



Ward 16 2019 Fall Newsletter: Victoria Village-Bartley Village

I hope you find this Victoria Village-Bartley Village 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.

New Playground Coming to Sweeney Park

After the demolition of the old Victoria Village Public School playground, we consulted with the community on options for a new playground at the park to complement the new play structures installed at the school.

Plans were presented at a public meeting, where residents could voice their preference from three proposed designs. An on-line survey was also made available.

Construction of this new \$135,000 playground is scheduled for 2020.



Coming soon: Cool Off in Wigmore Park

Plans have been approved to begin construction of a new splashpad in Wigmore Park in 2020.

The community was invited to a meeting where they could vote for their preferred design and layout, or they could indicate their preference through an on-line survey.

The budget for the new splashpad and playground is \$750,000, and is due to open in Spring 2021.



Golden Mile Secondary Plan Impact on Bartley Avenue

When I became aware of the Golden Mile Secondary Plan's potential impact on traffic in the Bartley neighbourhood from the proposed re-routing of O'Connor Drive near Victoria Park Avenue, I met with Planning staff to discuss my concerns. In order to protect the community from a surge in traffic volume as this Plan is implemented over the next ten years, I brought forward a motion to look at options for modifications of Bartley Avenue at O'Connor Drive which limit vehicular access and infiltration to the existing neighbourhoods as part of the future Environmental Assessment study.

This motion was approved by City Council on October 2, 2019, and I'm looking forward to hearing the recommendations of the planners, and will update the community as soon as there is new information. View *Motion NY8.8 Status Report – Golden Mile Secondary Plan Study* at www.toronto.ca or www.denzilminnan-wong.ca.

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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.

East Don Trail Update

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

Phase 1, Taylor Massey Park to the Gattineau 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*

Community Meeting on Sloane Traffic

To improve kids and pedestrian visibility, changes were made to parking restrictions and the crossing guard location in front of Sloane Public School. These changes were requested by the school's principal in consultation with parents. We held a community meeting in June and attended a parents' council meeting to get feedback on the proposed changes. Overall, there was a lot of support from the community for these changes because of the increasingly dangerous behaviour of drivers on Sloane Ave during school drop-off times. Our office is working with the Toronto Police Service to provide more traffic enforcement on these local streets. However, we also ask community members to drive more carefully in our residential areas and be more diligent around schools.

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.

Stay in touch! Visit www.denzilminnanwong.ca or e-mail councillor_minnan-wong@toronto.ca to sign up for e-updates.

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