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Presidents Report

Henry Farm celebrates 60 years in 2022

2022 is the 60th Anniversary of Henry Farms. A community that we are proud to call home. We hope that the pandemic is behind us, and we can celebrate our 60th Anniversary with our neighbours without many restrictions. We have 2 celebrations planned for this year. The first celebrations would be at Neighbours night out on Tuesday June 21, 2022. We plan to celebrate in the premises outside St. Mathews Church with music and fun activities with a 60's theme. The format will be based on covid restrictions at that time. The 2nd celebration will take the form of Gala Night dinner dance being planned for the latter part of the year (Late October /early November 2022). This event will be planned if there are no covid restrictions at that time.

Thanks to our local artist/HFCIA committee member Joseph Ceneda for his excellent work on our 60th anniversary logo!

Sheppard Avenue East Reconstruction. Could It Create Chaos on Sheppard?

City is planning to reconstruct Sheppard Avenue East From Bonnington (Close to Yonge Street) to Brian drive from 2022 to 2024. HFCIA is concerned about the design concept of reconstruction as the design plans to add dedicated Bike lanes at the expense of reducing vehicle lanes and vehicle turning lanes. With a serious vehicle traffic problem due to the current volume of traffic and worsening in the future due to continued growth of high-rise development on Sheppard corridor, HFCIA is concerned that this design concept could create chaos on Sheppard. Further, Traffic Congestion on Sheppard Avenue will result in Traffic infiltration to Neighbourhood streets. The details of city plans and actions the residence can take are articulated in this newsletter. HFCIA look forward to receiving our resident's feedback including completion of the survey on the last page of this newsletter and taking the necessary action. Please take the time to complete the following survey by circling your answer, writing your name and address on the sheet and dropping it off in the mailbox at 25 Parfield Drive or email: president@henryfarm.ca before March 20, 2022

Social Activities

Our Social activities during this winter and Spring have been curtailed by the Pandemic. However, our Social Chair Lily Jarvis was able to organize a Valentine Hot Chocolate Bomb Gifting event successfully with 81 participants. We thank her for her innovative idea and have a successful event during the pandemic. We look forward to seeing everyone out at NNO in June.

Namby Vithiananthan, President

This year's Toronto neighbourhoods' spring cleanup is scheduled for April 22 to 24, 2022. Henry Farm will be holding it April 23rd before the afternoon tennis open house and bike sale.

Come join us at the corner of Havenbrook and Don Mills at 10 am. Garbage bags and treats will be supplied. If interested contact Jonathan Mousley at j_mousley@hotmail.com

Look forward to seeing you!



HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Neighbours Night Out
June 21st, 2022

Tennis Opening
April 23rd, 2022

**Wheels Sale and
Neighbourhood clean-up**
April 23rd, 2022

Thanksgiving Food Parade
Oct 9th, 2022

60th Anniversary Gala
October 2022

AGM
November 1st, 2022

BEWARE! SPEAK UP! CHAOS COMING TO SHEPPARD AVENUE EAST

APPROVED CYCLING NETWORK

Many residents in Henry Farm may not be aware that on December 15, 2021, City Council approved a master plan for bike lanes in Toronto. As part of this plan, dedicated bike lanes were approved for Sheppard Ave. E. and Don Mills Rd., for design and construction in 2022 – 2024, as per the following table. Please note, currently Don Mills Rd. has one dedicated lane each way for Bus /HOV.

2022-2024 NEAR TERM CYCLING PROGRAM APPROVED NEAR HENRY FARM ON 12/15/2021

Street	From	To	Activity
Sheppard Ave. E.	Bonnington Pl.	Bayview Ave.	Construction in 2022
Sheppard Ave. E.	Bayview Ave.	Betty Sutherland Trail	Complete Design for 2023-2024 Construction
Sheppard Ave. E.	Betty Sutherland Trail	Brian Dr.	Complete Design for 2024+ Construction
Don Mills Rd.	Van Horne Ave.	Esterbrooke Ave.	Secondary Priority for 2022-2024
Don Mills Rd.	Helen Lu Rd.	York Mills Rd.	Secondary Priority for 2022-2024

The Cycling Network is being built based on Transform TO's ambitious goal that active transportation (cycling and walking) will account for 75% of all trips under 5 km citywide by 2050. It begs the question, is this a realistic goal for Suburban North Toronto?

Link to the approved City-wide Cycling Network map

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-173667.pdf>

Link to details of City-wide Near-Term Cycling Projects

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-173666.pdf>

In addition to these impacts, Councillor Shelley Carroll, as a board member of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), moved a motion on February 25, 2020, for TTC staff to study and report back on a dedicated bus lane along Sheppard Avenue East, between the Leslie TTC Station/future Oriole GO and the Agincourt GO station.

SHEPPARD AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION WITH DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES AND REDUCTION IN VEHICULAR LANES

The city presented a design for Sheppard Avenue E. Road Reconstruction on December 7, 2021. The design shows where dedicated bicycle lanes are being planned for Sheppard Avenue E., resulting in the reduction of vehicle traffic lanes, centre and right-hand turn lanes. This could be detrimental to the flow of vehicle traffic on this section of Sheppard Avenue E. which is currently used (as per city data from 2016) by 40,000 vehicles a day. The current use of bicycles is between 3 and 300 per day.

If you wish to see the detailed design on Sheppard Avenue East Reconstruction, please go to the following link <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/9451-Sheppard-Willowdale-Public-Mtg-120321-FINAL-web-1206Accessible.pdf>

Members of the HFCIA Executive have spent extensive time reviewing the current plans for the section of Sheppard Ave. E. from Bonnington Pl. to Leslie and have summarized the changes to vehicular lanes in "Exhibit A" attached.

This section of Sheppard Avenue E. is a major arterial road in the city, on a subway corridor with unprecedented residential housing development and a growing traffic problem. It is also an overflow road when Highway 401 is congested. We are all aware that current traffic congestion is a serious problem at the Sheppard Avenue E. intersections at Bayview, Leslie, Don Mills and Highway 404. Further, Traffic Congestion on Sheppard Avenue will result in Traffic infiltration to Neighbourhood streets.

In 2022, the city estimates a potential of 3,000-9,500 cyclists per day on Sheppard Ave. E., after the dedicated bicycle lanes are installed. This is an enormous growth projection for bicycle use based on the 2016 data of 3 to 300 bicycles per day! We question decisions based on this data from 2016. Why is the city building dedicated bicycle lanes using these unrealistic assumptions, while reducing vehicular lanes used by 40,000+ vehicles and growing?

HFCIA would like to see a design for Sheppard Avenue East that maintains the existing roadway for vehicular traffic, makes improvements for increased vehicular traffic in the future on this stretch of Sheppard Ave E., while addressing safety concerns of cyclists and pedestrians.

HFCIA NEEDS RESIDENT'S INPUT BEFORE CITY COUNCIL FINALIZES SHEPPARD AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

1. Complete Survey on Last Page of Newsletter: to assess residents current and future bicycle use if dedicated bike lanes are built on Sheppard Avenue East and support to build dedicated bike lanes at the expense of reducing vehicle lanes
2. Attend a virtual public meeting to be held in March 2022 (we will email date when notified) where the city will present a preferred design and there will be an opportunity to give your feedback.
3. Email city Councillors on the Infrastructure and Environment Committee before March 20th, 2022

City staff is planning to present the first phase of the Sheppard Avenue East Reconstruction project from Bonnington Place to Bayview Avenue, to the Toronto City Council Infrastructure and Environment Committee for approval on March 29, 2022.

Infrastructure & Environment Committee Councillors:

Jennifer McKelvie (Chair), Mike Colle, Mike Layton, Denzil Minnan-Wong, James Pasternak, Anthony Perruzza

When you email Infrastructure & Environment Committee Councillors, we ask you to include a copy to Councillor Carroll, Mayor Tory and to the president@henryfarm.ca (to assess the response by the residents). Email addresses are provided below

Email : councillor_mckelvie@toronto.ca; councillor_colle8@toronto.ca; councillor_layton@toronto.ca; councillor_minnan-wong@toronto.ca; councillor_pasternak@toronto.ca; councillor_perruzza@toronto.ca; mayor_tory@toronto.ca; councillor_carroll@toronto.ca president@henryfarm.ca

HFCIA will submit survey results of resident's view and advocate at the council meeting on behalf of the residents

EXHIBIT A CITY PROPOSED DESIGN FOR SHEPPARD AVENUE E. RECONSTRUCTION CHANGES TO SHEPPARD AVE. E. VEHICULAR LANES: BONNINGTON PL. TO LESLIE St.

Section	Segment	Result
Bonnington to Willowdale		Centre lane eliminated. 4 lanes narrowed
Sheppard & Willowdale		5 lanes narrowed
Willowdale to Alfred		Centre lane eliminated. 4 lanes narrowed
Wilfred to Hycrest		5 lanes narrowed
Hycrest to Clairtell		Westbound lanes reduced from 3 to 2
Clairtell to Bayview		Westbound lanes reduced from 3 to 2. 7 lanes narrowed
Sheppard & Bayview	East Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated. Eastbound no change
Sheppard & Bayview	West Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated. Eastbound 1 lane eliminated, Right turn lane added.
Sheppard & Barberry	East Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated. Eastbound 1 lane eliminated.
Sheppard & Barberry	West Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated. Eastbound 1 lane eliminated.
Sheppard & Hawkesbury	East Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated. Eastbound no change.
Sheppard & Hawkesbury	West Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated; Eastbound 1 lane eliminated.
Sheppard & Greenbrier	East Side	Westbound no change; Eastbound no change.
Sheppard & Greenbrier	West Side	Westbound no change; Eastbound 1 lane eliminated.
Sheppard & Blue Ridge	East Side	Westbound no change; Eastbound no change.
Sheppard & Blue Ridge	West Side	Westbound merge lane eliminated ;Eastbound no change.
Sheppard at Canadian Tire		No Change
Sheppard & Provost	East Side	Westbound no change; Eastbound 1 lane eliminated.
Sheppard & Provost	West Side	Westbound no change; Eastbound no change.
Sheppard & Leslie	East Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated; Eastbound 1 lane eliminated
Sheppard & Leslie	West Side	Westbound 1 lane eliminated; Eastbound 1 lane eliminated

Wheels Sale!

Saturday April 23, 2022 10am-12 noon, Henry Farm Tennis Club

Do you have a bicycle, tricycle, scooter or skateboard that you no longer need? Then bring it to the Henry Farm Wheels Sale! This is a chance to pass on your wheels to someone who will use them (and you will regain some space in your garage). Bicycles for both adults and children are welcome. Just drop off your item(s) between 9:45 and 10am on April 23 and provide your name, telephone number and selling price. We will do the rest!

If you are looking for a bicycle, tricycle, scooter or skateboard for yourself or your child to enjoy this spring, come to the tennis courts on April 23 between 10am and noon, and check out the deals! Come early for the best selection!

Please note:

- All items offered for sale will have the high touch surfaces (eg. handlebars) disinfected.
- CASH or e-transfer only!
- A small commission will be charged, with proceeds going to the HFCIA.
- All wheeled items other than strollers are welcome.
- Rain Date is Sunday April 24, 2022

For further information, please contact Laura Norris at laura.norris1421@gmail.com, or call 416-498-0854.

Attention High School Students!

Two volunteers are needed to help with the Wheels Sale on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Duties include:

- setting up and dismantling (table and chairs)
- accepting items for sale, labelling them, and recording the seller's information
- assisting buyers with the selection of items
- collecting payment from buyers and recording the transaction
- paying the sellers at the conclusion of the sale

Get involved in your community and collect community service hours!

If you are interested, please contact Laura Norris at laura.norris1421@gmail.com or 416-498-0854.

OUTDOOR TENNIS SEASON BECKONS... COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN!

If you are tired of shovelling snow or being frozen out of physical activity, there's hope and sunshine on the cards, as spring and outdoor tennis is just around the corner. The Henry Farm Tennis Club (HFTC) at Havenbrook Park is gearing up for a very ambitious program calendar, commencing end April 2022.

There will be **all things Tennis** on offer **for all age groups, all gender and all skill levels**. We have expanded some of last year's popular programs, added new ones and even strengthened our roster of coaches. **Stuart Perkins, Tennis Canada, Certified Coach 2, will join Head Pro Ed Wilson and John Mowat.**

As you are aware, thanks to the overwhelming support of Henry Farmers, the City has also agreed to do a makeover of the courts this year by allocating funds from Section 37 funds and through a participatory budgeting process under the supervision of Parks and Recreation. We shall keep you posted on when the work will actually be implemented.

Based on last year's membership, we expect membership and program spots to fill up quickly. To avoid disappointment, please enrol online right away and take advantage of the **early bird discount: <http://hftc.ca>**

For more information on our spring, summer and fall programs including membership and competitive pricing, please visit our website. Here's a quick snap shot of the programs on offer:

JUNIORS:

- **NEW!** Points Race on Fridays during May and June; and during September and October.
- **NEW!** Summer Weekend Program during July and August – Saturday afternoon only
- **NEW!** High Performance Program for advanced Juniors based on coach's assessment – initially offered on Tuesday and Friday evenings in May and June, extendable based on interest
- Spring Program from end April to end June – after-school sessions of 90 minutes each
- Summer Camp from end June to early September – 3-hour half-day or 6-hour full-day options
- Fall Program from early September to mid-October – after-school sessions of 90 minutes each

ADULTS:

- **FREE** Refresher Clinic – Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm on May 3rd, 10th and 17th maximum 36 participants
- **NEW!** Doubles Clinic – Fridays 8pm-10pm during May and June; extendable if sufficient interest
- **NEW!** Ladies' Clinic – Tuesday mornings and Friday evenings during May and June; extendable if sufficient interest
- **NEW!** Cardio Tennis – general fitness for all ages on Sunday mornings during May and June; extendable if sufficient interest
- Doubles House League – Wednesdays, May to September 7pm to 9 pm
- Singles House League – Mondays, May to September 7 pm to 10 pm
- Inter-club leagues: ICTA Mixed and +55 Leagues; NYTA Men's and Mixed Leagues +40 – competitive tennis representing the club played both at home courts and away at other clubs.

Remember, enrolment is only available through our website <http://hftc.ca>. We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting outdoor season of tennis. The ball is now in your court!

Vijay Kandeth, VP and Communications Director
Henry Farm Tennis Club

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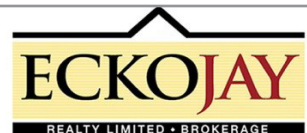


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Shelley Carroll Councillor Ward 17

I know we had some real problems with snow clearing this year. My team and I heard from many of you who were left with blocked driveways and uncleared sidewalks, sometimes for weeks. I've been very vocal at City Council about the shortcomings of contracting out our snow clearing services, and I supported Council's decision to commission a full report from Transportation Services on the response to the January storm. We have to make sure our new contractors who start next year are better prepared for these major snow events.

Soon, the City will be consulting with the community on a proposed Housing Now site at 251 Esther Shiner Boulevard, steps away from Leslie Station. The Mayor's Housing Now initiative seeks to develop mixed-use, mixed-income affordable housing on City-owned sites across the city. Check my E-Blast for details on the first community meeting taking place in a few months.

The Oriole GO Station will soon be co-located with Leslie TTC station. This Metrolinx project will create a stronger integrated transit hub just as the development around Leslie station begins to build out. I'm working with the City's Transit Expansion Office to make sure that this project is prioritized to take pressure off of our increasingly crowded Line 1. I'll continue to share all updates with the community.

I'm sure many of you have seen the work in the East Don Parkland to ensure our infrastructure keeps pace with our growing community. We're still in Phase 1 of a four- to five-year project, with crews currently focusing on removing the concrete weir and improving sewer connections.

For updates on all of these projects and more, be sure to subscribe to my weekly E-Blast at shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.



Shelley Carroll
City Councillor – Don Valley North

Henry Farm supporting NYGH!

The pandemic has profoundly affected our communities and continues to be a very difficult time for health care workers, patients and families.

HFCIA updated our signage behind NYGH to show continued support for our community hospital and their hardworking team. Karyn Popovich (President of NYGH) and Steve O'Keefe of the HF association were there to celebrate the new sign install.



Shelley Carroll's Town Hall Budget Meeting

On January 26, 2022 I attended Shelley Carroll's virtual Budget Meeting on behalf of the Henry Farm Community Interest Association. The City's Budget Director, Stephen Conforti, provided a summary Toronto's Operating and Capital Budgets which was very general. If you are interested, a copy of his and Shelley's presentation can be found at the Henry Farm website.

Following this presentation, Shelley Carroll spoke. Of particular interest to Henry Farm, she said the storm water project at the north-west corner of Leslie & Sheppard will continue in 2022 and the design and repaving of Sheppard from Bonnington to Bayview including improved sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes will be completed in 2022. The design work for the reconstruction of Sheppard Ave. E. from Bayview to Leslie to include improved sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes is to be completed in 2022 with construction to begin in 2023.

In reference to the Participatory Budget projects selected at Havenbrook Park last summer, Shelley announced that the tennis court resurfacing will be completed as part of the 2022 Capital Budget. Shelley said the design of the new playground equipment will be completed in 2022 after public input for construction in 2023.

Jim Kitchen

Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive.

In December, St Matthews Church sponsored a "Reverse Advent Calendar" Food Drive. Perhaps you've seen an "Advent Calendar" counting down to Christmas with little doors behind each day with a small chocolate as a gift this is the opposite. Rather than getting a small treat each day you were asked to donate a different food item. We are happy to report the Reverse Advent Calendar event gathered 315 pounds of food for the Oriole Foodspace. A large THANK YOU to the many Henry Farmers as well as St Matthew parishioners for their contributions into the bin outside the church's door.

The Oriole Foodspace, at Oriole Community Centre is our local Foodbank. Open parts of two days a week, the Foodspace serves about 2500 people in a month according to Daffodil Davis daffodil@northyorkharvest.com the manager. There is a wide range of volunteer opportunities people might look into: lisa@northyorkharvest.com

The Food Space is more than a foodbank, it's: partners include Working Women Community Centre and Flemingdon Health Centre. Food preparation workshops and connections to local supports including furniture and rent banks are also available.

Kyn Barker
Deacon, St Matthew the Apostle.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Daylight Savings Time arrives on Sunday, March 13th. That's good news. It signals the start of Spring and more time to enjoy being outside in the evenings. It is also Safety Check time. Check batteries in your smoke alarms. Test to ensure they are working correctly. When you have your annual furnace service done, ask that the Carbon Monoxide Device be checked. This is the best time to remind family members of the Safety Procedures you have in place, should an emergency occur and alarms go off.

Use of Fireworks in Henry Farm: We heard concerns expressed about the use of fireworks on private property and in the streets for various celebrations in Henry Farm. The City of Toronto has very clear guidelines on the purchase and use of fireworks. Please visit their website (https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_466.pdf). The bylaw regulates the use and sale of fireworks in Toronto. Fireworks are banned in City parks and on beaches. Do NOT set off fireworks in a street, a parking lot or any private property that is not your own. You can set off fireworks on your private property without a permit only on Victoria Day and Canada Day. **You will need a permit to set off fireworks on all other days.**

Contact 311 to report use of fireworks in a City park or beach, a street or parking lot, illegal sale and possible misuse of fireworks.

At this point in time, the City is exploring limits on how the public can buy and use fireworks.

(https://www.toronto.ca/?page_id=652689)

You are invited to share your concerns by February 22, 2022, via email to MLSFeedback@toronto.ca.

Vehicle Theft News: Several councillors have put forward a motion to request the Toronto Police Service take greater action against car thefts in Toronto. It is noted as a growing concern in Don Valley North, on streets and in parking garages. The motion asks TPS to re-establish a dedicated unit for auto thefts and calls on the province to establish a task force to fight this issue. Please lock your cars in the driveway and put them in your garage, if possible.

Criminal Activity in Henry Farm: There was a home break in on Elfindale Crescent over Christmas. The home was entered through the front door and the house was ransacked. The owners were away at the time. One of the most important things we can do is notify neighbours/friends when we leave our property, even for a few days. Having someone keep an eye on your home is vital. Leave lights on, have someone pick up mail and papers, install a security system and consider a video doorbell. Lights on timers and good perimeter lighting are deterrents to intruders.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch/Police Liaison

Current & Future Bicycle Use Survey for Sheppard Avenue East

Survey Purpose

The City of Toronto has presented design concepts for reconstruction of Sheppard Avenue from 2022 to 2024 from Bonnington Ave which is East of Yonge Street to Leslie Street with dedicated Bicycle lanes by reducing vehicle traffic lanes and turning lanes based on the city's assumption/goal that active transportation (cycling and walking) will account for 75% of trips under 5 km citywide by 2050.

This survey is being conducted in Henry Farm to assess current and future Bicycle use if dedicated bike lanes are built on Sheppard Avenue East and their support to build Dedicated Bike Lanes at the expense of reducing Vehicle lanes which are currently used by 40,000 vehicles a day.

Please take the time to complete the following survey by circling your answer, writing your name and address on the sheet and drop it off in the mailbox at 25 Parfield Drive or email president@henryfarm.ca **before March 20, 2022.**

Survey Questions

1. What is your primary mode of travel on Sheppard Ave. East. between Leslie Street and Yonge Street?
 - a. Car (as a driver or passenger)
 - b. Public transit
 - c. Bike
 - d. Walk
 - e. Not applicable
2. Do you currently ride a bicycle
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. Do you ride a bicycle for
 - a. Recreation
 - b. Other (ie. work, shopping, commuting)
4. Do you plan to ride a bicycle in the future
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. Do you use a bicycle to travel on Sheppard Ave. East?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. Would you cycle on Sheppard Ave. East. more frequently if there were dedicated bicycle lanes?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
7. If construction of dedicated bicycle lanes as part of the Sheppard Ave. East. Reconstruction resulted in the loss of traffic lanes and turning lanes on parts of Sheppard Ave. E. between Yonge St. & Leslie St., would you support it?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Names:

Address:

Signature:
