community use of the 966 Don Mills site, reporting back to Council by the third quarter of 2020. This is an exciting opportunity for community members to have a say in the project, and I will keep you posted as these consultations are developed.



East Don Trail Update

The East Don Trail will complete the connections between the existing East Don Trail, the future Gataineau Corridor Trail, and the Lower Don Trail System. The project consists of three phases:

Phase 1, Taylor Massey Park to the Gataineau Hydro Corridor, will be completed in fall 2020. Major work happening this fall includes the installation of a permanent bridge over the East Don River. **Phase 2**, Wynford Heights to Wigmore Park, is on schedule to be completed

in December 2019. This fall three permanent bridges will be installed, as well as a trail switchback, and trail surface completion. **Phase 3** will connect Phase 1 and Phase 2, and as of yet has not received funding. *For more information visit www.denzilminnanwong.ca*

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First Step Taken Towards a New School Site

The City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) are pursuing a land exchange agreement that could see the construction of a new elementary school in the Don Mills and Eglinton neighbourhood.

On Wednesday, October 30, the TDSB voted to authorize the Toronto Lands Corporation to negotiate a land exchange agreement with the City. Council authorized City and CreateTO staff to enter into the land exchange agreement at its July meeting. This proposal could increase TDSB student capacity in this area by allowing the construction of a new JK-8 school with integrated day care at the redevelopment site at 770 Don Mills Road.

In exchange, the City will obtain former Sir Robert L. Borden School located in Scarborough's Ward 24, which will be used to create a community hub servicing the needs of the local community.

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Not Fair In The Air:

Air Traffic Noise Over Don Mills

After meeting with DMRI representatives regarding the community's concerns about air traffic noise over Don Mills, I brought a motion to Council, "Not Fair In The Air: Air Traffic Noise Over Don Mills" requesting City staff to investigate the impact of airplane noise in our neighbourhood. Also, DMRI representatives joined me at a meeting with Greater Toronto Airport Authority and NavCanada staff to discuss these issues.

In response to my motion, City staff are gathering data in preparation to consult with the public early in the New Year before reporting back to Council. Thank-you to members of the DMRI who have spent many hours studying and tracking this issue.



Winter is Here! What to Expect When the Snow Falls

When we originally wrote this piece it was about the upcoming winter season... next year we'll get it out earlier... September? August?

The City spends \$90 million annually clearing snow. Our services include snow plowing and removal, as well as sanding, salting and brining of roads and sidewalks.

Plowing starts on arterial roads after 2.0 to 5.0 cm accumulation, 2-3 hours after the snow has stopped. Local roads are plowed 14-16 hours after 8.0 cm has fallen. Driveway windrows are normally cleared within two hours of the road being plowed. **If you think your street has been missed call 311, or e-mail 311@toronto.ca.**

Property owners who live in an area where the City cannot plow the sidewalk are responsible for clearing ice and snow within 12 hours of snowfall. Seniors or persons with a disability who can't clear the snow themselves may request the City's sidewalk clearing service. Visit www.denzilminnanwong.ca to learn more.

Celebrating a Special Occasion?

Upon request Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong sends congratulatory certificates recognizing special events, community milestones, birthdays, retirements, and wedding and business anniversaries.

E-mail councillor_minnan-wong@toronto.ca with occasion type, date, the recipient's full name and the requester's name and contact information. Allow a minimum of three weeks for delivery.

If you want Denzil to attend your special event or community meeting please provide an invitation or details of the event, preferably three weeks in advance of the event.

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