

**Dear neighbours,**

As this newsletter lands on your doorstep, the leaves are beginning to change and fall is in the air. It's one of my favourite times in Don Valley North and reminds me of just how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the city.

A year ago, I was writing to you to share that I'd just been appointed Budget Chief. When I accepted this role, I knew it meant working tirelessly to ensure your hard-earned property tax dollars are being spent effectively and for maximum impact. I worked with staff to find over \$600 million in savings in advance of the 2024 Budget—the most ever found in a single year.

I also engaged with thousands of neighbours and Torontonians through in-person Budget consultations, Telephone Town Halls, and more. What I heard in every setting was that you want things to get better here in Toronto. You want to be able to rely on our roads and our transit system, to afford living here, and to feel safe in your community. You want to see garbage bins emptied and our parks kept in good condition. You want Toronto to get back on track.

I know that my Council colleagues and I asked you to make a significant investment in our city this year. I'm proud to report that those investments are paying off.

We're hiring hundreds more police officers, firefighters, and paramedics to reduce emergency response times and keep you safe. We've increased safety on our transit system with more staff present across the system. We've also made key investments in areas like long-term care and public libraries to support the overall well-being of Torontonians.

As we approach the 2025 Budget, I am reviewing every department's budget carefully to identify more opportunities for savings wherever possible. And just like last year, I want to hear from you. There are details on how to get involved on the back page of this newsletter.

I'll also be writing about this year's Budget process in detail in my weekly E-Blast and sharing more opportunities to engage. Subscribe at shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe to stay up-to-date on the Budget and all of the biggest issues affecting our city and our neighbourhood here in Don Valley North.

Sincerely,

Shelley

Want more information
on anything here?
Call 416-338-2650

**Parks & Environment****Dogs Off-Leash Areas**

We have two dogs off-leash areas (OLAs) in the works here in Don Valley North. Staff are finally set to proceed with the construction of the new OLA in **Parkway Forest Park**. I want to thank the community members who engaged in the consultations for this project back in 2020 and 2021. This dog park will be located south of the school parking lot and will include additional park upgrades like a new pathway, benches, a water bottle filling station, and more. Learn more about the project at toronto.ca/parkway-forest.

City staff will soon be consulting the community for a proposed OLA at **Old Sheppard Park**. This project was voted on by the neighbourhood in a past Participatory Budgeting process, and I am glad we're moving forward to gather more community feedback. You'll be able to find the consultation details at toronto.ca/OldSheppardOLA in the coming weeks.

Betty Sutherland Trail

A portion of the **Betty Sutherland Trail** is closed due to work along Highway 401 being completed by the Provincial Ministry of Transportation. The closure is scheduled to be in place until 2026 and has made journeys significantly more dangerous for hundreds of pedestrians and cyclists. I moved a motion at City Council last year requesting that the Province explore solutions to provide a safe alternative for trail users. Unfortunately, City Council has not seen any substantial progress from the Province on this issue over the past year. Rest assured I will keep advocating for a safer alternative for our community.

East Don Ravine

Work is progressing nicely in the **East Don Ravine**. The primary goal of this work is to increase local sewer capacity to serve our growing community along Sheppard Avenue. The City has also bundled in essential erosion control work to protect the riverbed and make this project as efficient as possible. A small portion of the trail is closed until December 2025. Learn more at toronto.ca/EastDonRiver.

Development Updates

Toronto City Planning is considering a number of significant development applications here in Don Valley North, including applications at:

- Fairview Mall (1800 Sheppard Ave E)
- Sheppard & Bayview YMCA (567 Sheppard Ave E)
- Canadian Tire Lands (1001 & 1125 Sheppard Ave E)

I regularly share updates on these developments and more through my weekly E-Blast, so be sure to subscribe for updates. You can also find comprehensive information on all of these applications and more at the City's Application Information Centre: toronto.ca/AIC. If you have questions about a specific project, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Transportation

New: Bike Share in Don Valley North



Bike Share Toronto is now available in Don Valley North! Bike Share is steadily expanding into the inner suburbs, providing more options for active transportation. We now have seven brand-new stations along Sheppard Avenue and up Don Mills Road towards Finch Avenue. These are our first-ever stations, and I look forward to this program expanding in the years to come. Visit bikesharetoronto.com to see a map of locations and learn more about this great program.

Sheppard Line Extension

The Provincial government has completed multiple community consultations on the **Sheppard Line Extension**. I joined both consultations here in Don Valley North and heard our community call for a subway. I have been advocating to expedite this much-needed subway since the Province first announced the project back in 2019. I hope to see the Province commit to and deliver this project for our growing communities in North York and Scarborough. You can learn more at metrolinx.com/sheppard.

Permanent Speed Camera



The City has 75 **Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras** located in Community Safety Zones across Toronto. These cameras have proved to be highly effective in reducing speeding, which is especially important around our schools. So far, the program has rotated the location of these cameras every three to six months. We now have a permanent ASE camera coming to the north side of Sheppard Avenue East, west of Don Mills Road. Be sure to watch your speed heading westbound as you move through the intersection and start down the hill towards St. Timothy Catholic School. You can learn more about the program and find a map of ASE locations at toronto.ca/ASE.

Upcoming Events

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Pre-Budget Consultations

Saturday, October 19th, 12:00 - 3:00 PM
North York Memorial Hall (5110 Yonge St.)

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Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Virtual

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Wednesday, October 30th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Virtual

The 2025 Budget is right around the corner. I'm working with Mayor Chow and the City's Chief Financial Officer to ensure we hear your priorities for the year ahead.

There are several ways to get involved. You can join an in-person meeting, including one at North York Memorial Hall. You can also join a virtual consultation or participate in an online survey. Find the full list of dates and other ways to get involved at toronto.ca/budget.

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Community Safety Town Hall

Tuesday, October 22nd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Fairview Public Library Theatre

My office is partnering with our local Toronto Police Division 33 to host a Community Safety Town Hall. Join us to discuss important issues affecting our community and learn helpful safety information. No registration required.

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Flooding Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 29th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Pleasant View Community Centre

Do you want to learn more about steps you can take to protect your property from flooding? Join me and Toronto Water staff as we debrief important information about the July 16th storm and share helpful resources about flooding mitigation programs in the City. No registration required.

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Seniors Information Day

Friday, November 29th, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Pleasant View Community Centre

This drop-in event will help connect you with seniors services within our ward and across the City. Seniors can look forward to an informative afternoon learning about all the great health, wellness, and safety services available to support your well-being. Light refreshments will be served.

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Winter Bash!

Saturday, January 11th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
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Save the date! My office will be hosting a Winter Bash with fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, including ice skating, s'mores making, and so much more!