



Ward 16 2019 Fall Newsletter: North-East Edition

I hope you find this North-East 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.



Broadlands Community Centre Has Re-opened

Broadlands Community Centre is open for business following a \$2.5 million renovation that closed the centre from February to early November. Here's what happened during construction:

- Interior: new doors, paint and floor finishes and the reconfiguring of the washrooms and change rooms to meet accessibility requirements.
- Exterior: re-roofing and water-proofing the foundation walls, new doors, and painting.
- Outdoor: re-waterproofing part of the outdoor pool deck, repairing walkways, curbs, stairs and drains, and improving site drainage

Major Restoration of Broadlands Tennis Courts Proposed for 2021

A \$600,000 restoration of the Broadlands Tennis Courts has been proposed for the 2021 Capital Plan. Work will include:

- Removal and reconstruction of the asphalt surface court and any subsurface drainage and infrastructure and game lines
- New lighting upgrade to LED, with new poles
- Removal of existing fence and replacement with new poles, gates and fencing mesh
- Replacement of all tennis court nets and posts

We will keep you updated on the construction schedule as the project develops.

City Approves New Ontario Line

Toronto City Council recently approved the new Ontario Line, a provincially-funded 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, connecting with the new Eglinton LRT to provide a direct route 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. *Continued on next page...*

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(...continued from previous page) Council's approval included a direction 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 public/community future 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.

Healthy Ravines: Forest Management in Brookbanks Ravine

This fall Urban Forestry removed invasive and hazardous trees in a portion of Brookbanks Ravine. These trees were detrimental to the health of the ecosystem by outcompeting native plants, which reduces biodiversity. Over the winter Urban Forestry will treat the stumps of the removed trees with herbicides to prevent re-sprouting, following Ministry of Environment guidelines for health and safety.

Restoration planting will go ahead in the spring, with approximately 600 trees and shrubs. This new planting will enhance wildlife habitat, mitigate erosion, improve biodiversity, and increase our urban canopy cover.

East Don Trail Update

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

Phase 1, Taylor Massey Park to the Gatineau 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*



What to Expect When the Snow Falls

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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