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Executive's Report

Welcome to Fall!

We hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer. As we head into another busy season in Henry Farm, we're looking forward to bringing neighbours together through community events, activities, and updates throughout the year.

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the Henry Farmers who came out to Neighbours Night Out in June, and to everyone who joined or renewed their HFCIA membership for 2026/27. Your membership supports the events, newsletter, website, and other initiatives that keep our neighbourhood connected. Members also exclusively receive our monthly email with news and important neighbourhood updates. It's not too late to join! Visit www.henryfarm.ca/membership to renew or become a member.

HFCIA Needs You!

As we look ahead, we'd love to welcome some new faces! Whether you're interested in joining the HFCIA Executive or simply lending a hand at community events, there are lots of ways to get involved.Please reach out to executive@henryfarm.ca.

We would like to thank Richard Cunningham for his time and support of the HFCIA on the executive. We know he will continue to support the neighbourhood with events and sponsorship.

Henry Farm Gives Back –
Annual Thanksgiving Parade Food Drive – Oct 4th, 2026

Thanksgiving is a time for giving, and once again, Henry Farm is coming together to help families in our wider community who could use a little extra support. On Sunday, October 4th, our Annual Thanksgiving Parade & Food Drive will make its way through the neighbourhood from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, with a special appearance by the Toronto Mounted Police!

Please fill the food donation bag, generously provided by Merida Lake, The Mills Team, with non-perishable food items. Simply leave your filled bag at the end of your driveway by 3:00 pm., and our parade volunteers will collect it as they make their way through the neighbourhood.

Can't participate that day? You can still help! Food donations can be dropped off at St. Matthew's Church in advance and will be included in our collection.

We are also looking for volunteers to help make the day a success. It's a great way to get involved in the community, and an opportunity for students who need volunteer hours. If you'd like to help, please contact newsletter@henryfarm.ca

Henry Farmers have always been incredibly generous, and we look forward to seeing that wonderful community spirit once again this year!

Speed Humps on Hold

We recently received an update from Councillor Carroll's office regarding the proposed speed humps on George Henry (item NY34.7)

The proposal has been referred back to Transportation Services, and at this time no speed humps have been approved or are planned for installation. Following feedback from Henry Farm residents about broader traffic and community safety concerns, Councillor Carroll has requested that the findings from the speed hump review instead be considered as part of a future, more comprehensive traffic study for the Henry Farm neighbourhood.

We are hoping to hold a community meeting in October or November, following the election, to discuss the issue with our councillor, hear from residents and review possible next steps. We'll keep the community updated as more information becomes available.

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HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Thanksgiving Food Drive Parade
October 4th, 2026,
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

AGM
November 3rd, 2026,
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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Betty Sunderland Trail Update

The Ministry of Transportation is undertaking a complex, multi-year reconstruction of the Highway 401 and Leslie Street interchange. Given the high traffic volumes and technical requirements of the work, the project is being delivered in phases, comprising five construction contracts. The project is currently in Contract 2 of 5, with construction activities actively progressing.

Based on the current schedule, Contract 2 is anticipated to be completed in December 2026, at which time the Betty Sutherland Trail underpass is expected to reopen, subject to weather and site conditions. Subsequent phases of the project, including Contract 3, which could commence as early as 2027 (pending design approvals), are expected to result in additional impacts to the trail as construction advances.

Consideration has been given to options for maintaining trail access; however, due to the underpass's location within an active construction zone and the associated safety risks, no feasible solution has been identified to keep the trail open during construction. The Ministry remains committed to minimizing impacts where possible and will continue to provide appropriate signage and detour information. Efforts are also underway to optimize construction timelines while maintaining worker and public safety.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Area Manager, Construction, jace.mecham@ontario.ca.

Proposed Development at 28 Silkwood Crescent

The owner of 28 Silkwood Crescent has submitted an application to review whether their plans for a three-storey apartment building containing 10 rental units would be permissible under the existing zoning framework. Their current proposal includes six three-bedroom units, one two-bedroom unit, two one-bedroom units, and one studio unit. The proposal also includes one parking space and an ancillary building for garbage and bicycle storage.

After an initial review, City of Toronto staff confirmed that an apartment building of this size is permitted **in principle** under the zoning rules adopted through Toronto's Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods (EHON) Major Streets initiative in 2023. Because the property is a through-lot that extends to Sheppard Avenue East, it is considered to "front" onto a major street, even though all vehicle and pedestrian access would continue to be from Silkwood Crescent.

At this stage, the applicant has applied for a Zoning Applicable Law Certificate (ZAP). This is an informational review process only and does not constitute an approval or permit construction. The review determines whether the plans can be built as-of-right under existing zoning regulations or whether the applicant would need to seek relief through the Committee of Adjustment.

City staff have completed a preliminary review and determined that the current **proposal does not comply with several zoning and/or legal requirements.** The applicant must either revise the plans to bring them into compliance or seek relief through the Committee of Adjustment (C of A) before the project can move forward.

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If the applicant decides to file with the Committee of Adjustment, there would be a public hearing where neighbours could voice their concerns directly. We will keep you informed should an application be filed and will provide information on how to participate.

Regardless of which route the applicant chooses, should they be allowed to proceed, the property will also be subject to Site Plan Control approval, which provides another layer of staff review and oversight. Through this process, City staff will review matters such as building design, landscaping, site layout, and compatibility with the surrounding neighbourhood. Building permits cannot be issued until this review is complete. While Site Plan Control does not include a formal public consultation process, residents can submit comments to City staff for consideration during the review.

We look forward to seeing you all on Oct 4th for the Thanksgiving Parade. Any concerns, questions or comments regarding the neighborhood please reach out to executive@henryfarm.ca

HFCIA Executive

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QUIXOTIC SERENDIPITY SYLLOGISM VERISIMILITUDE

2026 Membership Update

What a wonderful turnout we had at this year's Neighbours Night Out! Many of our community members came to enjoy all the activities, treats and BBQ and to support our Henry Farm Community Interest Association membership drive. It is wonderful to have so many new families join our Association. This expression of interest and commitment to our neighbourhood is greatly appreciated!

If you were unable to join us at Neighbours Night Out or if you have not yet had the opportunity to renew/purchase a membership, you can still join at any time. All residents of Henry Farm are welcome!

There are two easy ways to purchase a Henry Farm Community Association Membership.

1. You can make an online payment ($25/household/year) at www.henryfarm.ca/membership.
2. If you prefer you can drop off the membership fee (cash or cheque made payable to the Henry Farm Community Interest Association) at 23 Meadowglade Crescent, attention: Membership Chair. Please ensure that you print clearly your name, address and email address and whether you would like to receive the President's monthly email report. Your 2026/27 membership is valid from June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027.

If you are not receiving the monthly President's email report anymore and would like to, please sign up for a membership, including a note with your email address so we can add you back onto the email list.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who have joined the Henry Farm Community Interest Association this year! We truly appreciate your support!

If you have any questions about your membership, please email me at membership@henryfarm.ca. I would be happy to assist you.

Kelly Perrin
Membership Chair



Neighbourhood Watch Report

SUPPORT FROM 33 DIVISION

It is always a pleasure to have the officers from 33 Division join us for Neighbours' Night Out. But this year was extra special. Many things were happening at the same time. We did not expect they would be able to come, with FIFA in our city and the loss of one of the TPS officers in the line of duty. But they came on June 16th and led the Parade, bringing an ATV vehicle along with several squad cars.

There seemed to be a lot of interest in these Police vehicles. There were 2 tables staffed by volunteers from the Police Service who provided information on home safety and offered child fingerprinting for parents. I am so appreciative of their support, interest and participation in our events. The officers of 33 Division are part of our community and always show up to support us. We are constantly reminded of how much we depend on them daily and that they risk everything for us.

Special thanks to these Officers: PC S. Budia, PC A. Yurkiw PC L. Sang, PC M. Seaban-Tasse, PC R. Lopez, and their leader Sgt. B. Peterson.

SAFETY IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:

We need to continue to watch out for each other and note anyone who seems to be acting in a suspicious manner. There have been a few break-ins in the area and I remind you to send me a note if you have an incident so that we can track the numbers and ask for more police support.

The Toronto Police Report for 2025 notes a decrease in crime in all areas, including assaults, break & enters and carjackings. It showed a 47% decrease in homicide rates, a 22% decrease in robbery rates and a 43% decrease in shootings and firearm discharges. None of that matters if your home is broken into. So, keep your lights on, invest in security cameras and ensure your property looks cared for and that no parcels or papers are left visible.

Friendly Reminder:

Keep your grass clippings and leaves away from the curbs and gutters to prevent flooding. Sewer grates by your property need to be cleared regularly so the water can flow through. Thanks for being a good neighbour!!

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison
nwatch@henryfarm.ca

NYGH

New Centre Aims to Keep Ontario Workers Healthy and Safe

Many of us know someone who has been injured or has fallen ill because of their job. Last year, more than 235,000 workplace injury and illness claims were made in Ontario, with over 72,000 workers needing time away from work. When a worker is hurt, the impact often extends beyond the person, affecting families, caregivers, employers, and communities.

North York General (NYG) is taking an important step to address this need and improve care for workers and their families with the creation of a new Centre for Workplace Health.

Supported by a $63.2 million investment from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) and the WorkSafe Ontario Fund, the centre will bring together health care workers, researchers, and technology experts to help prevent workplace injuries, improve recovery, and better support people living with work-related illnesses.

The new centre will focus on helping people stay healthy, recover faster, and return to the activities that matter most to them. Using health data and new technologies, teams at NYG will work to better understand why injuries happen and how care can be improved.

The investment will also support new research, educational resources, and medical equipment that can help diagnose and treat common workplace injuries more quickly and effectively. A new online resource called KeepWell will provide information and tools to help workers, patients, and healthcare providers prevent injuries and support recovery.

The Centre for Workplace Health builds on work already happening at NYG. Earlier this year, NYG became home to Ontario's only WSIB Specialty Disease Program, which provides care for workers who develop health conditions related to their jobs, including lung disease, hearing loss, and skin conditions. Together with the specialized worker care provided through AXIA Health for more than a decade, NYG is creating a comprehensive approach to workplace health under one roof.

For NYG, the goal is simple: helping people stay healthy, recover well, and continue living full, active lives. The new Centre for Workplace Health will strengthen care for workers today while helping create safer workplaces for future generations.

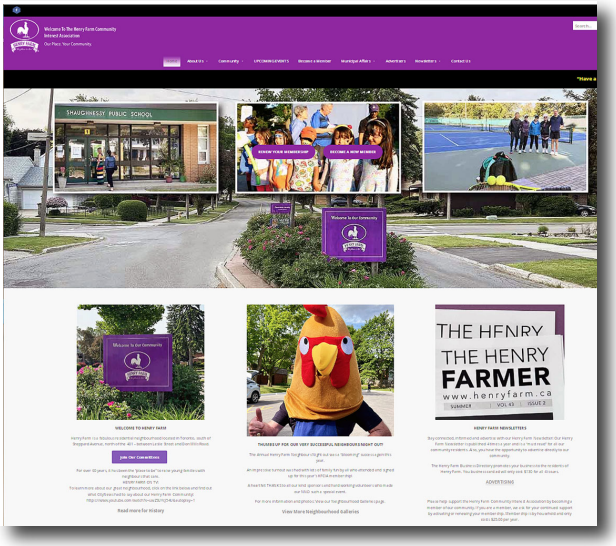
The Henry Farm Community Interest Association is looking for volunteers to help guide the look and content of our community and help out this year!

Website Creator — Working with our Executive and our professional website developer, you'll:
• Help shape the website's design and appearance • Select and prepare photos and content
• Coordinate website updates, pages and social media images

You don't need to build or edit the website yourself, the technical work is handled by our contracted website professional. Your creative ideas will help keep our website fresh, engaging, and informative.

Social— Events in Henry Farm are the key to keeping the community together! If you would like to be part of the organization team coming up with ideas and help implement them, join the team.

Even if you are just interested in being a "member at large" with the HFCIA, we would be happy to have you. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month with summers off.



If you have 2 to 4 hours a month to give back to your community, we'd love to hear from you. Interested, or know someone who might be a great fit?

Contact us at: Executive@henryfarm.ca and help keep Henry Farm community connected!

Neighbourhood Night Out

Neighbours Night Out was another wonderful evening of community, connection and fun! It was great to see neighbours of all ages come together to catch up with familiar faces, meet new friends and enjoy everything the evening had to offer. A big thank-you to all the volunteers, organizers, and neighbours who helped make the night such a success.


















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OCTOBER 4, 2026 3-5PM



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