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Your City Councillor for Ward 18

Committed to
our Community



Fall/Winter Update 2013

Dear Neighbours,

It has been a challenging month at City Hall as City Council joined together to express our collective concern about the continual cloud of allegations, confessions and evasions surrounding the Mayor's behaviour.

I have serious concerns about the distraction this has caused from important City business, about the appropriate use of the Mayor's office, and about Toronto's reputation. I am also greatly concerned for the man, and for his health and well-being.

But I can assure you that, despite the distraction, my priorities have remained unchanged – to serve Ward 18 residents and champion the issues important to our community.

While Councillors recognize our limited legal powers, we share common cause in seeing the business of the City move forward. During the recent meetings of Council, I joined with a large majority of other Councillors in signing a petition requesting the Mayor to step aside. There was also strong support for the decision to pass the Mayor's non-statutory responsibilities to the Deputy Mayor in order to ensure a smooth operation of our City until the end of term. I was also part of the overwhelming majority approving motions to limit the Mayor's budget as well as his power over City appointments. I feel strongly that these are decisions that put Toronto, and its residents, first.

Despite these serious issues, I remain committed to moving the important issues of our city forward, such as

building new affordable rental units and ensuring strong progress on the community housing repair backlog.

Likewise I am working on transit initiatives that will directly benefit West Toronto residents, including high-capacity streetcars on Queen, articulating buses on Dufferin and local access to the Georgetown rail corridor for downtown relief. These are initiatives that will not take decades, but can be realized in the near future.

In our local neighbourhood, we continue to have a strong and vibrant community, demonstrated all the more as we celebrate the upcoming holiday season. I look forward to having you join neighbours and friends at my annual holiday party taking place this year at Lula Lounge. This will be an opportunity to enjoy food, music, and good cheer as we come together in celebration of the holidays and our community

We are also moving towards the 2014 city budget. This is an issue on which your feedback is very important to me. I recognize that, due to busy schedules, it is not always possible to attend public meetings. For this reason I have designed numerous opportunities to hear your thoughts and get your feedback, including a public meeting on January 9th, a telephone townhall on December 17th, an online survey and a feedback form within this newsletter. To participate please make sure we have the correct information to contact you.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time and I look forward to hearing from you as we continue to work together on the many important local improvements taking place in our community.

Community Budget Consultation

- Survey on page 3
- Survey online
www.anabailao.com/budget
- Tele-Town Hall **December 17th at 8:00pm** (in order to participate insure that we have your updated contact information)
- Budget town hall meeting **January 9th** - (Location to be determined) at 6:30pm



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Community Office Hours
Saturdays 10am-12pm
Dufferin Mall,
at top of escalators near main entrance

I also invite you to visit my website:
www.anabailao.ca



INVITE YOU TO THE...



THURSDAY, DEC. 19TH 6PM - 9PM @ LULA LOUNGE, 1585 DUNDAS ST. W.

In the spirit of the Holiday season please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to our local food bank at Oasis Community Centre.

Please RSVP at www.anabailao.ca

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Luanda Jones & Trio

Affordable Housing Updates

Working to Close the Housing Gap

Over the last decade, Toronto has been trying to quietly address a major issue facing our city: affordable housing.

Yet, we have nearly 90,000 households on a waiting list for affordable housing, we have provincial funding that isn't keeping up with demand and we have federal assistance that is steadily declining and is pro-



I was joined by Bud Purves, Chair of Toronto Community Housing Corporation, tenants and stakeholders to unveil our Close the housing Gap bus shelter advertisement.

jected to reach zero by 2031. Being quiet isn't working; it's time to get loud!

For this reason, in September I launched the Close the Housing Gap campaign, along with Toronto Community Housing, to persuade the federal and provincial governments to continue funding social housing at existing levels and provide new, long-term funding for social housing capital repairs.

Recently, I also joined other municipal leaders across Canada through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to launch their national campaign for affordable housing. Along with the Chair of the Big City Mayors' Caucus, Mayor Gregor Robertson, we spoke of the urgent need for federal and provincial support to address the crumbling housing in cities across Canada.

It is our hope that this campaign will drive the message home to the provincial and federal governments that they need to invest in social housing. We want to have safe and strong communities, and for that we need people to have good and affordable housing, and the only way we're going to do that is by tackling this issue.

More than just the next few years, we need a renewed federal/provincial partnership with adequate

funding to repair and create social housing into the future. By joining our voice with other municipalities across Canada we can ensure that these critical issues get the attention they deserve.



I joined with Mayor Gregor Robertson and other members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Ottawa to call on our Federal Government to do its share to address Canada's affordable housing challenges.

Moving Forward on Putting People First

Toronto City Council has adopted three reports, including an unprecedented funding arrangement, that will support Toronto Community Housing's ongoing transformation into a landlord of excellence.

"These key initiatives will assist TCH as it works to provide people with clean, safe and affordable places to live," said Councillor Ana Bailão (Ward 18 Davenport), Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. "I want to thank City Council which has overwhelmingly showed its support for TCH and our social and affordable housing community."

For the first time, the City has put in place a long-term capital funding plan that will pro-

vide \$864 million for TCH repairs over the next 10 years. The City has asked the federal and provincial governments to also contribute \$864 million each, or one-third of the \$2.6 billion in new repair costs TCH will face.

"We expect the federal and provincial governments to step up, rather than step back," Councillor Bailão said.

Council also endorsed a Federation of Canadian Municipalities resolution calling on the federal government to take a range of measures to address the country's housing crunch.

Also adopted was Putting People First – Moving Forward, a one-year update on some

of the major recommendations of the Putting People First report. During the past year, important progress has been made toward putting TCH on a sounder financial footing to better tackle its growing capital repair needs.

In the short term, the City and TCH have unlocked \$93.5 million through mortgage refinancing and \$65 million through the approved sale of assets, a total of \$158.5 million for capital repairs identified just 12 months after Council adopted Putting People First.

An amended shareholder's direction was also adopted to improve accountability, remove outdated references, update reporting procedures, and increase transparency at TCH.



Habitat for Humanity's annual Womens' Build brings women together in a shared mission to build simple, decent and affordable homes alongside families living in need. On September 23, I led members of City Council to build an affordable home. It was terrific to have every female member of Council participating and showing their support for affordable housing in Toronto. As we work together as a Council on many other housing initiatives, this event shows strong commitment to keeping housing affordable, to mixed-income communities and to the important role of our non-profits in Toronto.



Sign the petition and help "Close the Housing Gap!"

Support the City of Toronto's Close the Housing Gap Campaign and call on the federal and provincial governments to continue funding social housing at existing levels and provide new, long-term sustainable funding for social housing capital repairs.

Goto: www.anabailao.com/the_gap_housing_campaign

Sign the petition and help add make your voice heard on this important issue!

Getting Ready for Budget 2014

Fiscal responsibility

As many of you are aware, I have held 3 Budget Townhalls over the past 3 years to get feedback from residents and better understand this important City process. At these meetings we've answered questions, heard from City staff, discussed community concerns and identified the many services important to Ward 18 residents.

Throughout budget discussions, I also strongly believe in understanding the pressures of living on fixed-income and recognizing that Toronto is an expensive City in which to live. We must always work to ensure we promote affordability and liveability within our city.

In this spirit, I have been working hard to accomplish this through a variety of ways, including affordable housing, better wages, improving job security, and keeping taxes reasonable. In this respect, I have worked across three City budgets to keep tax increases at a manageable level, with an average of 1.5% per year for residential properties.

This has been achieved while protecting funding for parks, childcare, transit, nutrition, health, and housing – just a few of the important services that impact our lives every day.

As a City, we enjoy tremendous cultural, com-

munity, and creative sustainability. We must also ensure, however, that we take measures to promote our financial wealth to safeguard these programs for the future.

Over the past 3 budgets, I have worked hard to keep taxes low, pay off city debt, and put our city on a path to fiscal responsibility. I have done so with a constant effort to ensure that programs have stable, on-going funding, and reducing our dependence on one-time funding sources that put programs in jeopardy every year. This work must continue going into 2014, as we send the message that important programs deserve long-term funding.

As we stand together, in favour of a compassionate and community-focused city, we must also continue the difficult work of responsible planning for the future. Our city continues to move towards a more stable financial situation but this work is not over. Now is the time that we must invest in our social programming and identify sustainable funding sources to ensure that what makes our community special can continue to make it special for years to come.

Thank you to the many residents who have contacted me about the budget process and attended



In 2010, 2011 and 2013 I brought residents together for pre-budget consultation meetings in order to shape our priorities for the City's budget.

these townhalls – and for the many thoughtful suggestions about increasing the strength of our community groups and neighbourhood organizations. I will continue to reach out, hear your thoughts and work to make our Ward, and City, a better place to live, work and play.

Community Budget Consultation

At the core of any successful budget process is community consultation and I have made a constant effort to involve residents in this process.

In the past two years, I have held 3 public budget meetings to get feedback on this process. Due to busy schedules and accessibility issues, I also recognize that it is not always easy to attend a public meeting.

For this reason, I am organizing four upcoming opportunities to hear your feedback on the Toronto's 2014 city budget.

1) In Writing: Share your budget priorities by filling out the feedback form below and by dropping it off at either my weekly office hours or send them to my City Hall office.

2) Online: Go online to my website, www.anabailao.com/budget and hear what other residents are saying about the budget and share thoughts and comments.

3) By Telephone: Participate in our com-

munity telephone townhall on December 17th at 8:00pm. You won't even need to leave your house for this community meeting. To join the discussion, please ensure we have your accurate phone number.

4) In Person: Public Budget Meeting prior to Council: Also, shortly before this item comes to Council I will be organizing a public meeting on January 9th to go over what feedback I have received and discuss the issues likely to come forward at Council's official budget meeting.

This upcoming budget will be another opportunity to implement the vision that we have for where our City should be going; about identifying not only the services we wish to have, but the principles on which we want our City to stand for.

I hope you will take the time to share your thoughts on how we can work together to improve our city services and I look forward to discussing this with you.

Tele-Town Hall

I will be holding a Telephone Townhall, December 17th at 8:00pm, where residents will be able to provide feedback and hear about initiatives coming forward as part of the 2014 budget process. The Tele-Town Hall will incorporate the resident feedback I've received through the mail-in slip below or from my website www.anabailao.com/budget

This is how it works, a few days before the meeting, I will call and explain the time and process for the call. On the evening of the townhall, I will call you at home and invite you to the townhall. This will be very much like a conference call, where residents will be able to provide feedback through comments, questions and polls throughout the phone call.

If you are interested in participating, please provide your phone number to my office by telephone (416-392-7012), email (councillor_bailao@toronto.ca), or by filling out and mailing the feedback slip below.

2014 Budget Feedback Form

The 2014 City budget needs your input:

Please answer the questions below and send to C42 - 100 Queen Street W. Toronto, ON or by dropping it off at my weekly community office hours in Dufferin Mall or go online to www.anabailao.ca for further questions.

1. What do you feel are the top 3 issues to focus on during 2014 for our community?

- Transit
- Housing
- Childcare
- Roads and Traffic
- Infrastructure
- Lowering Taxes
- Parks and Recreation Services

2. Which of the following best represent

the advice you would give to Council during the 2014 budget discussion?

- "Hold the line on taxes, even if it means a reduction in City services"
- "Expand our city services even if it means a slight tax increase"

3. Of the following community projects, which are you most impacted by?

- Transit improvements (articulating buses on Dufferin, new streetcars on Queen)
- Park improvements and enhancements (Carlton, Susan Tibaldi, etc.)
- Road reconstructions and streetscapings (Dufferin, Bloor, Dundas, etc.)
- Recreation programs (reduce fees, free

swimming access, etc.)

4. Is there an important topic you feel is not getting enough attention from City Council?

I would like to be involved in the upcoming budget conversation...

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Thank you for your participation!

Local Transit Update

Relief is en route for riders of the 29 Dufferin bus!

As your voice at City Hall, I advocated to ensure that the 29 Dufferin route would be among the first to receive articulated (“bendy”) buses, and in early October TTC CEO Andy Byford confirmed that the new bendy buses would be rolling-out along Dufferin between January-March 2014.

At the end of June, 2013 I brought our TTC CEO for a ride-along on the 29 Dufferin bus in order to show him the infamous “Dufferin caravans” along the route. Ward 18 residents are often frustrated when they wait an unreasonably long time for a 29 bus, only to have 4, 5, sometimes even 6 buses arrive at once. On that June morning, CEO Byford and I witnessed 4 buses arrive at Dufferin Station, at once, and I was subsequently assured that our area would be among the first to receive the new articulated buses once the fleet arrived

in Toronto.

Some may be able to recall that the TTC had articulated buses in the past and may wonder why we are bringing them back. The previous generation of articulated buses were not a quality bus. They were prone to mechanical problems and not very comfortable to ride. The TTC reduced the use of articulated buses for several years, but when a new generation of more reliable and comfortable buses came to market it was decided to look at these vehicles once again.

City-wide, the TTC is receiving 134 new high-capacity buses. Articulated buses carry 45% more passengers than conventional buses and have several advantages over their 40-foot cousins, including more seating, reduced operating costs, reduced boarding and unloading times, which in turn, allows for more reliable

service on routes like Dufferin.

Having more reliable service on the Dufferin route is something I’ve heard to be very important to Ward 18 residents. This has been echoed by Executive Director of Communications for the TTC, Mr. Brad Ross, who says that “Customers often tell us they prefer reliability - if your schedule says ‘X,’ it should be ‘X’ and not ‘Y.’”

The articulated buses will allow for greater route management, reduction of bunching and gapping and for these reasons I left nothing to chance and immediately requested Dufferin be amongst the first upon hearing that the articulated buses were being delivered. I am very pleased that the 29 Dufferin route was selected to be among the first to receive the new articulated buses and look forward to hopping aboard in early 2014.

Transit Relief for Downtown West

For the past few months I have worked increasingly hard to turn Council’s attention to the downtown relief line and addressing the local circumstances and preferences of downtown west.

Our local circumstance is that we have the existing Georgetown rail corridor and our local preference is to electrify this corridor and to increase local service as soon as possible. I am pleased that our TTC Chair brought my proposal to investigate the feasibility of using the Georgetown GO Transit Corridor as a western Downtown Relief Line to the July 24 TTC Meeting.

We asked: “That TTC CEO Andy Byford initi-

ate discussions with appropriate Metrolinx staff to determine the feasibility of using the Georgetown and Lakeshore East Transit GO Transit corridors for the Downtown Relief Line, as part of the Downtown Relief Line environmental assessment.”

The motion passed unanimously and I look forward to the outcome of CEO Byford’s discussions.

I invite you to visit my website to learn more about the logic of express-local service to Pearson.

www.anabailao.com/the_logic_of_express_local_service_to_pearson



TTC Chair Karen Stintz, race organizer Shazia McCormick at our Railpath Community Run on September 29th, demonstrating our shared support for this great local event, and for transit improvements in our area.”

Petition: Fare Integration for better service!

Few issues are as important as transit in our city and the most critical aspect of an effective transit system is integration. To better serve our residents and transit users we need a transit system that networks our city together and integrates with regional destinations.

As we know in Ward 18, rush hour service on the Bloor Subway line, as well as the Dundas, College and Queen Streetcar lines, need urgent relief and it’s time to put customers first by looking at creative solutions to these issues. For this reason, I have been

working with TTC staff and the TTC Chair, Karen Stintz, to explore opportunities to use the Georgetown GO line to benefit our community.

Recently Councillor Layton and I, brought forward a motion entitled “Putting the Customer First” which requested TTC and Metrolinx staff to engage in a pilot project to integrate GO and TTC fares through Presto card technology at Bloor GO Station and Exhibition Go Station.

This motion received unanimous approval at the October TTC meeting and staff will report back with

an update at the November TTC meeting.

But we need your support!

By signing this petition you join your voice with other community members in asking for relief to local transit pressures through fare integration. You can also show your support online, by visiting my website and signing the online petition (www.anabailao.com).

I will continue to work on behalf of our community for effective transit planning and welcome you to share your thoughts and ideas.

Petition on GO-TTC Fare Integration Needed for better service!

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

- To recognize that the crowding on the Dundas, College and Queen Streetcar lines and the Bloor subway line, requires urgent attention to relieve pressure and improve service.
 - To support the initiative to integrate the fare systems between GO Transit and the Toronto Transit Commission as a means to increase customer choice, better serve transit riders, facilitate networking of transit modes and ease congestion along existing transit routes.
 - That the Province of Ontario, through their regional transit body, Metrolinx, work with the Toronto Transit Commission in implementing a fare integration pilot project at Bloor GO Station.
- Please send the completed petition to:
Councillor Ana Bailao
100 Queen Street West, Suite C42
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Planning and Development

362 Wallace Avenue

This application proposes to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law to permit 167 residential units, and 20 light industrial units at 362 Wallace Avenue which is designated Employment Areas and zoned Industrial. Also included in the proposal is a new public road connecting Ruskin Avenue and Wallace Avenue and the western extension of McCauley Avenue. A new 475 square metre community facility on Ruskin Avenue is proposed, along with new connections to the West Toronto Railpath. All parking, including 176 for residents and 22 for visitors, is proposed to be underground and 19 new on-street parking spaces will be created. The Final Reports for the Subdivision, Official Plan and Zoning Amendment applications will be on the December 4th Planning and Growth Management Committee agenda.

158 Sterling Avenue

These applications at 158, 164, 181 and 200 Sterling Road propose to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law by converting the Employment Areas designated, industrially zoned site to allow for residential and commercial uses. The proposal includes 683 residential units (56,353 square metres of residential gross floor area), 61,753 square metres of non-residential gross floor area, a park, and renovation of the historically designated building on the site for commercial and residential use. The site is proposed to be broken into 6 development blocks with a new north/south road through the site, a realigned Perth Avenue and 1,692 parking spaces. On November 8th, 2012, a Refusal Report was submitted by City Planning to The Planning and Growth Management Committee and was approved by City Council. The applicant appealed the decision of City Council to the Ontario Municipal Board and a 5-week hearing has been set to begin on February 3rd, 2014.

299 Campbell Avenue

An Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Bylaw Amendment application and corresponding Site Plan application for a proposed redevelopment will be filed with the City. The site is currently designated Employment Lands and are under consideration to be redesignated through the City's 5 Year Official Plan Municipal Comprehensive Review. The proposed redevelopment is a mixed-use commercial and residential building with a podium height of 6 storeys along Dupont

Street and Campbell Avenue stepping up and back to 8 storeys and further up and back to 18 storeys in the eastern portion of the site. The developer is amending the proposal to 12 storeys and the relocation of Perth-Dupont Public Library as Section 37 community benefit.

138 St. Helen's Avenue

The proposal for this development is to construct a 9 storey building containing 9,700 square metres of residential space (which will include 90 residential units) and 1,800 square metres of employment space. The 9-storey residential tower will be set back 45 metres from St. Helen's Ave. and a 4-storey portion of the building will front St. Helen's to complement the existing houses. A total of 94 parking spots and 105 bicycle parking spots are proposed. The development will also include green roofs as well as an outdoor amenity space. The Final Report was approved at Community Council and Council in June of 2013.

50 Bartlett Avenue

The application proposes to construct a 3-storey L-shaped residential apartment building, which includes the conversion of an existing industrial building to residential. The proposed building would contain 16 dwelling units with a total gross floor area of 2,978.3 square metres. The overall height of this building is 11.88 metres, and the proposed density would be 2.4 times the area of the lot. The application proposes to provide 17 residential vehicular parking spaces in a three-tiered parking lift system within a garage located at grade. The garage is accessed from an east-west laneway off Bartlett Avenue. No visitor vehicular parking spaces are proposed. The Preliminary Report was approved at November 19th Toronto and East York Community Centre.

A community consultation meeting took place on November 13th.

11 Peel Avenue

The applications proposes to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law to permit 404 residential units (31,446 square metres), 3,392 square metres of retail space, and 2200 square metres of non-residential space in buildings ranging in height from 4 to 20 storeys (69 metres) at 11 Peel Avenue. Three hundred and ten parking spaces are located underground. The Preliminary Report went to Community Council on March

22, 2012 and a Community Consultation Meeting was held on May 3rd, 2012 where residents were able to voice their questions, comments and concerns regarding the site. The Final Report for this project will be on the December 4th agenda of the Planning and Growth Management Committee.

Currently the community benefits from this project (including a park) are being discussed between City Planning, my office and community representatives.

440 Dufferin Street

This application proposes to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law to permit a mixed use development on lands currently designated Employment Areas in the Official Plan. The proposal contains 3 buildings ranging in height from 8 to 24 storeys with a 4-storey podium. The ground and second floors, a total of 5,385 square metres, would be non-residential gross floor area, and proposed above are 399 residential units with a total gross floor area of 32,253 square metres. Three hundred and forty parking spaces are proposed to be located below grade with access from a new private driveway running along the west side of the site. The conversion request was denied at Planning and Growth Management Committee on November 21st and the applicant has decided to appeal to the OMB.

48 Havelock Street

Proposal to permit 21 residential townhouse condominium units. Parking will be provided underground.

Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning Amendment applications are approved, and the Site Plan Application is currently under review.

243 Perth Avenue

Proposal to permit the conversion of the existing place of worship into a residential apartment building containing 43 dwelling units (29 units in the converted building, and 14 units in the new 4-storey addition). 19 parking spaces, 16 of which would be located in a below grade parking structure, located under a new 4-storey building constructed on the current parking lot.

Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment have been approved, and the Site Plan Application is currently under review.

Working toward a new and bigger home for the Perth/Dupont Library

I am very excited to bring forward a proposal to expand the Perth-Dupont Library. Over the past two years I have been working closely with the community to identify opportunities and strategies to improve library services in this community. Recently, a new opportunity has presented itself with the developer at 299 Campbell Avenue to include a library expansion as part of this development project.

Back in August, 2011, I hosted a meeting with nearly 100 community residents to discuss the future of the Perth-Dupont library and discuss means of expanding it. This meeting took place at time when the City's Core Service Review was recommending reducing library hours and shrinking library funding.

From this meeting we created a steering committee of residents who were committed to growing our neighbourhood library. This group has been busy drafting documents, holding community fundraisers, and outreaching to potential donors.

This summer, a new opportunity presented itself—the development at 299 Campbell Avenue.

In consultation with the steering committee, we pushed for a bigger library as part of this development proposal. This opportunity came as a result of the developers' Section 37 contribution, resulting in 10,000 ft² reserved specifically for library space. Even when including the 2nd floor of the existing Perth Dupont Library, this will be **4 times larger!**

The recent public meeting where this was presented was a very special and exciting moment, as residents, the developer, Toronto Public Library staff and my office came together. From this meeting, the proposal was brought forward at the November 18th meeting of The Toronto Library Board, where it was received with great response.

The following step of this project requires a zoning change to allow for the mixed-use of the development proposal. This motion came forward at Planning



& Growth Committee on November 21st and was approved. The item will now go to City Council in early December for final approval of the zoning change. I look forward to keeping residents informed as this exciting project moves forward.

This library expansion project adds itself to the many other positive community benefits coming to the area, including:

- The remodeling of the St. Luigi's/Perth School yard enhancements
- New 5,000 sq ft community centre coming forward as part of the 362 Wallace development
- Remodeled Carlton park

Bloor Street West Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Reconstruction

Resurfacing of the roadway and the reconstruction of the sidewalks has begun along Bloor Street West. Shovels have hit the ground between Montrose and Lansdowne on October 1st and, at the present time, workers are on the north side of Bloor Street West, west of Dufferin Street.

Crews began construction at Havelock Street and headed towards Lansdowne Avenue. Once reaching Lansdowne, they begin work on the north side of Bloor Street West and will continue in the direction of Montrose Avenue. At Montrose, they will switch to the south side of Bloor Street and work westward towards the project starting point, at Havelock Street.

In partnership with this project and our office, the local Bloordale and Bloorcourt Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) are now seeing their streetscape improvement plans come to fruition. These include:

- Public art – steel cut flowers embedded in sidewalk
- Parklet treatments – Gladstone, Westmoreland, Emerson, Brock and Margueretta
- Additional trees – 49 more than were there before construction began

The existing trees, which were housed in planters have been removed and new trees will be planted in continuous tree trenches. There will be a 22% increase in the amount of trees replaced and which, with the help of the new tree trenches, will grow to a larger size and live longer. Not only will this save money by reducing the need to replace unhealthy trees, but it will contribute to a fuller more robust tree canopy.

As part of the sidewalk reconstruction, the steps on the north side of Bloor St. West, fronting Havelock Street will be eliminated. Additionally, cast-iron tactile surfaces at all pedestrian ramps across Bloor St. West will be installed. This new standard was specifically designed to improve safety for the visually impaired.

A “bump-out” will also be built on the north east corner of Bloor Street and Gladstone Avenue in order to prevent motorists from illegally driving north on Gladstone Avenue.



Long before the first shovel hit the ground on Bloor Street, I was working with our local Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) and area residents to minimize disruption and improve positive outcomes on our Bloor Resurfacing and Sidewalk Reconstruction project.

Another important part of the Bloor St. West resurfacing is the additional bike parking. There are currently 232 “Ring & Posts” on Bloor Street, which will be reinstalled as the sidewalks are reconstructed. Shortly after, 15 brand new Ring & Posts will be installed on Bloor St. West, and a total of 16 bike parking units will be installed in the parklets on the flanking residential streets.

I asked the contractor to provide notice at the bike rings on Bloor Street to ensure that cyclists have plenty of time to remove their bicycles before the contractor reaches this area. I have also asked that any bicycle that is not removed on time by its owner, and subsequently removed by the contractor, be stored in a safe place by the contractor. My office has recently been advised that any bike that is removed from Bloor will be stored in the contractor’s mobile office, which is located on Havelock Street.

I will continue to meet with both the contractor and the project coordinator on a regular basis to ensure this project is delivered as quickly as possible, and with minimal impact to area residents and businesses.

City of Toronto staff have started a blog for this project and you can find out the latest information by visiting: <http://torontobloor.wordpress.com/>

Dufferin Street Reconstruction

The Dufferin Street Reconstruction project, that started in June, continues to progress. This is a thorough project that involves three main components. They are:

- Road and sidewalk reconstruction (Dundas Street W to Peel Avenue)
- Watermain and waterservices replacement (Dundas Street W to Peel Avenue)
- Combined Sewer replacement (Dundas Street W to Florence Avenue)

To date, the combined sewer and sewer service replacement has been fully completed, as has the water main replacement.

As in any major project, unexpected occurrences along the way can sometimes delay the work. In the second week of October, and because of a watermain

break at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Gordon Street, the scheduled replacement was delayed. This watermain break has resulted in damage to a small section of the new watermain and as a result, remedial work had to be performed during the weeks that followed. The installation of water services commenced immediately after completion of the watermain installation work.

The road reconstruction work has commenced with sidewalk and road reconstruction on the north section of the road (between Dundas Street and Gordon Street). The sidewalk within this section of the road is 50% completed and work is on going on the southbound lanes. It is anticipated that the section of Dufferin Street from Dundas to Gordon Street will be completed by December 15, 2013 (weather permitting). The remaining sec-



tion of the road will be done in the spring of 2014.

For this next phase of the project, restrictions to the Dufferin 29 bus stay the same. Buses will continue to operate northbound from Queen Street West. The southbound lane of Dufferin Street will remain closed. Please check my website for updates.

Brock Avenue Improvements

Back in July 10th, 2013 I hosted a public meeting to address local transportation issues. Dozens of residents joined me and City Staff at McCormick Community Centre to discuss these important issues and Brock Avenue turned out to be the focal point of discussion.

In light of the temporary inconvenience caused to Brock Avenue residents as a result of Dufferin Street Reconstruction, our community came together to work out constructive, long-term solutions to some of the traffic issues on Brock Avenue.

As a direct result we:

- Created a curb cut at the crosswalk on the east

side of Brock at Delaney as well as several new curb cuts between Bloor and College.

- Will be changing the railing to improve visibility for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians to more easily navigate the intersection at Florence and Brock.

- Performing a traffic count on Brock Ave. which is the first step toward the possibility of installing speed humps in the future.

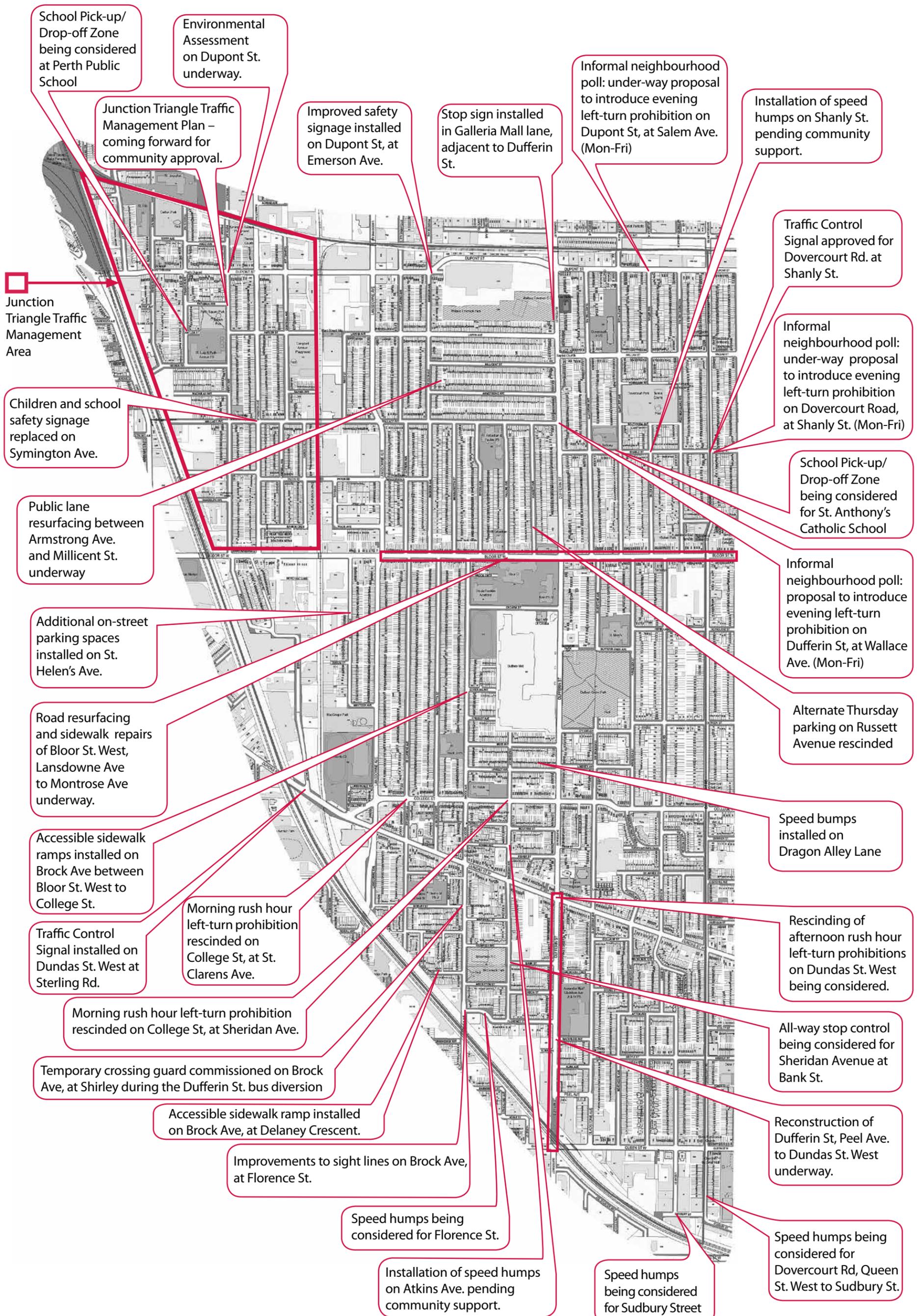
- Brought increased police speed enforcement and put a crossing guard in place near Shirley Street Public School

It was great to work with area residents and city staff to put in place constructive, long-term so-



lutions along Brock Avenue and I look forward to continuing our work together and bringing further improvements to our neighbourhood streets in the months and years ahead.

Transportation Issues



Major Improvements Implemented in Ward 18 Parks in 2013

Susan Tibaldi Parkette

Bloordale and Wallace Emerson neighbours joined me to officially cut the ribbon on the major improvements we made in Susan Tibaldi Parkette on October 19th, 2013.



Cutting the ribbon and unveiling major improvements at Susan Tibaldi Parkette on October 19th.

I thanked community members for their encouragement and input throughout this consultation and design process. These improvements couldn't have happened without the great input of area residents.

This was my first opportunity to ask park users what they thought of the new play equipment, surfacing and park furniture that was put in place. I heard a lot of positive feedback! The only additional improvement suggested was to add a slide and that is something we can investigate for future years.

The improvements we made in Susan Tibaldi Parkette will help ensure that this public space is used and enjoyed by young and old for generations to come.

Carlton Park

Flanked by Junction Triangle and Wallace Emerson neighbours, I had the honour of cutting the ribbon to officially re-open our improved Carlton Park on October 18th, 2013.

A newly paved pathway and new park furniture



Standing proud with members of the Carlton Park People's Auxiliary as we celebrated major improvements with a community camp fire and corn roast on October 18th

were central features of this re-design. After cutting the ribbon we walked toward the fire-pit for a campfire, hot chocolate, roasted corn and a great community gathering.

This was a very well attended event, it seemed the entire neighbourhood was on-hand to celebrate!

Both during and since this event, many area residents have remarked on what a big difference these changes have made. It was great to work together throughout this process and I look forward to continuing improvements at this and other neighbourhood parks in the years to come.

Major Improvements for 2014

We are continuing to consult in the lead-up to spring/summer 2014 when two more major park improvements.

The Jenna Morrison Memorial Reflexology Footpath

This great new public amenity will be placed in Dufferin Grove Park and is the first of its kind in Canada.

The Friends and Family of Jenna K. Morrison brought this idea to me in 2012 and I immediately pledged my support toward making it happen. My support has included a \$15,000 contribution from Section 42 (park-land development levy) funds and promotion of the friend and family efforts to raise the \$130,000 that would be necessary to make fulfill this vision.

In April 2013 we held a fundraising event at the Common Café on Bloor Street and then in September our Ward 18 Community BBQ was dedicated to helping this project. Throughout this time donations were accepted online through the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation and other funding opportunities were sought through grants and city departments.

Thanks to hard work and strong partnerships we are now in the design phase of this project and a public meeting this winter will provide residents with an opportunity to preview this project and get further involved in its implementation.



Jenna's husband, mother and son speak at our Ward 18 Community BBQ in Dufferin Grove Park on September 15th.

McCormick Park Playground Improvements

The first phase implementation of the Friends of McCormick Park's master plan will be focussed on improving the playground area.

Public Consultation is set to take place throughout this winter and new play elements added during the spring.

It is remarkable and commendable that the Friends of McCormick Park undertook months of neighbourhood consultation and planning for this project. I am excited to continue working together to create a unified community vision and to implement playground improvements at McCormick Park.



Greeting community members during our combined Community Compost Day and Park Consultation efforts on June 4th. Thanks to the Friends of McCormick Park for sharing in this event and ensuring that area residents are engaged in the discussions that will transform McCormick Park in the months years to come.

Park Visions Beyond 2014

I have been working with community members and city staff to kick-start yet more local park improvements beyond 2014.

- Major improvements at Salem Parkette and Westmoreland Park have been planned and are awaiting funding.

- A complete transformation of Perth Avenue Public School grounds have been funded and implementation could happen as early as 2014.

- Having worked with community members and landscape architecture students on a new circulation system at Wallace-Emerson Park, I will now be working to implement these plans.

- The MacGregor Park Art Club and I worked together on community consultation and fundraising

efforts to build a new art fence and educational garden in MacGregor Playground.

- West Toronto Railpath Phase Two environmental assessments are under way. We are negotiating for extra space along the rail corridor and several public meetings will ensure implementation of the railpath between Dundas and Strachan as soon as Metrolinx completes work on the Union-Pearson Air Rail Link.

- Working with the Dundas West BIA, we hope to make Dundas and St. Clarens Parkette a more welcoming public space in 2014 and beyond.

- Construction will begin on phase one of West Queen West's new arts-themed Lisgar Park in 2014 and continue through 2015.



We created big plans for Salem Parkette and Westmoreland Park throughout fall/winter 2012/2013 and I aim to see this vision realized in 2015.

Argyle Contra-flow

As I have consistently advocated, cyclists need a comprehensive cycling network through our city. This network should be fast, it should be safe, and it should be integrated across our community.

I am constantly looking for ways to better integrate and improve cycling in Toronto's west end. During community visioning meetings on this topic that took place in 2008, Argyle was identified as an important east-west connection that would provide an alternative for cyclists to busier, arterial roads.

Presently, there are sections of Argyle Street which are one-way, and so it is not lawful to cycle along Argyle as a continuous east-west route. While these streets will remain one-way for larger vehicles, bicycle lanes would be painted with a yellow 'center' line (instead of a white line) to allow cyclists to legally travel two ways on the street. This is an important initiative to achieve our goal of providing cyclists with a safer, faster, and better integrated option to move through our neighbourhood.

I have included additional information below and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions on this initiative.

What is a 'contra-flow' lane?

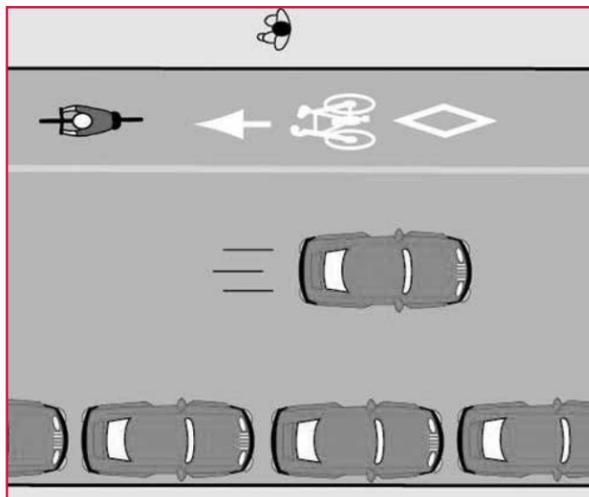
When a contra-flow bicycle lane is installed on a one-way street, the street becomes two-ways for bicycles, but remains one-way for other vehicles. When the cyclist is travelling in the direction that motor vehicles may travel, the cyclist shares the lane

with the motor vehicles. To travel in the opposite direction, cyclists use the contra-flow bicycle lane.

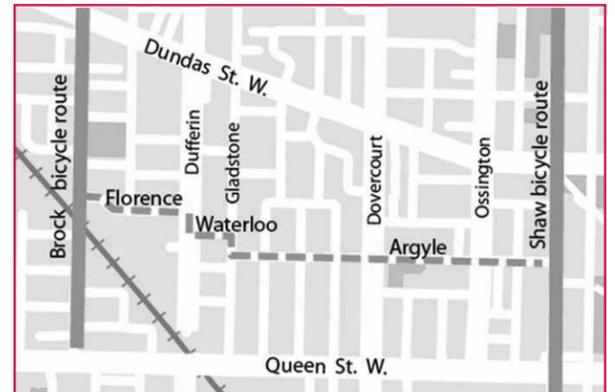
Why should this be installed?

Toronto's west end has some of the highest cycling trip numbers in Canada. In order to keep residents who are cycling safe, it is important for the City to develop cycling routes. Contra-flow bicycle lanes on non-arterial roadways can help provide alternatives to having to cycle on busy arterial roads.

In order to avoid arterial roadways, some residents are already cycling the wrong way on one-way streets. Adding bicycle lanes will help to organize this existing demand to make streets safer for



Configuration of a street with a contra-flow bicycle lane.



Planned route of the Argyle-Florence contra-flow bicycle lane.

all road users. This includes adding stop signs and signals for cyclists.

This has opportunities to connect into the new Shaw contra-flow (an important North South Route) as well as the West Toronto Railpath. In this spirit of connectivity, we are seeking a comprehensive, safe and fast west end cycling route.

How will this project impact parking?

The addition of road markings will require on-street parking to be permanently located on one side of the street. Parking will no longer alternate from side to side. Streets will continue to be cleaned and manual cleaning will be provided as it is on neighbouring streets without alternate side parking.

For more information about this type of bicycle lane please visit: www.toronto.ca/cycling/network/contra-flow if or contact my office directly.

Bloor and Dupont joint EA

Good decisions are based on good evidence and thoughtful discussion. That is why I support plenty of each when considering new cycling routes along major routes in our city.

In May, 2013, I joined other downtown Councillors in writing a letter to Public Works requesting City Staff to undertake an environmental assessment concerning cycling on Bloor & Dupont. This study will make recommendations on the feasibility and design of bike infrastructure in these corridors.

Research in other major cities shows that cyclists shop more often and spend more money. This is an important consideration when evaluating the impact on small businesses and restaurants. Likewise, by understanding the potential impact, both positive and negative in our neighbourhood, we can make informed decisions about future transit infrastructure in our community.

I will continue to ensure that safety, efficiency and community feedback are at the heart of these discussions. As residents, we must advocate for an active transportation vision that makes Toronto streets equally welcoming for pedestrians, cyclists and larger vehicles. I am committed to this vision of transportation, I welcome your feedback on this project and I look forward to keeping you involved throughout this process.



Working together, we can improve our City-wide bicycling network and improve safety for all modes of transportation.

Moving forward on Railpath Extension

Planning and design of the second phase of our West Toronto Railpath is well under way:

- Contract for design consultation of 2nd phase has been awarded
- Design charette was held at City Hall for community and project stakeholders
- Consultant has reported about "preferred design" options
- Local Councillors have met with Metrolinx to press Railpath importance
- City Cycling Staff & Metrolinx are currently meeting to maximize room for path

- Public meeting to be held in the coming months to present this design for community feedback

Please note: At the first public meeting, the project team tentatively scheduled a second public meeting for October 2013. The study is taking more time than anticipated to resolve technical issues related to the off-road and on-street portions of a recommended Railpath route.

We are working to schedule another meeting early in the new year.



Estimados moradores,

Como sabemos foi um mês tumultuoso na Câmara, e colectivamente a Assembleia Municipal manifestou preocupações quanto às contínuas alegações, confissões e evasões referentes ao comportamento do Presidente da Câmara.

Tenho sérias preocupações quanto ao facto de que assuntos camarários importantes tenham sido desviados para segundo plano por esta situação, quanto às competências do gabinete do Presidente e quanto à reputação da cidade. Sinto-me também extremamente preocupada quanto à saúde e bem-estar da pessoa em causa.

Posso no entanto assegurar-vos, que apesar das distrações, as minhas prioridades não se alteraram, tendo continuado a trabalhar pelos interesses dos moradores do bairro 18 e pelos assuntos que lhes são pertinentes.

Os Vereadores reconhecem que os nossos poderes legais são limitados, mas partilham um causa em comum, ou seja, dar continuidade aos assuntos

camarários. Durante as últimas reuniões, juntei-me à maioria dos Vereadores assinando uma petição que pedia ao Presidente para se afastar temporariamente. Houve ainda um claro e forte apoio na decisão de transferir os poderes do Presidente para o Vice-Presidente, a fim de assegurar uma governação harmoniosa até final do mandato. Fiz ainda parte da esmagadora maioria que apoiou as moções que limitam o orçamento do Presidente e os seus poderes nomeativos. Tenho a certeza que estas decisões colocam Toronto e os seus moradores em primeiro plano.

Apesar destas questões, continuei determinada a dar andamento a assuntos importantes, tais como a construção de novas unidades de habitação social para aluguer e assegurar um progresso rápido nas reparações necessárias neste sector.

Estou também a trabalhar em iniciativas ligadas aos transportes que beneficiam directamente os moradores da zona ocidental, incluindo, eléctricos de maior capacidade na Queen, autocarros articulados na Dufferin e acesso local à linha ferréa da

Georgetown para amenizar os problemas da baixa. Estas iniciativas não vão demorar décadas e podem ser concretizadas a curto prazo.

A nível local, continuamos com uma comunidade forte e vibrante, mais ainda agora que se aproxima a época festiva. Faço votos de poder contar com moradores e amigos na minha festa anual alusiva à quadra que terá lugar no Lula Lounge. Será uma oportunidade de festejar a época e o que nos une, com boa comida e boa música.

Temos agora em mãos o orçamento para 2014. O vosso feedback neste assunto é muito importante para mim. Sei que os nossos horários preenchidos nem sempre permitem participar de reuniões públicas. Por isso mesmo, decidi criar várias oportunidades para vos ouvir, incluindo uma reunião pública, uma consulta por teleconferência, uma sondagem online e um formulário inserido nesta newsletter. Assegure-se que inclui a sua informação de contacto.

Como sempre, pode contactar o meu gabinete. Estou aqui para trabalhar em conjunto nos assuntos que visam melhorar a nossa comunidade.

Política salarial justa

O trabalho árduo merece respeito e segurança. É por isso que tenho feito todos os esforços para os trabalhadores de limpeza, da construção e os respectivos adjudicatários sejam protegidos e auferam um salário justo.

Dando seguimento à moção que apresentei ao Comité de Desenvolvimento Comunitário e Recreativo, a Câmara de Toronto vai elaborar um novo projecto de qualidade de vida, que visa aumentar o rendimento e a segurança dos trabalhadores.

Esta moção implicou mudanças à norma camarária de salários justos, que não era actualizada há 10 anos, e que requer que adjudicatários

os e fornecedores com contractos municipais, paguem aos seus trabalhadores um salário justo equiparável ao trabalho de outros sectores. Ao actualizar esta norma para incluir salários actuais, garantimos que a Câmara não vai apoiar adjudicatários que não compensem os trabalhadores de forma justa.

Esta norma é um importante instrumento para a Câmara tomar uma posição firme contra situações laborais injustas e demonstrar o apreço por estes trabalhadores. Vou continuar a trabalhar no sentido de assegurar que esta e outras iniciativas protejam os trabalhadores e garantam qualidade de vida na nossa cidade.



Foto com Luis Câmara, tesoureiro da Local 183, Rogério Vieira e Tony Letra

Inquérito ao Orçamento para 2014

A vossa opinião sobre o Orçamento para 2014:

Por favor responda às perguntas abaixo e envie para C42 – 100 Queen Street W. Toronto, ON ou entregue o formulário no Dufferin mall durante o atendimento comunitário. Visite ainda www.anabailao.ca para outras perguntas

1. Quais são para si os 3 principais assuntos, relevantes à sua comunidade, que devem ser abordados no orçamento de 2014?

- Trânsito
- Habitação Social
- Cuidados Infantis
- Estradas e Transportes
- Infraestruturas
- Diminuição de impostos
- Parques e serviços recreativos

2. Qual dos seguintes seria o melhor aviso que daria à Assembleia durante o debate orçamental?

- “Evitar o aumento de impostos, mesmo que implique redução de serviços municipais”
- “Aumento dos serviços municipais, tendo que subir os impostos”

3. Dos seguintes projectos municipais, qual o que tem maior impacto para si?

- Melhoramentos nos transportes públicos (novos eléctricos na Queen, autocarros articulados na Dufferin)

- Melhorias nos parques (Carlton, Susan Tibaldi, etc.)
- Reconstrução de estradas e requalificações (Dufferin, Bloor, Dundas, etc.)
- Programas recreativos (redução de tarifas, natação gratuita, etc.)

4. Há algum assunto importante que, na sua opinião, não está a ser debatido em Assembleia?

Gostaria de ter mais envolvimento nas questões orçamentais

Nome _____

Morada _____

Telefone _____

Email _____

Obrigada pela sua participação!

Requalificação da Bloor Street West

A repavimentação da estrada e reconstrução dos passeios ao longo da Bloor Street West entre a Montrose e a Lansdowne já tiveram início. Os trabalhos começaram a 1 de Outubro e neste momento as equipas estão no lado sul da Bloor a oeste da Dufferin Street.

A construção principiou na Havelock Street e prossegue em direcção à Lansdowne Avenue. Ao chegar à Lansdowne, as equipas vão passar para o lado norte da Bloor Street West em direcção à Montrose Avenue. Lá, trocam para o lado sul da Bloor e prosseguem para oeste até ao ponto de partida do projecto, a Havelock Street.

Em parceria com os responsáveis pelo projecto e o meu gabinete, as associações para o desenvolvimento comercial (BIAs) Bloordale e Bloorcourt, estão finalmente a ver concretizados os planos de requalificação da área. Esses planos incluem:

- Arte pública – Flores de aço moldadas nos passeios
- Melhoramento de pequenos espaços verdes – junto à Gladstone, Westmoreland, Emerson, Brock e Margueretta
- Plantação de mais 49 novas árvores

As árvores existentes, actualmente inseridas em canteiros serão substituídas por outras novas e plantadas em valas. Tal significa um aumento de 22 por cento nas árvores substituídas que, graças ao novo método de plantação, crescem mais e têm maior longevidade. Sendo assim, não só vamos poupar dinheiro ao reduzir a necessidade de substituição de árvores doentes, como teremos uma paisagem mais verde e preenchida.

No que toca à reconstrução dos passeios, os degraus no lado norte da Bloor junto à Havelock Street serão eliminados. Além disso, todos os cruzamentos ao longo da Bloor serão equipados com pisos em ferro fundido e com relevo para acesso aos passeios. Estas rampas foram criadas especificamente para auxílio a invisuais.

Na esquina nordeste da Bloor com a Gladstone Avenue será construída uma extensão de passeio para evitar a condução ilegal no sentido norte na Gladstone.

Outro aspecto importante na requalificação da Bloor Street West são os lugares de estacionamento de bicicletas. Existem actualmente 232 postes e argolas ao longo da Bloor Street, que serão reinstalados

após a reconstrução. Posteriormente, outros 15 serão adicionados. Também os pequenos espaços verdes nos cruzamentos das ruas residenciais, serão equipados com 16 locais de estacionamento para bicicletas.

Já pedi ao empreiteiro responsável pela obra para que, através de notificações, dê aos ciclistas tempo suficiente para retirar as suas bicicletas nas zonas de obra. Pedi ainda que qualquer bicicleta que não seja retirada a tempo, e consequentemente levada pelo empreiteiro, seja guardada em lugar seguro. Entretanto, já fui informada que qualquer bicicleta retirada da zona de obra, será levada para o escritório móvel da empresa de construção na Havelock Street.

Vou continuar a reunir-me regularmente com o empreiteiro e o coordenador do projecto para assegurar o cumprimento do calendário, bem como, o menor impacto possível para moradores e comerciantes.

Funcionários da Câmara criaram um blog para este projecto, onde poderá obter informações actualizadas: <http://torontobloor.wordpress.com/> (english only).

Requalificação da Dufferin Street

Prosseguem os trabalhos do projecto de requalificação da Dufferin Street, iniciado em Junho. Este é um projecto integral que engloba três componentes importantes. São elas:

- A reconstrução da estrada e dos passeios (da Dundas Street West à Peel Avenue)
- A substituição das condutas e dos ramais de água (da Dundas Street West à Peel Avenue)
- A substituição das redes de esgotos (da Dundas Street West à Florence Avenue)

Tal como noutros projectos desta envergadura, incidentes inesperados podem por vezes

atrasar o calendário de trabalhos. Na segunda semana de Outubro, uma ruptura numa conduta de água na Dufferin Street junto à Gordon Street, veio atrasar os trabalhos de substituição das condutas. Esta ruptura provocou danos à nova tubagem que já estava colocada, e nas duas semanas seguintes, foram efectuados trabalhos de reparação. A instalação dos ramais teve início logo após ter sido completada a substituição das condutas principais.

Do lado norte entre a Dundas e a Gordon, começaram os trabalhos de reconstrução da estrada e passeios. Nesta secção, 50 por cento dos passeios estão prontos. Prevê-se que (caso o tempo o permita), a secção da Dufferin entre a Dundas e a Gordon esteja pronta até 15 de Dezembro de 2013. O restante será acabado na primavera de 2014.

Durante esta próxima fase do projecto, as restrições à circulação do autocarro da Dufferin mantêm-se. Os autocarros continuam a circular na Dufferin apenas no sentido norte a partir da Queen Street West. A faixa sul da Dufferin continuará fechada ao trânsito. Pode sempre visitar o meu website para actualização regulares.



1- A cantar os hinos nacionais no içar da bandeira de Portugal a 10 de Junho. 2- A 25 de Maio com Charles Sousa, na celebração do segundo aniversário da Academia do Sporting Football Club de Toronto. 3- Com António Sousa na inauguração da Galeria dos Pioneiros Luso-Canadianos a 2 de Junho. 4- A Premier Kathleen Wynn, o Ministro das Finanças Charles Sousa e eu na parada do Dia de Portugal a 9 de Junho. 5- A celebrar o Brazilian Day com Tania Nuttall e amigos a 2 de Setembro. 6- Com Pinto da Costa, presidente do FCP Portugal

Events and Public Meetings

Theatre Centre Transformation in Queen West Nears Completion

A nationally recognized arts incubator and a research and development hub for the cultural sector, in 2013 The Theatre Centre began renovations on the historic Carnegie Library building at 1115 Queen Street West - in the heart of Toronto's West Queen West neighbourhood.

The \$6.2 million renovation includes the creation of a main performance hall, a lobby/café, a rehearsal hall, gallery spaces, a green room, a green-roofed terrace, and office space.

The space will be fully accessible, and open for use by the community. The building's beautiful Georgian façade is a staple in the neighbourhood,

and The Theatre Centre is excited to have the opportunity to return the building to its original use as a public cultural space.

I have worked very closely with City Staff and the Theatre Centre to ensure its smooth transition into the renovated space and am excited that this great local organization will be opening and hosting performances by early 2014.

The Theatre Centre invites you to contribute to the building of its new home by donating online to its Community Campaign or attending BOUNCE - An Informal Ball for The Theatre Centre. To donate or buy tickets, go to www.theatrecentre.org today.



We broke ground on Theatre Centre renovations at 1115 Queen Street West (the old Carnegie Library) on October 11th, 2012. This renewed heritage building will host a variety of performances and community events, in the heart of one of Toronto's most dynamic and vibrant communities.

Queen West Triangle Community Fair

The Queen West Triangle has experienced immense change since 2009, and I wanted to provide area residents with an overview of everything that has happened and that which is still on its way.

I organized our Queen West Triangle Community Fair to address how this dynamic new part of our city grew and how we continue to add public amenities and improve the neighbourhood.

The important topics of public transportation, pedestrian connections, parking and other topics were covered in a large group setting and participants were encouraged to speak to me and to planning staff, as well as to the table exhibitors.

We will continue working together to complete the great projects, like Lisgar Park and the Toronto Media Arts Cluster, that are in the pipeline and ensure a solid balance of live, work and play.



Ana in the community



I partnered with CUPE Local 416 to bring our first Ward 18 Movie Night to Dufferin Grove Park.



Opening our new shed at the Perth-Dupont Community Garden with coordinator Susan Berman on May 30th.



Pride breakfast with Councillors Matlow, Carrol, Wong-Tam and Premier Kathleen Wynne on June 30th.



Thanks in part to funds raised during our 2013 Community BBQ in Dufferin Grove Park, we will be building the Jenna Morrison Memorial Reflexology Footpath this coming spring/summer season. More information about this great upcoming project can be found on in the Parks and Trees section (page 10) and on my website.



Responsibly disposing of electronic waste during our 2013 Community Environment Day on June 6th.



Greeting Scotiabank half-marathon winner Sami Jabril of Toronto who finished with a time of 1:07:37.7