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WARD 28 NEWS



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May 15th

JOB FAIR

Please join
Councillor Lucy Troisi
May 15th at the Wellesley
Community Centre

11:30 to 3:30

Don't forget to bring a résumé
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Hello Everyone

I'm Lucy Troisi and I was born and raised in Regent Park. I attended Regent Park and Nelson Mandela P.S. (formerly Park School) and I have lived, worked or volunteered in the ward most of my life. The opportunity to represent the ward in which I was born and raised is genuinely humbling. It is an honour to be your Councillor.

With the sad passing of Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell, I was honoured when City Council elected me to complete her term. Over my 30 years on staff at City Hall, I worked closely with Pam on many projects including the Regent Park redevelopment, Riverdale Farm and the Wellesley Community Centre.

My areas of focus are:

- Children & Youth
- Poverty Reduction
- Affordable Housing
- Seniors
- Newcomers
- Accessibility

Growing up in poverty, I know the value and impact local programs and services have on children and it is important to me that we build healthy and safe communities by ensuring access to educational, recreational and health care opportunities. By sharing ideas, working hard and using my knowledge of the workings of our city - I know we can get things done. I look forward to representing you, your children, businesses and all of our communities in the months to come.

Sunday Hours Coming to Libraries

I am proud that the first thing I changed upon becoming your Councillor was to arrange for the opening of the St. James Town library on Sundays starting in September 2018. The St. James Town Library, located at the Wellesley Community Centre will open on Sundays, joining the Parliament Street Library during the school year (September – June). The library is an important community hub. Access to education is a critical strategy in reducing poverty.



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King Street Transit Pilot Project

In November 2018, the City of Toronto launched the King Street Transit Pilot Project with the aim of changing how King Street works by giving priority to streetcars, pedestrians and cyclists between Jarvis Street and Bathurst Street. The pilot project allows private vehicles to access King Street for one block at a time. Additionally, significant public realm initiatives will be rolled out over the course of the pilot to improve the pedestrian experience on King Street.

King Street is the third busiest transit route in Toronto with more than 65,000 riders per weekday, behind only the Yonge-University and Bloor-Danforth subway lines. The pilot will help determine whether King Street can be made more efficient by getting more people to their destinations faster, what works and what doesn't work, and the impact of such changes on the economic prosperity in the pilot area and beyond.



Toronto Island Flood Mitigation

In 2018, the City of Toronto is investing \$2 million to repair and upgrade critical infrastructure, and manage water levels on Toronto Island, to ensure the islands and waterfront are open for all to enjoy this summer.

Residents and businesses on the islands showed remarkable strength during the stressful 2017 season. Everyone worked tirelessly alongside our Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to minimize the impact of the flooding on Toronto's crown jewel - Toronto Island Park.

Despite these efforts, significant damage was done to the shoreline, parks, trails, as well as public and private infrastructure on the island which will need to be repaired.

During 2018, significant planning will be undertaken to identify long-term flood mitigation measures that can be put in place to protect the shoreline and structures against future high water level events. In 2019, we will begin implementing these measures and rehabilitate and remediate the damaged infrastructure.



City Parks Ambassadors – Council Votes Yes

I worked hard to create the City Parks Ambassador program when I was Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and I worked hard to get it back on track when staff levels decreased significantly. Council voted to increase the Parks, Forestry and Recreation operating budget by \$350,000 to better meet service needs in 2018 by adding one additional permanent, full time Parks Ambassador, plus three seasonal positions - increasing all seasonal positions from six to nine months.

Started in 2003, Parks Ambassadors began working to foster good relationships with homeless and street involved individuals and establish effective communication between homeless communities, social agencies and city departments.

The need for more outreach staff is clear. In 2017, the Parks Ambassadors logged over 14,000 work actions and made over 700 referrals to the Streets to Homes program.

Additional staff will help provide support to the downtown wards and continue to extend the Parks Ambassador services city-wide, where we know many vulnerable residents need our support.



Councillor Lucy Troisi and City of Toronto

COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENT DAY

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Lower Sherbourne Park | Along Frederick St. | south of The Esplanade

St. James Town Community Pool – Continued Vision

The new pool will be an important new addition to the St. James Town neighbourhood. The pool will include features for all age groups and users – lanes for lap swimming, a warm water pool, a shallow area for children and new swimmers, as well as a wall structure for older kids to jump from! The aquatic centre will be completed and ready to open to the public in late 2019 or early 2020.

Corktown Parks

The Corktown community has worked together well over the past several years to make significant improvements to local parks and open spaces. Following productive community consultations, the detailed design plans are now complete for the rejuvenation of Sackville Playground. Contractors will begin mobilizing on the site this spring to begin work.

Riverdale Park Wading Pool

In January, I attended an excellent community meeting at the Kiwanis Club and we discussed the wading pool in Riverdale Park West which is scheduled to be rebuilt during the fall of 2018. There was considerable feedback from residents of all ages. I'm pleased that the wading pool will be upgraded with a unique organic-shaped surface providing multiple depths of water for children of all ages to enjoy.

St. James Town Community Improvement Plan

The St. James Town community improvement plan will guide future public realm improvements to the streetscape, parks and open spaces. The initial priorities will focus along Ontario Street and St. James Avenue including proper sidewalks, garbage enclosures, children's play areas, and a space for open-air markets and community events. Toronto Planning & Development is currently developing the project with significant community input and the project is expected to be submitted to City Council for consideration later this spring. St. James Town is back on the map!

Fair TTC Pass

One of the pillars of the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy is moving toward equity for public transit users. The strategy recommends options to make transit more affordable for low-income residents and in particular the Fair TTC Pass.

Beginning in March 2018, clients of the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works are eligible for the discount. In March 2019, low-income residents who are receiving housing supports or child care subsidies will be included in the program. In March 2020, all other low-income Toronto residents will become eligible.

Riverdale Farm / Simpson House

Adjacent to Riverdale Park West, the Simpson House in Riverdale Farm is being renovated in 2018. This historic building on the Farm property will be fully restored to create a new Welcome Centre to enhance the Riverdale Farm experience. The exterior of the house will not be altered. For more information and updates, please visit riverdalefarmtoronto.ca.

Ontario Electricity Support Program – Do You Qualify?

The Ontario Electricity Support Program offers credits for households and units that have sub-meters, including rental properties. The income eligibility thresholds for some household sizes increased in May 2017 and you might be eligible.

Visit ontarioelectricitysupport.ca/FAQ or call 1-855-831-8151 or 211 for more details.

North Market

Guided by the North St. Lawrence Market Heritage Interpretation Plan, incorporated in the building will be opportunities to showcase the history of the site and display items found during the project. Once completed, the North Market building will have an improved space for vendors, visitors and shoppers in the public market, traffic courts on the upper levels and underground parking below. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

Tenants First

The first phase of "Tenants First" was adopted by City Council in January 2018. The goal of the Tenants First implementation plan is to lay out a vision where Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) focuses on being a social housing landlord, where buildings are in a good state of repair, and tenants are connected to appropriate services and active participants in their communities. This phase lays out a process to transfer ownership and operation of TCHC houses and rooming houses to non-profit housing providers with experience serving vulnerable tenants while providing the necessary wrap-around supports for tenants who need additional help.

To learn more, www.toronto.ca/tenantsfirst or call 311.



Community Matters with the Mayor



Skating for everyone in Regent Park



Breakfast at Community Corner with Ravi



With the Kids at the Cabbagetown Youth Centre - CYC!



International Women's Day with some awesome women



Black History Month Celebration



With Gretchen Daniels at Dixon Hall Fundraiser



Neighbourhood Grant Program

Grants of \$1,000 - \$3,000 are available to activate neighbourhoods and advance the Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy 2020 (TSNS 2020)

- Only resident-led groups from 31 NIAs and 8 Emerging Neighbourhood (ENs) are eligible to apply (not open to businesses, registered not-for-profits, or social enterprises).
- The funded event or activity is to be held between July 15 – December 31, 2018.
- Funding is available for one-time events or activities held in one of the NIAs or ENs.
- The funded event or activity must be free and open to all.
- The Online Application Form is available after April 3.
- Application deadline is May 4.

Grants help the City of Toronto achieve its social, economic and cultural goals for its residents. The City's goals are better achieved by supporting the work of organizations that are closer to the communities they serve.

Please feel free to contact me at 416-392-7916 or councillor_troisi@toronto.ca for additional information.



Pam McConnell Award For Young Women In Leadership



Say hello to my superstar protégé, Farhana Islam. Farhana attended school and lives in Regent Park. She is going to be working in our office to research health, policy and community development in Regent Park. Farhana has a Masters degree and is currently working toward her PhD in Pharmaceutical Research at the University of Toronto. Farhana is an accomplished and wonderful example of the many good stories coming out of Regent Park every day.

The Pam McConnell Award for Young Women in Leadership is designed to give young women the opportunity to experience political life and to recognize the exceptional leadership of young women in the City of Toronto.

Reporting Crime to Police is Important!!!

On February 22, I attended the Toronto Police Services board meeting along with key community stakeholders including various associations, BIAs, Parks Ambassadors, Residents, TCHC, my staff and a variety of community members. It was great to see everybody working together with a common goal of increasing safety for everyone in the ward. The most significant take away for me was the importance of reporting all mischief, poor behaviour and petty crime. It may not seem like a very big deal at the time but this information is vital to police when they allocate resources and assign officers. A perfect example of this was the recent wave of vandalism in Cabbagetown. Without the many reports from residents, Toronto Police would not have been able to identify patterns and eventually lay charges against two men.

10 Things to know about Lucy

- Born and raised in Regent Park
- Formerly the Executive Director of the Cabbagetown Youth Centre (CYC)
- Worked in City Hall for 30 years
- Passionate about services for Youth
- Community Builder
- Currently lives in Cabbagetown
- She is a Mom of a wonderful boy
- Advocate for mental health
- Lucy loves chocolate
- She is a figure skater, boxer and her running route includes St. James Town, Cabbagetown and Regent Park – say hi if you see her running!

Major Capital Plans for Ward 28

- Sackville Playground Revitalization.
- 48 Power St: New public park - design work and consultation to take place in 2018.
- St. James Park Revitalization: Phase 1 construction begins spring.
- David Crombie Park Revitalization Plan: Consultation begins June 2018.
- Jack Layton Ferry Terminal Revitalization: Phase 1– Scheduled completion is April 2018.
- York 'offramp' Park Design: Design competition is underway.
- Lower Yonge Street Community Centre: Consultation underway.
- Simpson House Renewal.
- Riverdale Park West Splash Pad.



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