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TORONTO CITY COUNCILLOR WARD 18

Spring/Summer Update 2017



Dear Neighbours,

Over the winter, our community came together to celebrate the holiday season and all that we have accomplished at our Ward 18 holiday party. It was great to see so many of you at our festivals and events, sharing your ideas for a better neighbourhood where we all live, work and play. As your City Councillor, I am grateful to work in a community of involved, driven and creative residents to find solutions to the challenges and opportunities we face and I look forward to continuing to build on our achievements.

Across Ward 18, our parks and community spaces are being upgraded to meet changing and growing needs and later this year we will break ground on Pessoa Park, the newest park for our community. Together we are creating a network of parks that are vibrant,

modern, family friendly and vital in our daily lives. We are also taking important steps to create a more reliable, better serviced and safer transportation network. New transit will be coming to Bloor-Lansdowne and West Queen West in the future and expanded Wheel Trans service and road safety initiatives are improving accessibility and safety for all travellers.

In shaping the growth and change we are experiencing, I am proud to continue to work with our community to address our needs and priorities. As we undertake this important work with the redevelopment proposals at Galleria Mall, Bloor and Dufferin, 158 Sterling and other developments we will be welcoming new neighbours and securing services, jobs, childcare and cultural spaces. Ensuring a legacy of positive benefits and inclusive outcomes is central to my approach in creating a more livable, prosperous, and stronger community.

As Toronto's Housing Advocate, I am proud to have spearheaded our City's call for renewed investment and innovative approaches to affordable housing from our federal and provincial partners. The City officially launched the Open Door program to create new affordable housing earlier this year, and I will continue to support approaches to a fairer and more affordable housing market. This important work adds to what is being done at City Hall to advance innovative ideas for a stronger Toronto. You can find out more about these initiatives in this edition of my newsletter and online through my website and my regular e-newsletter updates.

As always, should you require anything now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me, and my team and we will be more than happy to serve you.

In community,

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Discussing new partnerships and initiatives with Build Toronto to create a better city for all.

Signup for my E-Newsletter

Every month I send out an e-newsletter with important community and city information to help keep Ward 18 residents informed. This includes items such as community events, updates on key issues, public consultations, and more! If you would like to receive these e-mails, please visit www.anabailao.ca/join to sign up!

Councillor Ana Bailão and City of Toronto

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY

Saturday, June 24, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Dufferin Mall | Parking Lot
 900 Dufferin St. | south of Bloor St.

Please drop off your used batteries and electronics for safe disposal by the City.

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WARD 18 EVENTS

COMPOST DAYS

- May 16, 2017** 5:30pm
Perth Square Park (350 Perth Ave)
- May 17, 2017** 5:30pm
MacGregor Playground (346 Lansdowne Ave)
- May 18, 2017** 5:30pm
McCormick Park (66 Sheridan Ave)
- June 2, 2017** 3:30pm
Dovercourt Junior Public School, (228 Bartlett Ave)

MOVIE NIGHTS

- July 13, 2017** 8:30pm
McCormick Park (66 Sheridan Ave)
- August 25, 2017** 8pm
Dovercourt Park (180 Westmoreland Ave)

Bloor-Dufferin Redevelopment Pre-Application Open House

April 13, 2017 4pm - 8pm
 Bloor Collegiate Institute (1141 Bloor St W)

The purchasers of the Bloor Dufferin Revitalization site are holding a pre-application open house to share their initial thinking and to hear your ideas for the lands.

Ward 18 Easter Egg Hunt

April 15, 2017 1pm - 3pm
 Dufferin Grove Park (875 Dufferin park Ave)

Chocolates, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Face Painting! Please register at www.anabailao.com/easteregg hunt

West Toronto Railpath Art Walk

April 22, 2017 1pm - 3pm
 Meet at Henderson Brewing Co. (128A Sterling Rd)

Explore the past, present, and future of art initiatives, galleries and studios along the West Toronto Railpath!

Ward 18 Community Cleanup Days

April 22-23 2017

Lend your hands for a spring community cleanup! You can find all the details and cleanup locations at www.anabailao.ca/communitycleanup2017

Major/Minor: Bloordale Music & Arts Festival

May 5 to 7, 2017
 Bloor St W between Lansdowne Ave and Dufferin St

Come out for an inclusive family-friendly festival with all-ages workshops, concerts, activities and with local artists and international artists! Details: www.anabailao.ca/majorminorfestival

Bloor-Dufferin Community Hub Community Meeting

May 15, 2017 6:30pm
 New Horizons Tower (1140 Bloor St W)

The Community Hub Visioning group will be sharing their work to develop a Bloor-Dufferin Community Hub.

Corridor Collective Art Gardens Opening Reception

May 18, 2017 6:30pm - 8pm
 Re-Imagine Galleria Space (1245 Dupont St)

Kicking off a creative new arts and community gardening initiative for Wallace-Emerson.

Dundas West Fest

June 3, 2017 11am - 11pm
 Dundas St W from Lansdowne Ave to Shaw St

Pessoa Park Groundbreaking

June 8, 2017 6:30pm
 Dufferin St and Peel Ave

Let's get digging on Ward 18's newest park! Join us for a groundbreaking and community event with neighbours.

Portugal Day Parade

June 10, 2017 11am - 1pm
 Dundas St W, from Lansdowne Ave to Trinity Bellwoods Park

Ward 18 Talks: Artist and Cultural Spaces

June 22, 2017 6pm - 9pm
 Henderson Brewery (128A Sterling Rd)

Let's explore what we can do to create and retain artist and cultural spaces in Toronto.

Railpath Tour & West Toronto Diamond Plaque Unveiling

July 8, 2017 11am - 1pm
 Begins at Railpath Entrance at Cariboo Ave

Join me for a West Toronto Railpath Tour and historical plaque unveiling, ending with an afternoon social at Henderson Brewery (128A Stelring Rd)

BIG on Bloor Festival

July 22 to 23 1pm - 9pm
 Bloor St W from Dufferin St to Lansdowne Ave

Bloorcourt Festival

August 26, 2017 12pm - 10pm
 Bloor St W from Dufferin St to Montrose St

STAY IN TOUCH

Visit our community office located at 1240 Bloor Street West (Corner of Bloor and Margueretta) from 10am to 6pm, Wednesday to Friday.

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Welcoming Provincial funding and support for a new community hub at Bloor and Dufferin!

Bloor-Dufferin School Lands

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has now sold the Bloor-Dufferin School Lands. Ever since the sale was first announced, I have worked tirelessly to have a community hub established on the site. On December 8th, 2016 the Province of Ontario announced \$20 million in funding to support a new high school and community hub on this property.

To support the community to identify priorities and goals for the 30,000 sq ft hub, the City and Province invited community based organizations to form an independent, voluntary and time-limited "Community Hub Visioning Group". The Visioning

Group was established to ensure that community groups are meaningfully engaged in the planning for the potential Bloor-Dufferin community hub and to develop a governance and service framework for the hub.

The Visioning Group is being run by an independent facilitator and is being supported by City and Provincial staff. Meetings are well underway and the Visioning Group process will wrap up in May. I look forward to sharing with you the results of their important work in the future.

On the development side, the purchasers of the site are organizing a pre-application open house meeting on Thursday April 13 from 4pm to 8pm at Bloor CI (1141 Bloor St W) to share their initial ideas for the site and to gather community input. City planning staff and I will be there and I encourage you to attend and to share your feedback with them.

Bloor-Lansdowne and West Queen West SmartTrack/GO RER Station Concepts Released

Metrolinx has released preliminary concept designs for the proposed West Queen West/Liberty Village and Bloor Lansdowne SmartTrack/GO RER stations. City staff and Metrolinx are working closely to develop a station plan which meets the unique needs of our community. The team is also investigating the possible integration of the proposed King High Line multi-use path over the rail corridor into the West Queen West/Liberty Village station design. You can view the station concepts at www.anabailao.com/transitstations.

The concepts are highly preliminary with further refinements and consultation likely resulting in changes. Community consultation meetings will be taking place later this year and I will be sharing those details once available in my online e-newsletter.

Lansdowne Station Public Art Installation

As part of the Lansdowne Subway Station accessibility upgrades scheduled to begin in 2018, new public artwork will be added in the station's design.

As a strong advocate for the inclusion of public art in major projects across our community, Lansdowne Station will be an opportunity to showcase our neighbourhood to the city. The TTC will issue an open call for artist proposals later this year and I will be providing updates through my e-newsletter. Please contact Denise Jayawardene at denise.jayawardene@ttc.ca for more information.

Community Vision for 640 Lansdowne

Over winter, I hosted a community meeting to discuss our community's vision and priorities for the vacant TTC lands at 640 Lansdowne Ave. As you may know, the 1/3rd of the site closest to Lansdowne Ave is zoned for mixed use development while the remaining 2/3rds are zoned for employment uses.

At the community meeting and in other communications from residents, I have heard from many of you that our neighbourhood would like to see:

- 1 **Low to Mid-Rise Seniors Housing on the Mixed-Use Lands**
- 2 **Green Space for a Park on a Portion of the Employment Lands**
- 3 **Support Services for Seniors and/or Artist Spaces on the Employment Lands**

I have listened to the community and these suggestions will form the basis of the City's approach to any future development. I will be ensuring that there will be plenty of public consultation in the future and will work hard to ensure that any development fits within the character and addresses the needs of our community.

College Promenade Streetscaping work

The College Promenade Business Improvement Area (BIA) approved a streetscape project that broke ground in early July 2016. The project included replacing the existing curb and sidewalks with decorative pavers on College St. between Shaw St. and Havelock St; TTC accessibility improvements; new side-street parkettes; light fixtures; additional trees; plantings; bike rings; and public art.

In October 2016, the City terminated its contract with the contractor following several issues associated with the project. The City has since been working to have the construction resume in July 2017, with work starting on the south side, going from Havelock St to Shaw St and then resuming on the north side. Unlike 2016, this work will be staged into blocks to allow for on-street parking in areas where work is not taking place and to minimize disruptions. Pedestrian access to businesses and residences will remain open at all times, with some adjustments around work areas. College St will be limited to one lane only in work areas only and the TTC streetcar service will be replaced with buses through the work area. Work is expected to be completed by October 2017.

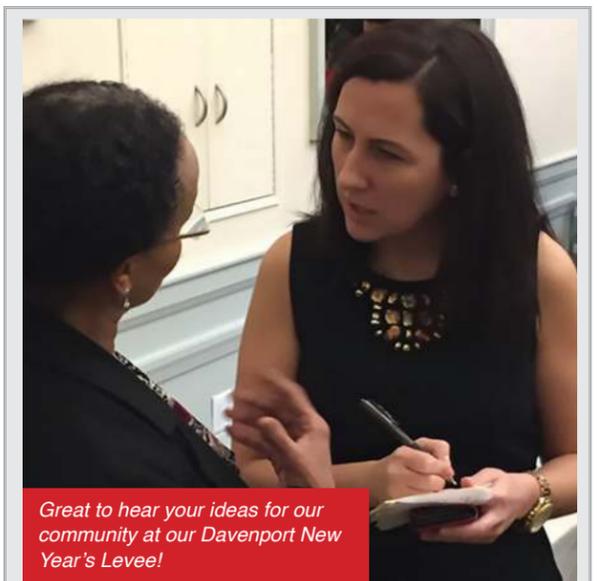
West End Skateboarding

In November, the City of Toronto removed a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) skatepark constructed by residents on Paton Rd due to serious safety and liability concerns. Following this, I reached out to the group who constructed the skatepark to see how we can better fulfill skateboarding needs in the west-end of Toronto. Over the winter, I met together with the Toronto Skateboard Advisory Committee, City staff and the group and I am happy to share that the group will be working with City staff and the advisory committee to advance opportunities in the west end for DIY skateboarding spaces.

Naming "Ropewalk Lane"

Did you know the long block east of Lansdowne Avenue between Bloor and College may be the result of an historic "ropewalk"? Identified by resident's research on municipal maps from the 1860s, the ropewalk was where long strands of material were laid out before being twisted together into rope.

To commemorate this history, residents are petitioning to name the laneway between Lansdowne Ave and St. Clarens Ave "Ropewalk Lane." You can find the petition and learn more at www.anabailao.com/ropewalklane.



Park Improvements in Ward 18

Dundas-St. Clarens Parkette

I am happy to share that the construction contract to revitalize the Dundas-St. Clarens Parkette has been awarded and work is expected to begin in Fall 2017.

The new park design includes community gardens, a swing set, seating and an open gathering space. Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas to make improvements to this small but much needed green space in our community!

I look forward to celebrating its re-opening with you!



Final Design Concept for the revitalized Dundas-St. Clarens Parkette.



Celebrating Family Day and welcoming a \$20,000 new skating equipment donation for three Ward 18 parks with Toronto Maple Leafs Legend Daryl Sittler! Thank you to Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Foundation for your support of active programming across Toronto!

Macgregor Fieldhouse Study Complete!



Announcing completion of the Macgregor Playground and Fieldhouse programming feasibility study with Kristen Fahrig, artistic director of Botanicus Arts Ensemble and MPP Martins.

I am happy to share that in 2016 with funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Botanicus Arts Ensemble (BAE) and architecture firm DTAH completed a comprehensive feasibility study to support year-round programming at MacGregor Playground and Fieldhouse. BAE conducted visioning sessions and surveys, asking our community how the park could be improved.

DTAH investigated the past, present and potential future of the park as a whole and how the Fieldhouse, which is currently unheated and closed for six months of the year, might be transformed. The option of expanding the Fieldhouse was positively received in our community and endorsed by the Directors of the BAE.

City staff are developing a plan for upgrades to the Fieldhouse (anticipated to commence in 2018) and are incorporating this study and our community's feedback. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared your passion for great parks in our community!

Dovercourt Park Community Garden

We will be welcoming Ward 18's newest community garden this summer at the Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club in Dovercourt Park. The gardens will add to the rich learning and community programming already offered at the club with new afterschool and summer programs. The Dovercourt B&GC is leading the design, funding, building and maintenance of this project and work is under way to transform the underutilized grassy patch into a dynamic and engaging community gardening space with opportunities to integrate other community activities. I look forward to celebrating the upcoming harvests with you!

Pessoa Park Ground-breaking

The results are in! Residents have voted to name the new park at Dufferin St and Peel Ave "Pessoa Park".

Pessoa means "person" in Portuguese, highlighting the park's role as a gathering space for people and the neighbourhood's rich Portuguese heritage. Pessoa Park will include a square with water jets, seating, grass areas and a connection to the future extension of the West Toronto Railpath. I hope you can join me on **Thursday June 8, 2017 at 6:30pm** during our Portugal Week festivities for a ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction!

Improving Symington Park

Last year, I hosted a community meeting with City staff to hear from residents how Symington Park can better serve our community. I am happy to announce that a concept design for the park has been created. It showcases an accessibility path to the community gardens, additional seating, shaded gathering areas, an improved baseball diamond, new plantings and a dog friendly water fountain. I encourage you to share your feedback with me as we prepare for detailed design and preliminary upgrade construction this summer. You can view the design at www.anabailao.ca/symingtonpark.

Perth Parkette, Holly Jones Memorial and Perth Square Park

With warmer weather approaching, I am happy to share that a new child friendly surface will be installed for the splash pad at Perth Square Park. At Perth Parkette, the basketball court will also be getting a much needed update after years of wear and tear and parks staff are expecting to complete these works this spring. These upgrades are expected to take place in May and will ensure our community is able to enjoy these friendly spaces for years to come.

After close discussions with City staff and the original artist, I am also pleased to share that the mural in memory of Holly Jones at Perth Parkette will be completely restored in the coming weeks.

Telling our Story on the West Toronto Railpath

I am excited to announce a new community arts initiative to capture and share the unique identity and histories of our well-loved West Toronto Railpath (WTR), the underpass and the neighbourhoods that surround it.

The "Create Your Path" initiative will bring together our community's ideas, stories and vision for

the WTR through unique art installations along the railpath.

Some of the artworks will be installed later this fall and I'm excited to hear your ideas to create inclusive and attractive spaces along this unique path. You can find out more about this project and how you can participate at www.anabailao.ca/createyourpath

Dufferin Park and Clubhouse Improvements

The City of Toronto recently completed a feasibility study to make improvements to the northwest corner of Dufferin Grove Park where the clubhouse, ice rink, Zamboni garage community garden and bake oven are located. In order to address health and safety concerns, accessibility issues and design challenges, a rebuild is the preferred route. A community meeting was held over the winter to hear what residents enjoy about the park and how the northwest corner could be improved. Partici-

pants were invited to join a Community Resource Group (CRG) to provide input and guidance to the project team. All applicants were accepted and represent local residents, the farmer's market and local organizations. The CRG is working with the City to define the scope of work and an independent consultant and design team will be hired to carry out the next steps. You can learn more about this project at www.dufferingrove-northwestrevitalization.ca/.

Lisgar Park Update

Following our community meeting last year, I brought together local residents, businesses, and arts organizations to establish the Lisgar Park Stewardship Committee to animate this central community space. The committee is now developing a framework to support the community in facilitating and promoting programming and events at Lisgar Park and I look forward to sharing their work with you!

I am also happy to share, that construction on the next phases of Lisgar Park has begun. Major



New children's play area for Lisgar Park

works are scheduled to wrap up in June and this phase includes, a new children's playground, wood decking, additional seating and new trees!

Moving Forward With Toronto's Green Line

I am happy to share that the Green Line has been included in the City of Toronto's 10 year capital plan.

This work builds on the exciting community-led vision and ongoing efforts to reclaim the vacant lands along the north side of the CP Rail tracks (just north

of Dupont) for a new linear network of parks. I fully support this vision and the new funding will allow the City to better evaluate the proposal and construct some of the elements included in the plan.



Unveiling custom new bike rings in Bloordale! Thank you to everyone for being part of this initiative!

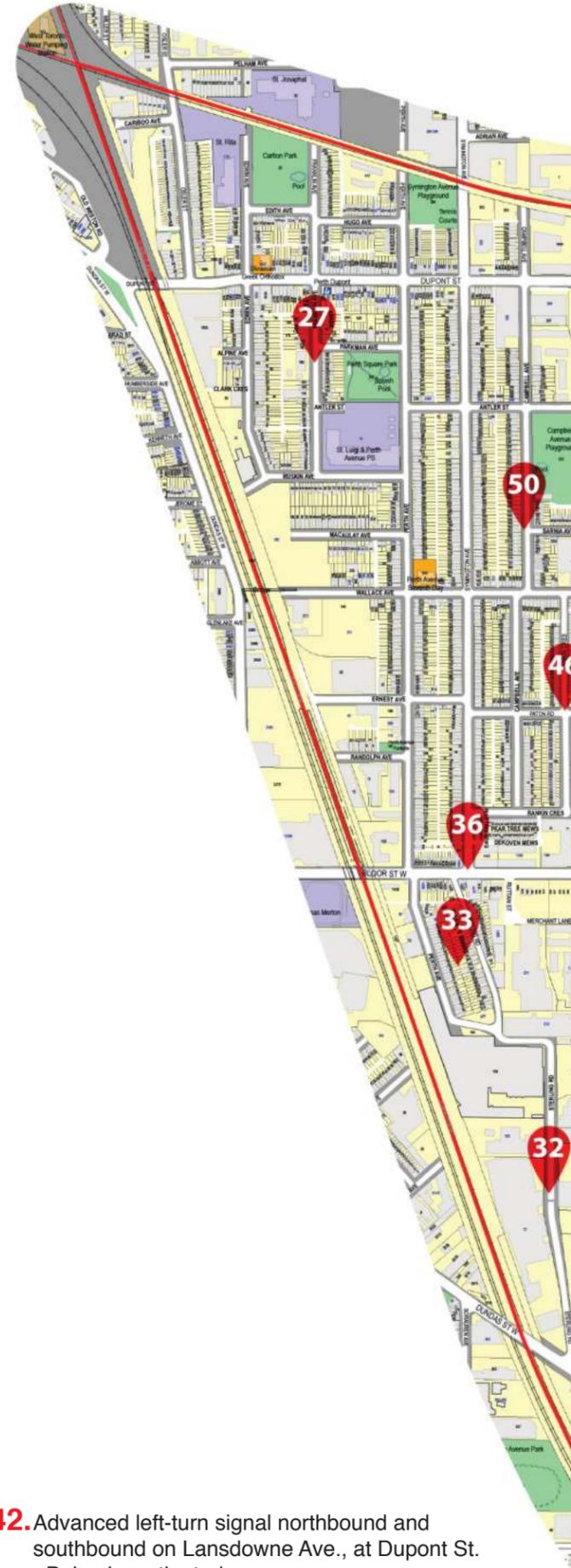
Bloordale Bike Rings

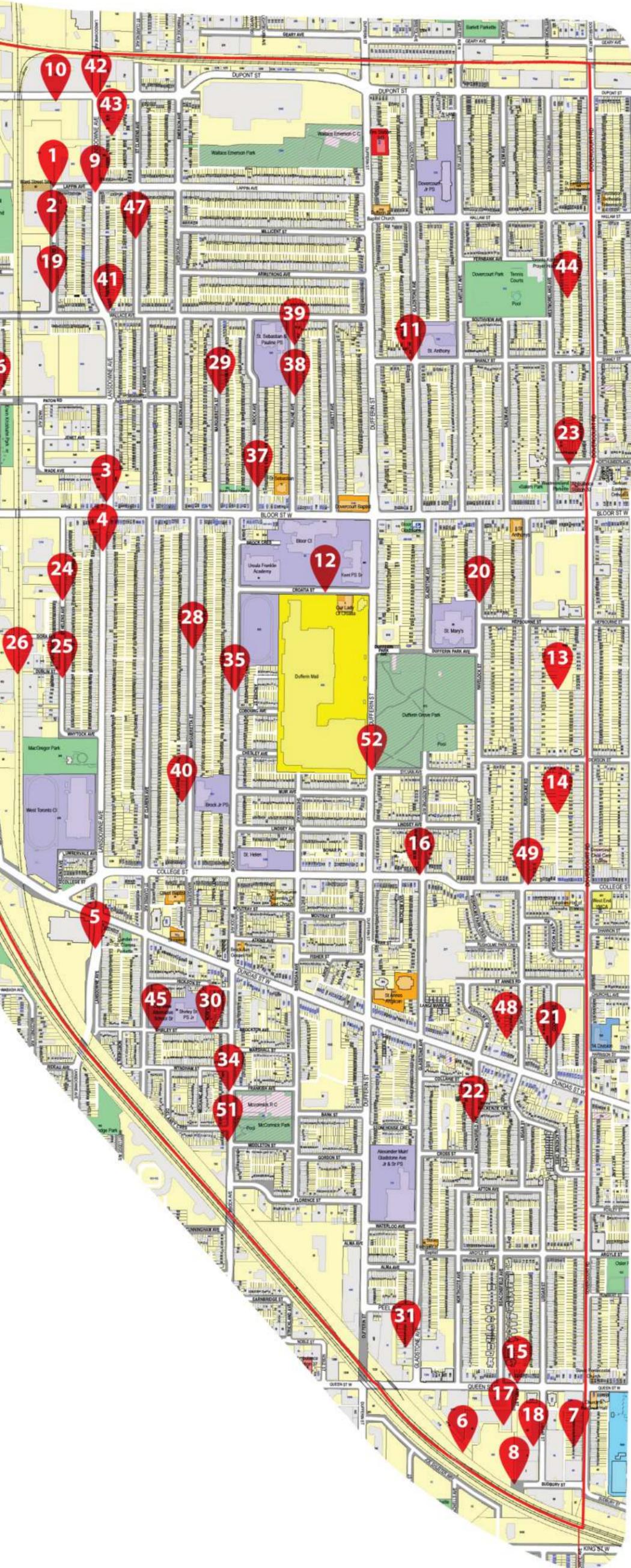
In January, I was pleased to join the Bloordale BIA and students from Bloor Collegiate Institute to unveil 20 new custom designed bike rings along Bloor St W. The new rings are the result of a collaboration

effort between the BIA and school to share the culture and history of Bloordale. Each unique ring was designed by the students and will leave a long lasting positive benefit in our community.

TRANSPORTATION:

1. All-way “stop” sign on Ward St., at Lappin Ave. - Installed
2. Speed humps approved for Ward St. - Installation in 2017
3. Extension of Advanced left-turn signal south bound phase on Lansdowne Ave., at Bloor St. West during weekday AM and weekends - Completed
4. Advanced left-turn signal northbound on Lansdowne Ave., at Bloor St. West - Being investigated
5. 8 Additional Permit Parking spaces on Lansdowne Ave., South of Dundas St. West - Completed
6. Speed humps approved for Sudbury St. (Queen St. West to Dovercourt Rd.) - Installation in 2017
7. Speed humps approved for Dovercourt Rd. (Queen St. West to Sudbury St.) - Installation in 2017
8. All-way “stop” sign on Sudbury St., at Abell St. - Installed
9. Traffic light on Lansdowne Ave., at Lappin Ave. - Installed
10. Traffic light approved on Dupont St., West of Lansdowne Ave. – installation 2017
11. Speed humps approved for Shanly St. - Installation in 2017
12. Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) on Croatia St. - Being investigated
13. Speed bumps on Bill Cameron Ln. (Dewson St. and Hepbourne St.) – Installation in 2017
14. Speed bumps on Bill Cameron Ln. (College St. and Dewson St.) – Being investigated
15. Traffic light approved on Queen St. West, at Abell St. – installation 2017
16. Traffic light on College St, at Gladstone Ave. – Being investigated
17. Phase 1 of West Queen West Traffic Management Plan: Abell St. 1-way north operation, Lisgar St. 1-way south operation, loading zone on Abell St., additional street parking - Completed
18. Addition of Permit Parking on Abell St. - Being investigated
19. Parking regulation changes on Ward St. to add additional street parking - Completed
20. Parking regulation changes on Havelock St. (Bloor St. West to Dufferin Park Ave.) to add additional street parking - Completed
21. Parking regulation changes on Coolmine Rd. to add additional street parking - Completed
22. Parking regulation changes on Beaconsfield Ave. (Dundas St. West to Afton Ave.) to add additional street parking - Completed
23. Speed bumps approved for public lane bounded by Bloor St. West, Westmoreland Ave. and Dovercourt Rd. - Installation in 2017
24. Speed humps approved for St. Helen’s Ave. - Installation in 2017
25. Traffic island on St. Helen’s Ave., at Dublin St. – Being investigated
26. Removal of alternate parking regulation on Dublin St. – Completed
27. 5-6 additional street parking spaces on Franklin Ave., between Dupont St. and Ruskin Ave. – Completed
28. Removal of alternate parking on Margueretta St. (College St. to Bloor St. West) and addition of street parking – Being investigated
29. Removal of alternate parking on Margueretta St. (Bloor St. West to Wallace Ave.)- Completed
30. Speed humps for Norfolk St. – Being investigated
31. Loading zone on Gladstone Ave., north of Queen St. West - Completed
32. Car Share parking spaces on Sterling Rd. – Completed
33. Parking regulation changes on Sterling Rd. and Perth Ave. (Bloor St. West to Sterling Rd.) to add additional street parking – Completed
34. Overhead flashing red light for stop controlled intersection on Brock Ave., at Frankish Ave. – Being investigated
35. Speed humps approved for Brock Ave. (Croatia St. to Cobourg Ave.) - Installation in 2017
36. Advanced left-turn signal eastbound on Bloor St. West, at Symington Ave. approved – Completion in fall 2017
37. Speed humps on Brock Ave. (Bloor St. West to Wallace Ave.) - Completed
38. Speed humps on Pauline Ave- Completed
39. Parking and traffic signage changes to improve safety at Pauline Public School - Completed
40. Parking and traffic signage changes to improve safety at Brock Junior Public School - Completed
41. Pavement markings at Lansdowne/Wallace intersection to minimize illegal parking/stopping of vehicles that obstruct thoroughfare - Completed
42. Advanced left-turn signal northbound and southbound on Lansdowne Ave., at Dupont St. - Being investigated
43. Advanced left-turn signal westbound on Dupont St., at Lansdowne Ave. during afternoon peak times - Completed
44. Child Pick-up/Drop-off Zone at Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club (on Westmoreland Ave.) - Being investigated.
45. Speed humps on Shirley St. - Being investigated
46. Speed humps on Rankin Cres. - Being investigated
47. Speed humps on St. Clarens Ave. (Wallace Ave. to Dupont St.) - Being investigated.
48. Public lane bounded by Dundas St. West, Rusholme Rd. and Rusholme Park Cres. - Resurfacing in 2017
49. Completion on College Promenade BIA streets cape improvement work (Havelock St. to Shaw St.) July 2017 to October 2017
50. All-way “stop” sign on Campbell Ave., at Sarnia Ave. – Being investigated
51. All-way “stop” sign on Brock Ave., at Delaney Cres. – Being investigated
52. Watermain Rehabilitation on Dufferin St from Fisher St to Geary Ave in 2017 followed by road resurfacing from Dundas St W to Bloor St W in 2018





Thank you to all our community partners who made our 2017 Youth Job Fair a success!

Pick Up Your “Please Slow Down” Sign

The City has produced lawn signs that encourage all motorists to drive safely as they travel in our neighbourhoods. To pick up a lawn sign, please visit my community office at 1240 Bloor Street West between the hours of 10am to 6pm, Wednesday to Friday.



Low-Income Transit Pass Approved

This winter, I voted to approve the Fair Pass Program which will provide discounted transit fares for seniors and low-income residents in Toronto. Eligible residents would receive a 33% discount on single-use fares and a 21% discount towards a monthly pass. Under the newly approved policy, residents making less than 15% above the Low Income Measure threshold would be eligible to receive the discount.

The program is proposed to be delivered to eligible residents in 3 phases, beginning in March 2018 and has the potential to make a lasting impact to help meet Toronto’s Poverty Reduction Strategy goals.



Toronto’s Vision Zero Road Safety Plan takes a comprehensive approach to improving the safety of everyone on our streets. I believe one accident is too many and included this year as part of our \$80 million dollar investment in safer streets, a new accessible crossing signal and senior’s safety zone will be implemented in our community among other city-wide safety improvements. You can follow all the road safety initiatives planned for 2017 at www.toronto.ca/VisionZeroTO

New Capital Investments made in the 2017 Budget

Toronto City Council has adopted the City's 2016 tax supported operating budget of \$10.5 billion and it's 10-year capital budget and plan of \$26.5 billion. The budget continues to provide the services Torontonians rely on and makes strategic investments to meet Toronto's priorities for improved transit, affordable housing, child care and infrastructure to name a few. This year's budget contains a 2% residential property tax increase which is at inflation and will continue to maintain affordability for low income residents and seniors while allowing the City to address some of our pressing needs.

Key investments include \$40 million in various service enhancements, an additional \$80 million for the TTC and \$37 million for TCHC to help some of our most vulnerable residents. I also advocated for improved childcare directly to the Mayor and my votes helped to continue funding the childcare occupancy grant and the expansion of 300 new subsidized childcare spaces.

This year, we were also able to fund an additional \$5.8 billion dollars in critical infrastructure and capital projects, including SmartTrack, TTC and transportation infrastructure, Toronto Public Library repairs, Port Lands Flood Protection work and more.

City Council took action to address the need to diversify our revenue sources including harmonizing the municipal and provincial Land Transfer Tax rates, establishing a City Building Fund, seeking regulatory approval for the implementation of a hotel tax and to eliminate the long-term vacancy rebate which will boost revenues and enhance the vitality of our neighbourhood streets.

While the provincial government decided not to support the bold plan the City put forward to implement road tolls and take control of our finances, I will continue to advocate for sustainable solutions to tackle Toronto's challenges to help ensure our long-term prosperity.



Discussing how we can improve our city this year at our Ward 18 Budget Town Hall.



Great to be on CBC Power and Politics to discuss how to make Toronto stronger.



Hosting a Joint Affordable Housing and Tenant Issues Committee to collaborate on tackling our housing challenges.

Working Hard to Address Housing in Toronto

Tackling the housing crisis that Toronto is facing will mean creating new policies, strengthening data collection, establishing better tools and building collaborative relationships with public, private and non-profit housing partners. As you may have noticed in the media here has been a lot of activity taking place the last couple of months and as Toronto's Housing Advocate, I have been working hard to ensure the City is stepping up and doing our part.

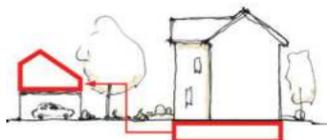
On all of the issues I have identified below, the City of Toronto cannot do it alone and we require strong provincial and federal partners to tackle this crisis. I welcome the Federal Government's

recent \$11.2 billion investment towards a National Housing Strategy and a renewed commitment to affordable and social housing. To be successful, this funding must be accelerated, distributed based on the need Toronto is facing and that the Province be required to match this funding. We are also awaiting Provincial regulations on Inclusionary Zoning that if done right, can make a huge difference to deliver more affordable housing in Toronto.

The most important thing for me is that as we create housing policy, it is imperative that we look at housing as someone's home and not as a commodity.

Working Hard to Bring Laneway Suites to Toronto

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I have been working with my colleague, Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, Evergreen, and Lanscape to advance the idea of building laneway suites in Toronto. Laneway suites would be small in size (2 stories including the garage), serviced through the main house and not severable.



Over the fall and winter, we held three public consultations where hundreds of people in

Ward 18 and across the city participated and received thousands of online survey responses from people sharing their ideas and the kind of laneway suites they want to see. More information and the consultation summary report can be found at: www.anabailao.ca/lanewaysuites.

Toronto Community Housing

I am pleased to share that after working intensively with our City staff and Toronto Community Housing (TCH), the City will increase its operating subsidy to TCH by 18.2 per cent (\$37.2 million) and TCH will be spending \$250 million to undertake capital repairs in 2017. These are the largest ever investments made into TCH and by the end of 2017, the City/TCH will have allocated over \$1 billion on capital repairs since 2013.

Combatting Homelessness

A home is the best economic and social policy there is and provides a stable foundation to build our lives upon. The newly announced First Step Housing initiative that I have been working on with Councillor Fletcher will help to transform our shelter system into a comprehensive community focused network of housing supports and services for people experiencing homelessness. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Housing Market Affordability

The City brought together a panel of experts and housing stakeholders for a roundtable discussion in March on how to effectively challenge the housing affordability crisis that Toronto is facing. The policy levers available to address rising home prices in the short term rest with the provincial and federal governments and I have been urging them to take action as we work on ways to help increase housing supply. The City will also be taking steps to look into the feasibility and effectiveness of implementing a vacant homes tax to bring more supply into the market.

Rental Affordability

Earlier this month, I co-chaired a historic joint meeting of the Tenant Issues and Affordable Housing Committees with Councillor Matlow to discuss rental affordability in Toronto. The message heard from the public, experts and stakeholders was clear: spiraling rent increases, precarious living conditions and a lack of appropriate rental housing supply is making renting increasingly unaffordable and hurting our City's long term prosperity. In response we have directed our City staff to take action in areas of our responsibility and to work with our housing partners, the province and federal government on ways to address this pressing issues. You can read my Op-Ed with Councillor Matlow on this issue at www.anabailao.ca/rentalaffordability.

Open Door Program

The first call for applications of the City's innovative Open Door Program was released in February 2017 and there has been exceptional interest in the Program. The Program is expected to provide over \$250 million in incentives over the next 5 years, cut red tape and accelerate the construction of new affordable rental and ownership units in partnership with the private and non-profit housing sector.

MOCA Construction Underway!

This February, the Federal government allocated \$5.1 million in grant funding to support the Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto Canada's (MOCA) revitalization of the heritage-designated Tower Automotive Building (Auto BLDG) into a new forum for contemporary art.

The new landmark 55,000 sq ft museum, with artists work spaces and community spaces will anchor the mixed-use revitalization that our community worked hard to achieve on the former industrial lands at 158 Sterling Rd in the Junction Triangle. Construction is well underway inside and outside the building and I look forward to celebrating the museum's opening later this Fall with you!



Great to join Federal Minister of Canadian Heritage Melanie Joly and Davenport MP Julie Dzerowicz in February to welcome a \$5.1 million grant allocation to the Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto Canada (MOCA).

299 Campbell Ave

As you may have noticed, the developer of 299 Campbell Ave has broken ground on the new 12 storey mixed-use building, which was approved by City Council in 2015. The developer has chosen to construct a rental building instead of ownership condominiums, adding some much needed new rental supply to the area. The developer is currently working with City Planning on Site Plan Approval.

City Council in 2015 approved a new Perth-Dupont Library to be included in the base of the new development, applauding our community's innovative approach to library expansion and renewal.

At 10,000 sq ft in size, the new library will be far larger than the current location and design work will be taking place in collaboration with local residents and library users later this year. I look forward to continue sharing their exciting work with you!

Galleria Mall Update

As you may know, in September 2016, the owners of Galleria Mall submitted a formal development application to the City of Toronto. The application proposes a total of 11 buildings, the tallest being 42 storeys containing 3,416 units plus 150 affordable units, 29,912m² of retail to replace the current Galleria Mall, 6,391 m² of office space, a new Wallace-Emerson Community Centre and 25% larger park.

A community meeting was held in March by City Planning, starting the ongoing community consultation and feedback process as part of the formal application review. Many of you commented that the new community centre, pedestrian friendly plan and larger park were positive features. I share with you concerns about height, density, traffic, transit impacts and the need for a range of housing to better achieve a family friendly and inclusive development that fits within the character and context of our neighbourhood.

I will be advocating for the priorities our community has identified and will be working to have these con-



Welcoming residents to the first of many community meetings.

cerns addressed throughout the development review process. I encourage you to sign up for my community e-newsletter updates at www.anabailao.ca/join to stay updated with this proposal and future opportunities to provide feedback.

1025 Dupont St

The City of Toronto has received a formal development application for the vacant lot at the corner of Dupont St and Westmoreland Ave to construct seven 3-storey freehold townhomes on the site. City staff are reviewing documentation submitted by the developer earlier this year and a community consultation meeting was held on April 6, 2017. Thank you to everyone who provided your feedback. City staff will be including your input in their review and I will keep you updated as review process continues.



Artist Rendering of the proposed development at 1025 Dupont St

Bloor-Dovercourt Redevelopment

Last September, the developers of the northwest corner of Bloor St. W. and Dovercourt Rd. (980 – 990 Bloor St. W. & 786 Dovercourt Rd.) hosted a pre-application community meeting at my urging to share their initial ideas and gather input from the community.

Given the amount of community interest with this proposal, a working group comprised of residents, organizations, the Bloorcourt BIA, the developer, myself and City Planning staff was established. The first working group meeting was held in

March and many ideas/concerns were exchanged regarding neighbourhood fit, retail spaces, local parks and the need to respect the rich architectural history along Bloor.

The developer has informed me and the working group that they will be submitting a formal application to City Planning later this spring.

I look forward to working together with you and our community to hopefully have a proposal that integrates well into our community.

243 Perth Ave

The developer of 243 Perth Ave has re-mobilized the site and is expecting to complete construction on the Vestry Building in July 2017 and the Church in September 2017. At the present time City Planning is reviewing Site Plan Amendments, which seek to introduce private patios, 4th floor rear terraces, changes to indoor amenity space and the reconfiguration of units. In response to the concerns of local residents about construction impacts and safety, I worked with City Planning staff, and the developer to establish a construction management plan that will better protect neighbours during construction.



Congratulations to Franco Boni and everyone involved on the successful fundraising campaign and revitalization of Theatre Centre!

Programas Municipais para 2017

A cidade de Toronto oferece ajuda a residentes com baixos rendimentos, idosos e/ou indivíduos com incapacidades através de programas municipais:

Programas de ALÍVIO e/ou CANCELAMENTO DO IMPOSTO IMÓVEL e da ÁGUA

A Cidade oferece assistência a idosos e/ou indivíduos com incapacidades de baixos rendimentos com o custo do imposto imóvel e da água:

- a) Programa de Cancelamento do Aumento do Imposto Imóvel
- b) Programa de Adiamento do Aumento do Imposto Imóvel
- c) Programa de Desconto da Água

Programa HOME ASSISTANCE da Toronto Hydro para proprietários e rendeiros

Este programa ajuda proprietários e rendeiros a tornarem a sua casa energeticamente eficiente, dispendendo menos energia, tornando-se mais fácil gerir os custos da mesma.

Programa HOME WINTER-PROOFING da Enbridge

Este programa irá ajudá-lo a manter a sua casa aquecida e confortável durante todo o Inverno, poupando energia.

Programa Municipal TORONTO RENOVATES HOMEOWNER

Este programa oferece financiamento para idosos de baixo rendimento e/ou indivíduos com incapacidades que queiram efetuar reparações ou modificações tendo em vista a acessibilidade na própria habitação.

Para mais informações, ou para aplicar para estes programas, por favor contacte o meu escritório através do 416 392 7012, ou councillor_bailao@toronto.ca.

Novos Investimentos de Capital apresentados no Orçamento de 2017

O Conselho da cidade de Toronto adotou o orçamento suportado City's 2016 de \$10.5 biliões e o seu orçamento para 10 anos de \$26.5 biliões. O orçamento continua a fornecer os serviços de que os Tortonianos precisam e apresenta um investimento estratégico nas prioridades de melhoramento do trânsito em Toronto, alojamento acessível, cuidados infantis e infraestruturas, só para nomear alguns. O orçamento deste ano reserva 2% de aumento das taxas de propriedade residencial de acordo com a inflação e continuará a manter a acessibilidade para residentes com baixos rendimentos e idosos enquanto que permite à cidade resolver algumas necessidades mais urgentes.

Os investimentos chave incluem \$40 milhões para vários serviços de melhoramentos, mais \$80 milhões adicionais para o TTC e \$37 milhões para o TCHC para ajudar alguns dos residentes em situações mais vulneráveis. Também defendi a melhoria dos serviços de cuidados infantis diretamente com o Mayor e os meus votos ajudaram a que se mantenha o subsidio para as infraestruturas de cuidados infantis e a expansão para 300 novos espaços de

cuidados infantis subsidiados.

Neste ano, também teremos condições para financiar com \$5.8 biliões infraestruturas críticas e projetos de capital, incluindo o SmartTrack, TTC e outras infraestruturas de transportes, reparos nas Biblioteca Pública de Toronto, trabalhos de Port Lands Flood Protection e não só.

O City Council entrou em ação para a necessidade de diversificar as fontes de receita, incluindo a harmonização das taxas de Land Transfer Tax a nível municipal e provincial, estabelecendo um City Building Fund, aguardamos a aprovação da regulamentação das taxas para os hotéis para a colocar em prática e eliminar o desconto de desocupação de longo-termo, o que irá trazer um aumento das receitas e proporcionar um melhoramento na vitalidade das ruas da nossa vizinhança.

Enquanto o governo provincial decidiu não apoiar o plano vital para a cidade colocar portagens e controlar as nossas finanças, eu continuo a defender soluções sustentáveis para que Toronto ultrapasse as suas dificuldades e que ajudem a que se mantenha a prosperidade por muitos anos.

Os terrenos da escola Bloor-Dufferin

O Toronto District School Board (TDSB), vendeu os terrenos da escola da Bloor-Dufferin (Kent e Bloor CI). Desde que a venda foi anunciada, tenho trabalhado arduamente para tornar possível a existência de um centro comunitário neste local.

A 8 de Dezembro de 2016, a Província de Toronto anunciou 20 milhões de dólares em financiamentos para ajudar na construção de uma nova escola secundária e num centro comunitário nesta propriedade.

Para ajudar a comunidade a identificar as prioridades e traçar objectivos para este espaço de 30.000 sq ft, a Cidade e a Província convidaram certas organizações comunitárias para formar um grupo de trabalho voluntário, independente e temporário. O "Community Hub Visioning Group" Este grupo de Visionários afirmou a certeza do seu empenho neste planeamento bem como para desenvolver e potenciar uma administração e um conjunto de serviços para este centro comunitário

na Bloor-Dufferin

O processo está a ser acompanhado por um mediador independente e por funcionários da Cidade e da Província.

Os encontros estão a decorrer bem e o processo do Grupo de Visionários terminará em Maio. Irei num futuro próximo partilhar com vocês a importância dos resultados deste grupo de trabalho.

Do ponto de vista do processo de planeamento urbano, os compradores da propriedade, estão a organizar uma pré-aplicação Open House na Quinta feira dia 13 de Abril das 4 as 8 horas da tarde na Bloor CI (1141 Bloor St West) para vos dar a conhecer as suas ideias iniciais para este local e acolher o vosso contributo e o da comunidade.

Eu juntamente com os funcionários do Planeamento urbano vamos lá estar, e espero também vos encontrar lá para que juntamente possamos partilhar as nossas ideias.

GALLERIA MALL - Actualizações

Como devem ter conhecimento, em Setembro de 2016, os proprietários da Galeria Mall submeteram uma proposta formal de empreendimento à Cidade de Toronto.

Esta aplicação propõe um total de 11 edifícios, tendo o mais alto 42 andares, contendo 3.416 unidades residenciais, acrescentadas de 150 habitações de cariz acessível, 29.912 m2 de espaço para comercial que irá substituir o actual Galleria Mall, 6.391 m2 de espaço para escritórios, um novo Wallace-Emerson Community Centre, e um parque maior 25% em dimensão do já existente.

Uma reunião comunitária foi realizada em março pelo Departamento de Planeamento Urbanístico, dando início ao processo de consulta comunitária como parte integrante da revisão desta proposta formal. Muitos de vós consideraram que um novo centro comunitário, um plano amigável para pedestres e um parque

maior seriam características muito positivas. Eu compartilho convosco preocupações acerca da altura dos edifícios, bem como da sua densidade volumétrica, tráfico e os impactos que o trânsito cria, bem como a necessidade habitacional variada que sirva os propósitos das famílias, que seja um desenvolvimento sustentável e inclusivo, que se enquadre nas características e no contexto da nossa zona.

Eu irei defender os interesses e as prioridades já identificadas, e irei trabalhar com afinco na abordagem de todas estas preocupações no decorrer de todo o desenvolvimento deste processo de revisão. Eu quero encorajar-vos a assinarem e a fazerem actualizações no meu jornal comunitário on-line no www.anabailao.ca/ juntem-se e estejam actualizados acerca desta proposta e também para no futuro poderem contribuir com a sua opinião.



Celebrating Angola Independence Day and Flag Raising at City Hall.



Celebrating this year's Federation of Portuguese-Canadian Businesses & Professionals Scholarship award winners! Parabéns a todos!

STAY IN TOUCH

Visit our community office located at 1240 Bloor Street West (Corner of Bloor and Margueretta) from 10am to 6pm, Wednesday to Friday.

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