

Highland Creek Needs You! Be part of a community of fellow volunteers!

Join the Highland Creek Community Association

Pauline Platt, HCCA Board —
Memberships

In the 1850s, Highland Creek was the largest residential and business centre in the former Township of Scarborough and was officially recognized as a community in 1852.

The Highland Creek Community Association was incorporated in 1984 as a non-profit, non-shareholding Ontario corporation.

For thirty-nine years the Highland Creek Community Association has represented your best interests in local issues but we need your help to continue with this important work to keep our neighbourhood protected and special. After all, that is why we choose to live here.

The most important reason to join a Community Association is to have your specific community concerns represented to all levels of government, be it the municipal, provincial and even the federal level. We

get involved to provide feedback and raise concerns with any plans being made to interfere with our Heritage Community.

When we use our Community Association voice, it has a much greater impact than as an individual.

It is also fun to help out with activities such as the Tree Lighting, the Heritage Day Festival, and donations to the local food bank. The Festival, held annually, is among the most popular of events hosted by the HCCA: Over 4000 attendees participated in festivities last June at the Highland Creek Community Park.



Annual General Meeting

7PM APRIL 19TH
DISCUSSION
MEET THE HCCA BOARD
REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS
CHECK OUT THE NEW LEGION

Free & Open to HCCA Members; Membership can be purchased at the door

Wednesday
April 19
7:00pm - 9:00pm
305 Morrish Road
Legion Branch 258

Speakers:

- Scarborough Rouge-Park Elected Officials
- HCCA Board

For More Information about the HCCA :
www.myhighlandcreek.org

If you'd like to involve yourself in the near-term, there are two HCCA events that are fast approaching this April. The first is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on April 19, followed by Earth Day Spring Clean-up on April 22. The AGM is a great place to learn more about the HCCA, as the Association will be presenting its updates and progress from over the past year, and electing its Board of Directors for 2023/24. For more information on the AGM as well as Spring Clean-up, please visit page 9.

There are many ways to get involved and help our community be the best it can be. After all, Highland Creek was settled in the 1800s so let's be proud and keep it going strong.

Membership is only \$10.00 per year for the household.

Ways To Join

1. Visit myhighlandcreek.org and select HCCA Membership
2. Pay by cheque to HIGHLAND CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, 265 PORT UNION ROAD, P.O. BOX 97501, SCARBOROUGH. ONTARIO, M1C 2L0
3. Come to the Annual General Meeting on April 19th @ 7:00 p.m. and join at the door!



VOLUNTEERS

WE ARE
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FOR YOU!

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Sign up as a volunteer!

- We need you!
- Event planning and organizing
 - HCCA Board Member
 - Event staffing
 - Photographer - Reporter -
 - Organize Food Drives
 - Community cleanups -
 - Deliver Newsletter
 - Social Media
 - Web Design



**HIGHLAND CREEK
NEEDS YOU!**

Be part of a community of fellow volunteers!

JOIN US AS WE DO WHAT WE CAN FOR OUR COMMUNITY

As a volunteer-based, charitable non-profit organization, we gratefully accept volunteers from our neighbourhood!

Visit our official website at www.myhighlandcreek.org to learn more. For inquiries or concerns, please contact myhighlandcreekcommunity@gmail.com

**HIGHLAND CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SPRING CLEAN UP
22nd April 2023 - Meet 9am
Wesleyan Cemetery**

Neighbours join us for a couple hours,
pitch in to help clean up our shared spaces.
Supplies provided, just show up!

The Villager

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HCCA 2023 Membership Form

It's easy to join or renew your membership. Annual membership is \$10.00/year, \$20.00/2 years. You can join or renew on line at <https://www.myhighlandcreek.org/#/> and click on the JOIN box. Or mail in your cheque to HCCA 265 PORT UNION ROAD, P.O. BOX 97501, SCARBOROUGH. ONTARIO, M1C 2L0

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☐ I would like to join or renew my membership.

☐ I am interested in delivering the Villager in Highland Creek Community (5 issues per year) Please contact me.

☐ I am interested in volunteering at HCCA events. Please contact me.

☐ I support the work of HCCA and have added my donation of \$. To my membership fee.

Thank you HCCA Members & Volunteers

Thank you for being of service to your neighbours and your community. We are better for activism and volunteerism, both in the giving and the receiving. Thank you to those who volunteer, we need you in this world. We see you, you make a difference! If you or anyone you know is looking for a way to volunteer, contact us.

HCCA President’s Report

David Adamson

Has Spring really sprung? For those that look forward to warmer weather and no more snow shoveling, I hope it has. I am very fortunate to have a neighbor at 31 Bobmar Road, Changsen Xu, who has, without being asked, volunteered to shovel my driveway. Although he speaks limited English, we communicate with a smile and a handshake. I cannot thank Changsen enough for what he has done.

As Interim President, my ‘last’ official act before stepping down will take place at the HCCA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at the Legion commencing at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors will select another Interim President to carry on the duties up until the AGM in April 2024 when elections will be held. The Board is currently reviewing and updating the HCCA By-laws, and details will be provided at the upcoming AG

As well, each Board Member will provide a brief overview on their respective portfolios. Our local elected officials have been extended an invitation to attend and provide pertinent updates within our community. Once again, I express my thanks and appreciation to all present and past HCCA Executive, Board and Committee members, along with volunteers for their support, hard work, commitment and the many hours put in dealing with issues in the best interest of our residents and community. It has been a rewarding period of time for me with the HCCA, the many friends and acquaintances I have met over the years along with fond



memories. I am confident that the HCCA is in good hands and will continue on with its good work within our community.

All the best and God bless.

Should you wish to contact me I can be reached at email: dw.adamson@rogers.com or telephone (416) 281-7758.

David Adamson,
President,
Highland Creek Community Association

Editor’s Note

Annoj Thavalingam



Photo credit: Shobana Arun Photography

Dear Readers,

Spring is upon us despite the vestiges of winter that remain. It is that time of year to start making plans for warmer months to come. Once summer is upon us it will stay for a while, so do enjoy the cooler, crisper weather while it lasts.

The Highland Creek Community Association is hosting one of its most important events this April, which is its Annual General Meeting. To be held at the Legion’s new location at 305 Morrish Road, it is the meeting place for the HCCA Board and local residents to exchange information about what matters most to each of you in our community. Elections for the new Board of Directors will be held at this time as well. All residents are welcome to attend, and so please do join us then!

Our next publication will arrive early June, not far from the popular Highland Creek Heritage Festival. During downtime between publications, you’re welcome to keep yourself informed through the HCCA website www.myhighlandcreek.org

Best regards,

Annoj Thavalingam
Editor, *The Villager*



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Highland Creek History:

“Moving Day for the Moon Family House”
by Don Allen, Historian



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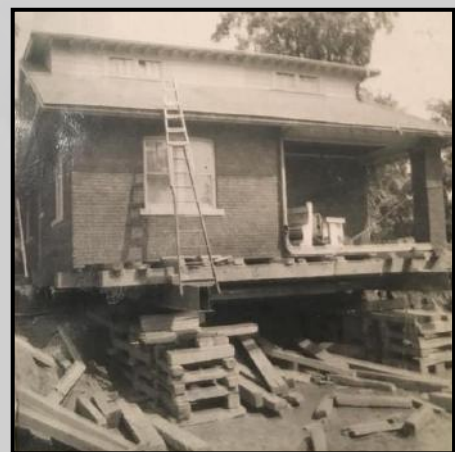
Another long-time structure in Highland Creek bowed to progress this week when the house owned by the J.H. Moon family was uprooted from its location at the corner of Kingston Road and Highway 2A and moved to Old Kingston Road in West Hill.

The two-storey structure had been built 35 years earlier (1925) by carpenter and owner, James Henry Moon. It is now to be retained by John’s son, Forbes Moon, who operates Moon’s Taxi from his location on the north side of Kingston Road, east of Morningside Ave. (Forbes and his wife Betty Moon went on to have 6 children. Some may recall one of the sons, Jim Moon, from West Hill Public school and West Hill Collegiate Institute, as a top-notch wrestler.) The Moon family home will be placed on a new foundation on the north side of Old Kingston Road and Manse Road, west of The Melville Church. The house remains there to the present day under different ownership.

The move was almost a full day’s project, with various hydro lines being moved and trees trimmed where required. The structure was raised from its original location and trucked from Kingston Road, west over the Highland Creek Bridge to the intersection of Kingston Road and Old Kingston road, then proceeded east to Manse Road where it was placed on its current foundation on the north side of Old Kingston Road. Interestingly enough, the water pipes and heating vents were disconnected at the main floor level and moved intact with the house.

The Highland Creek site of the house was purchased by the Department of Highways, presumably for road-widening purposes. The house was then sold at public auction and purchased by Mrs. Moon on the understanding that the structure would be moved within a certain time frame. As reported in The Enterprise Newspaper of the day, the cost to purchase and move the building was approximately \$7,000.00.

As readers can observe from the photographs, the move across the high-level bridge must have been a treat for the locals to witness as you do not often see a two-storey brick house being transported over a 100-foot high steel bridge.



SAVE OUR TREES
IN APRIL WE PLAN TO START A NEW CAMPAIGN WITH LAWN SIGNS AND BANNERS

Doug & Marja Phillips

If you have a lawn sign in your garage, join us and place it on your lawn. Send us an email if your lawn sign bracket is broken, we can replace the bracket. myhighland-creekcommunity@gmail.com

The following are abbreviated excerpts from the Highland Creek Community Associations report submitted on February 22, 2022, to the Minister of the Environment for him to review our opposition to the DSBRT along Ellesmere Road. Excerpts are also included from the Arborist Report.

Highland Creek is strictly a residential area. Homes are purchased for the suburban feel, its safe and clean environment and the mature tree-lined streets. The trees are home to a large variety of birds and in the conservation area on Ellesmere Road there are several species of wildlife.

Reviewing the submission by Metrolinx, the HCCA finds its two most important issues are climate change and the removal of trees, many on private property, and air quality which can be compromised by Durham Region diesel polluting buses.

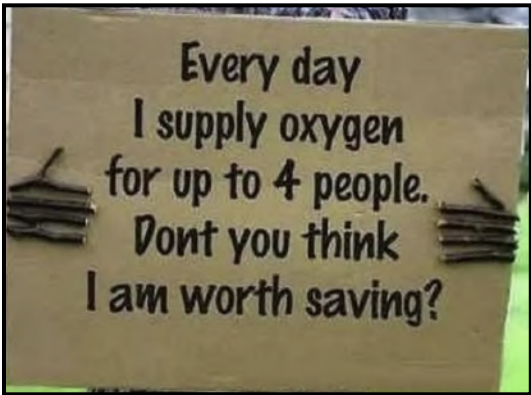
Climate Change and the impact of Tree Removal Summary. The Arborist Report Summary of Tree Impact within the Study by Municipalities.

- Durham/Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit is a 36 km route - Number of Trees to be removed are 3,278, plus 618 impacted or injured by construction.
- In total, 3,896 are affected, or 108 trees for every km.
- In Highland Creek, on a 2.8 km route along Ellesmere Road, 271 trees will be removed and 49 injured.
- Total Number of Trees impacted in Highland Creek = 320, or 106 trees per km

The loss of these trees will have a huge impact on the health and wellbeing of all residents along the DSBRT route. In 2012, the City of Toronto council adopted a goal of housing 40% tree canopy. Toronto's urban forest provides \$55 million in environmental benefits every year including improved air quality through pollution removal.

Through shade and transpiration, increasing urban tree cover can mitigate exposure to extreme heat events.

A higher density of trees in a neighbourhood has been shown to significantly improve physical and mental health, such as reducing blood pressure and stress levels and promoting physical activity. Trees also make urban environments aesthetically more pleasing. which raises property values.



IMPACT OF AIR QUALITY ON RESIDENTS OF HIGHLAND CREEK.

- The DSBRT bus fleet would be diesel-fueled up until 2041.
- Durham Region Transit has recently purchased a new diesel-powered 90-passenger swing bus fleet with an expected service life of 20 plus years.
- Emissions from idling buses were not taken into consideration when picking up passengers at stops or traffic lights (Assumption: buses will not idle).

The following are residents who will be directly affected by CO2 emissions and unburned carbon gases (black smoke) from diesel buses:

- 220 homes with driveways fronting Ellesmere Road
- 137 homes on the south side and 135 homes on the north side of Ellesmere would also be affected with left turns prohibited.
- First-year UTSC students living in the new multi-storey student residence building.
- Staff and students at the UTSC Campus Administration Building.
- Customers of two plazas with entrances directly facing Ellesmere Road.
- Highland Creek Library Branch staff and patrons.
- Highland Creek Community Park visitors
- Architect's Building on 6534 Kingston Road, with an entrance facing Ellesmere Road.

HIGHLAND CREEK NEEDS EVERY TREE TO FIGHT THE DSBRT BUS POLLUTION

During a meeting with Metrolinx and the HCCA – DSBRT Committee on February 16, 2022 at MPP Thanigasalam's office, the following items were discussed.

- Metrolinx stated that they will not look into any alternatives. The plan is still to have diesel buses along Ellesmere Road up to two minutes east and west.
- Metrolinx was asked how the DSBRT is going to help climate change with the plan to cut down 1,250 trees in Toronto and the use of diesel buses until 2041? Between Oshawa Centre and Scarborough Town Centre there are 49 stops and numerous traffic lights. The idling at all these stops will add significantly to air pollution – this is not mentioned in the Environmental Report.
- Metrolinx said they were not aware of this omission in the Environmental Report.

If you have questions concerns regarding tree removal and/or air quality, contact:

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CLIMATE CHANGE

The City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Canadian Federal Government have all committed to the Paris climate change goals.

How will the removal of mature trees, and the DSBRT running diesel polluting buses for the next 20 years help reach these climate change goals?



North Toronto Business Professional Women Make a Home in Highland Creek

You may have seen our booth at the Heritage Day Festival last June.

Our club was started in 1947 to support working women. Membership in one club entitles you to membership in Provincial, Federal, and International. BPW International was one of the first NGO’s to get a seat at the United Nations. Then in the late 70’s we received Category One status which allowed us to put on Agenda items regarding women and children.

We meet once a month for a dinner meeting and have interesting speakers come in. We do fundraising to support two women’s charities and write Resolutions to government to change laws that affect women and children.

Advocacy

Each year, BPW Ontario and Canada members work on Resolutions that are presented at the provincial conference and the national convention, discussed, debated, and accepted. These Resolutions become part of a brief presented to the Prime Ministers office for consideration.

Last year North Toronto wrote a Resolution on the Age of Child Marriage. The United Nations defines child marriage “as the formal or informal union of any person under the age of 18.” The practice is widely considered a violation of human rights with negative consequences for health and personal development.

Girls that marry later are empowered and can work toward a better future for themselves when they: learn about and exercise their human rights, are able to take care of their health, are protected from violence and go to school.

Did you know the age of marriage in Canada is only 16? And that was averaged out as some Provinces were even younger!

Fundraising

North Toronto Business Professional Women support the Thunder Woman Healing Lodge Society being built on Kingston Road near Kennedy.

The over-incarceration of Indigenous women is a national crisis. History has revealed the targeted attempts to break down Indigenous Culture and communities. First with the Residential schools, then the 60s scoop and now the over-incarceration of Indigenous women.

Spring Fling

Our next fundraising event will be held on Friday May 5th at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258 at 305 Morrish Road.

We have planned a fun filled evening consisting of a buffet dinner, a live auction, a few surprises and Patti Pettigrew, Director of the Thunder Woman’s Healing Lodge will give us an update on the Lodge project.

Tickets cost \$85.00 and can be purchased by etransfer to chips2charlie@gmail.com with all proceeds going to the Thunder Woman Healing Lodge.

Further Information

For further information on Business Professional Women Clubs please reach out to:

- president@northtorontobpw.com
- <https://bpwontario.com/>
- <https://bpwcanada.com/>
- <https://www.bpw-international.org/>

For further information on Thunder Woman Healing Lodge:

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Reporting and Preventing Fraud

Police Constable Leanna Gill #10688
43 Division
Crime Prevention Officer
Toronto Public Service

Fraud is a crime that we, as a community, commonly refer to as a “scam”. Fraud occurrences typically target the victim’s money or identity. Being a victim of a fraud can have a significant impact on someone’s life. People have lost their life savings, their home or other large investments, and endured the subsequent negative impact on their credit score. Toronto Police Service is dedicated to assisting members of the community to provide the awareness and tools to prevent fraud and scams.

At the beginning of 2023, the Toronto Police Service launched a yearlong campaign called #DontGetScammed, educating the public about the most “popular” frauds. A video is released on the first Friday of every month describing a trending scam and explains what to be aware of to prevent others from becoming a victim. You can find the videos on the Toronto Police Service and 43 Division social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (see handles at the bottom).

Toronto Police has also updated their crime prevention website focusing on fraud reporting and education. The website includes detailed information on what to do if you think you might be a victim of a crime, how to report and what details may be required. Information on the site includes tips on how to protect yourself from scams on a number of topics including, but not limited to, businesses, charities, dating, cryptocurrency, taxi and investment scams.

For all more details, visit [tps.ca/fraud](https://www.tps.ca/fraud).

If you are a victim of fraud or suspect your

information has been compromised, please review the following steps to reduce the chances of it happening again.

- Stop all communication with the scammer (that is, the person who initiated the scam)
- Stop making any major financial decisions until your accounts are secured
- Gather all records and correspondence you have of the scam
- Notify your financial institution and other companies where you have an account that may have been affected
- Change all your account passwords, including social media sites
- Protect the devices used to communicate with the scammer, such as your computer, laptop, tablet and cellphone with anti-virus software
- Ensure security or operating software on your device is up-to-date
- Install anti-spyware protection on your computer
- Perform a virus scan of your hard drive and files
- Do not send your personal, credit card or online banking details in an email
- Put an alert on your credit report by contacting Equifax Canada or TransUnion Canada

Educating yourself on frauds can help protect you and your loved ones from suffering a loss. Please remember that scammers are always looking for fresh opportunities to commit the next fraud.

Tps.ca/fraud provides valuable information on the most frequently-occurring scams.

Some of the ones that occurred in the last

year included the vaccination scam where community members were receiving a text message or email saying that they are eligible for their vaccine. The message would include a fraudulent link where the person would fill out all of their personal information, providing this to the scammers. Another scam occurred after Rogers customers lost all of their services/Internet for almost a full day. The next day, scammers were already sending text messages for customers to click on, to receive their cash rebate for not having services. Again, this link would have the person fill out their personal information or banking information, putting them at risk of fraud. It is important to be aware that whenever an item or service is hard to obtain (ie: vaccinations in early 2021), scammers will use this to their advantage to deceive others who are trying to obtain something they currently desire.

If you believe a crime was committed, have information on a crime that was committed or observe suspicious activity, please contact police. In the event of an emergency, please call 911. For less urgent matters, please contact the non-emergency number at 416-808-2222.

Certain crimes may also be reported online at <https://www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/>

If you wish to remain anonymous, please go to www.222tips.com, call 416-222-TIPS (8477), online on our Facebook “Leave a Tip” page, or text TOR and message to CRIMES (274637). Lastly, you can download the free Crime Stoppers Mobile App on iTunes or Google Play.

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Peggy’s Caribbean Cuisine

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11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The newest takeout place in Highland Creek just opened. It is on Old Kingston Road next to Ted’s and close to the Wesleyan Cemetery.



Four generations at Peggy's: Shiiloh, Dane, Jennifer, Brandii and Peggy

Peggy’s Caribbean Cuisine features Jamaican food made with family-tested recipes. The family always gathers for Sunday dinner together, and food is made fresh daily by members of the family. Dane, his mom Peggy and sisters Yvonne and Jennifer all take turns at work with Brandii and Shiiloh helping as well. The Family is pictured in the photo to the left.

The menu includes jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat and curry chicken. You can also buy delicious Jamaican patties in mild or spicy made with beef, chicken or vegetable.

The food is fantastic. The family is very pleased with the welcome they have received in the village. Catering is also available. Drop by to say hello and try out some genuine Jamaican food.

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Rooming House/Multi Tenant
Housing Update

Anna Tsirakidis, HCCA Board Member

Dear Residents,

City staff continue to conduct surveys and are working on the framework of illegal rooming houses/ multi-tenant housing. A resolution may be reached by next Spring. We sent a City survey out to our community through our HCCA Facebook page. We hope you all participated and had your voice heard.

We are trying hard to keep our community safe, green, free of crime, beautiful, and as less dense as possible. We need your help! Please voice your concerns to our Councillor, Jennifer McKelvie’s office, and reach out to 311 if you see anything that needs investigating.



HCCA
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

APRIL 19TH 7PM - 9PM
RC LEGION 305 MORRISH RD

The Annual General Meeting of the Highland Creek Community Association will be held at the new Legion at 305 Morrish Road, from 7-9pm.

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Refreshments and snacks provided.



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Neighbours join us for a couple hours,
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Supplies provided, just show up!

Every Day is Earth Day
Our Home, Our Responsibility



HIGHLAND CREEK RESIDENTS

Looking for volunteers to pitch in for a couple hours on April 22nd for a Spring Clean-Up of our Neighbourhood shared spaces.

In April , Highland Creek residents gather to collect waste left behind in parks, walkways, and our shared spaces. This year there is much debris showing up as winter thaw has come.

Please help out, the Earth needs you. Every Day is Earth Day and it is our responsibility to care for the Earth as it is our home and cares for us.

DOUGHNATION DAY at COBS BREAD

By Elma Todkill

On April 1st 2023, local bakery ‘Cobs Bread ’ celebrated ‘Doughnation Day’ at their Morningside Crossing location.

Two dollars from every bag of Hot Cross buns sold was donated to the ‘Love Scarborough’ campaign supporting the Scarborough Health Network Foundation. In addition, Cobs Bread collected donations during the month of March to add to the donations.

Last year \$3000 was collected for the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough.

In attendance were Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, MPP Vijay Thanigasalam and Councillor Paul Ainslie.

Get to Cobs Bread and try their delicious hot cross buns and thank them for a job well done!

In the photo from L-R: Councillor Paul Ainslie, Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, Kate Uchendu, Bakery Operator, Member of Provincial Parliament Vijay Thanigasalam, Krishna and Arran.



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Contact Festival Chair Michelle Declute for more information on volunteering, booth space, food vendors.

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2023 Food Donations 197,000 lbs to Daily Bread

Over the past two years and counting, the Highland Creek Community Association has helped deliver shipments of non-perishable goods to the Daily Bread Food Bank. This work would not be possible without the support of the following key partners: Italpasta, MiTek Inc. and Fast Links Transportation.

Since the new year, four shipments of much needed food have gone out to the Daily Bread Food Bank, totalling 197,000 lbs with a retail value of \$89,210.

The HCCA would like to thank Mike Italpasta and David Cattapan, President, for their dedication to the food donation initiative. Special thanks to Mr. Joe Vitale & family, who donated the food for the first shipment.

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Information Update — by Bread Food Bank

ing, the Highland Creek Community

Date	Weight (lbs)	Dollar Value (\$)
Jan 20, 2023	49,000	20,749
Feb 17, 2023	50,000	17,536
Mar 14, 2023	48,000	27,957
Mar 23, 2023	50,000	22,968
Total	197,000	89,210

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who founded and own Italtasta.



Various Photos from Community Service through the years: Food Drives, Festivals, Donations to the Tony Stacey Center, Legion Branch 258, Gala Fundraiser for the beautification of Highland Creek Village, The Villager newsletter, Stop the BRT Campaign, campaign to maintain building and development planning rules, community clean-up, Pumpkin Parade, bringing concerns to elected officials, surveying community for input on community gathering space, Board meetings, Annual General Meetings and supporting the Highland Creek Heritage Festival.



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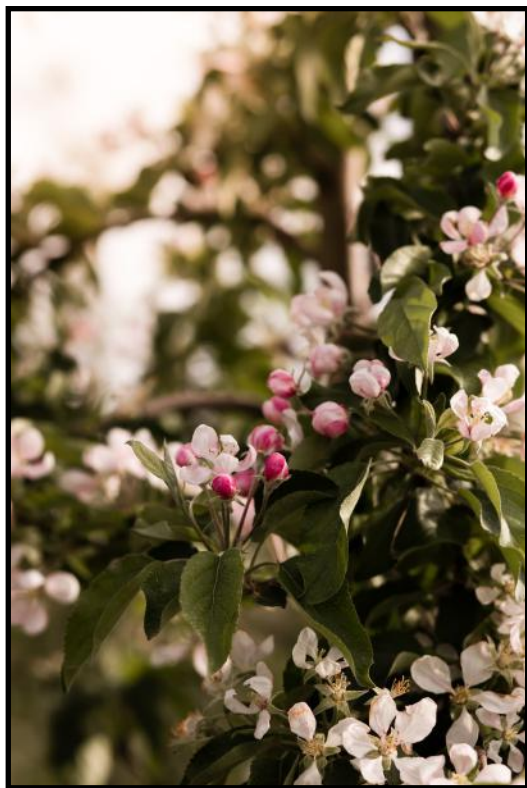
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Thank You



Spring in Highland Creek.
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Recipe: Flambe Filet Mignon

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- Ingredients:
- 4 6-ounce filet mignon
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - Dijon mustard
 - Salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 white onion chopped
 - 1 cup cognac
 - 1/2 cup heavy cream
 - 1/2 cup red wine
 - 2 ounces peppercorns
 - Fresh rosemary

Instructions:

Rub filets in salt, black pepper, and Dijon mustard. In a large skillet, heat ¼ cup of butter. Add chopped onion and cook until wilted. Add filets and brown each side for roughly 2 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 90°F (32°C). Pour warm cognac over filets and flame. When flame dies out, add cream and wine and cook to reduce and thicken sauce. Remove filets when they reach 120°F and set aside. Add peppercorns and rosemary and simmer for 3 minutes while stirring. Plate filets and pour sauce over filets for an incredible, home-cooked steakhouse experience.



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“Scarborough Love Auction”




This is a virtual auction of over 150 items up for bid including local business gift certificates, art, tickets to various attractions, electronics, toys, and games, many gift baskets and more

The goal is to raise \$20,000 for three priority program areas needing funds: Youth

and Children, Palliative and Hospice Care and Seniors.

The auction takes places online from April 20th to 27th, 2023.

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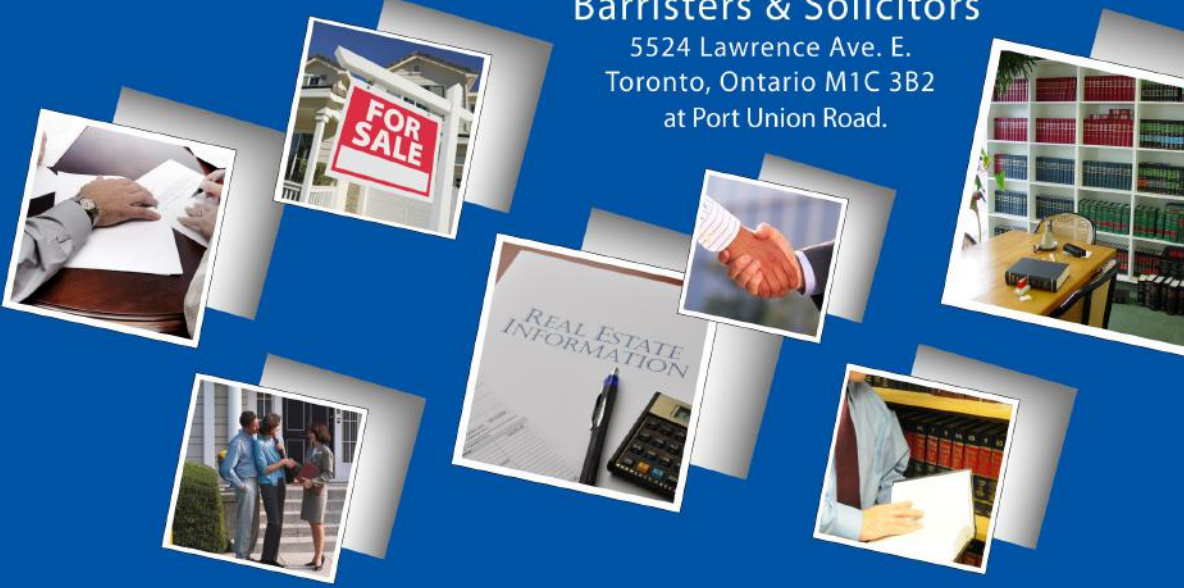
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Gary Anandasangaree

Member of Parliament, Scarborough-Rouge Park

Dear Highland Creek,

Any attack, or attempted attack, on our democracy is unacceptable. Our political system is one that relies on confidence, as all Canadians deserve a fair electoral process that respects the sanctity of their vote. This most basic promise must especially be kept when facing hostile authoritarian forces.

We had this in mind when we created the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol, which brought together senior public servants and our national security agencies to assess foreign election interference and publicly share any incidents that threaten the integrity of a federal election. The panel reported that while foreign interference attempts absolutely existed, the 2019 and 2021 elections unfolded with integrity.

Lately, there have been questions about our democracy as Canadians hear and read about the issue of attempted foreign interference by China. Like you, I believe Canadians deserve answers and reassurance. To chart the course forward, our government has appointed the Right Honourable David Johnston as an Independent Special Rapporteur to investigate foreign interference in the last two federal elections and make recommendations on how to further protect our democracy and uphold confidence in it.



MP Gary Anandasangaree announcing funding for the Toronto Zoo alongside Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie and Toronto Zoo CEO Dolf DeJong on March 15, 2023.

A former Governor General, Mr. Johnston is an expert on Canada's democratic institutions and has experience as an impartial referee, including the 2009 Oliphant Commission. Our government will comply with his public recommendations so that our past and future elections are beyond reproach.

We are also working to establish a Foreign Influence Transparency Registry to ensure transparency and accountability from people who advocate on behalf of a foreign government. The Registry will also protect communities found to be specifically targeted by foreign interference.

This issue strikes at the core of who we are as Canadians, but this moment cannot be met with partisanship or anti-Asian senti-

ments. Instead, let us do the work that needs to be done to ensure our elections remain free and fair.

Supporting Our Toronto Zoo:

The Toronto Zoo is one of our city's largest and most used public outdoor spaces, with approximately 1.3 million visitors each year. In March, I was pleased to announce that the Government of Canada will invest \$769,902 into the Toronto Zoo as part of its efforts to support tourism and community infrastructure right here in Scarborough—Rouge Park. This funding will be used to provide year-round access to greenhouses, improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, and adapt operations to address the health and safety of animals, guests, and staff.

You're Invited: Spring Walk 2023

As Spring approaches, I would like to invite you and your loved ones to our Annual Spring Walk in the Rouge National Urban Park. This family-friendly walk will explore some of the most scenic spots in the Rouge, guided by Parks Canada staff. *See below for details.



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*Date: Sunday, April 30th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Rouge Valley Conservation Centre
(1749 Meadowvale Road, Scarborough, ON M1B 5W8)

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Vijay Thanigasalam

Member of Provincial Parliament, Scarborough-Rouge Park

Dear residents of Highland Creek,

It has undoubtedly been a busy few weeks at the Ontario Legislature. I am proud to announce that on March 23, the Ontario government released Ontario’s 2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario. This plan will grow Ontario’s economy by building infrastructure, attracting critical investments, and improving services. This plan will lay the groundwork to eliminate Ontario’s deficit while delivering on the priorities of the people and businesses in Ontario.

The Ontario government is taking various measures to drive economic growth, lower business costs, attract investments and expedite infrastructure projects for a prosperous future.

- The Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit aims to reduce investment costs for local manufacturers seeking growth and expansion.
- We are investing over \$180 billion over the next 10 years to build roads, highways, public transit, hospitals, schools, and long-term care homes to support families, businesses, and communities.

The government is also taking steps to support our workers by:

- Investing an additional \$33 million over three years to add 100 undergraduate seats beginning in 2023 and 154 post-

graduate medical training seats to prioritize Ontario residents trained at home and abroad starting in 2024 and from now on. Ontario residents will continue to be prioritized for undergraduate spots at medical schools in the province. This funding will contribute significantly towards the Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health (SAMIH) at the University of Toronto-Scarborough Campus.

- Providing \$224 million in training centers: Expanding union training halls and leveraging private sector expertise to train more skilled workers.
- Investing an additional \$25 million into the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program: We welcome skilled newcomers to help build key infrastructure projects across the province.

We are committed to supporting the most vulnerable among us by:

- Expanding the Guaranteed Annual Income System: Starting July 2024, 100,000 more seniors will be eligible for indexed monthly payments.
 - Investing over \$200 million in Homelessness Prevention and Indigenous Supportive Housing Programs: Ensuring more people have a safe place to call home.
- Furthermore, we are ensuring that everyone has access to the most critical services which our government provides:
- Allowing pharmacists to prescribe more medications for common ailments, making healthcare more accessible.
 - Providing additional funding for home care, mental health and addictions, and pediatrics.
 - Investing \$170 million over three years



I joined the Minister of Finance to announce Ontario’s 2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario.

to support youth leaving the child welfare system, promoting financial independence and successful careers.

I am proud to see this funding making a huge difference within our community through projects like the Scarborough Subway Extension, the development of the Scarborough Health Network, and the first-ever medical school in Scarborough.

I look forward to keeping you updated on how your voices are being represented at the Ontario Legislature. Please sign-up for my newsletter to stay up to date. You can sign up at vijaythanigasalam.ca. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact my office at 416-283-8448 or by email at vijay.thanigasalam@pc.ola.org.

I am looking forward to connecting soon!

Kind regards,

Vijay Thanigasalam
Member of Provincial Parliament
Scarborough-Rouge Park

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Trustee Sriskandarajah TDSB Updates

Our 2023-24 Budget Process is currently underway. Every year, this process begins with staff allocation, which is guided by several factors, including student enrolment, collective agreements, class size caps and averages, as well as the TDSB’s commitment to equity, student achievement and well-being. This year, several additional factors, including the elimination of Ministry funding provided during the COVID-19 pandemic, have impacted our budget and staff allocation. The Board continues to advocate to the Ministry of Education to provide adequate and sustainable funding to support student achievement and well-being.

2023-2024 is going to be a challenging budget year. There are structural deficits. The Board is budgeting to spend more money than it receives from the province, including costs to support student safety. The pandemic had a negative impact on the budget, examples being decreased enrolment (we receive our funding based on student enrollment), decreases in permit, international student tuitions, and continuing education revenues, and \$70 million in costs that were not funded by the Ministry of Education.

This year, a key update is the inclusion of climate action commitments, reflecting the TDSB’s commitment to address the issue of climate change in our schools.

These additions were made following important feedback received in the survey and from the Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan Renewal
We are beginning to renew our Multi-Year Strategic Plan and we invite the entire TDSB community to get involved and share your voice. The renewal process will build on the foundation of our current strategic plan and there will be a variety of opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas in the coming months. Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal to learn more and for ongoing updates.

Elementary Summer School 2023 – Registration Now Open!
Looking to build your child’s literacy and numeracy skills? Elementary Summer School registration is now open! The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, which are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school’s focus, are offered in-person to students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, through **July 4 to July 28, 2023**. Though available in various locations around the city, one remote summer school program will also be available this year.

List of Future Meetings

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Live-Webcast-of-Meetings>

Trustee Tanuan TCDSB Updates



For Christians, Easter is always viewed as the greatest feast of the liturgical year of Christianity, focusing on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Springtime symbolizes new beginnings, a time for awakening from the slumber of winter and the eternal hope of renewal. There is no better time than the Lenten season to prepare ourselves mentally and physically for this cycle of renewal.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a most Blessed Easter and continued success!

The Angel Foundation for Learning – Angels Among Us

The Angel Foundation for Learning is a charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

We are excited to see some of the amazing work that is being accomplished by our student leaders who have joined the A-

Team (Angel Team) focusing on putting back faith into action by looking for ways to help locally as well as globally.

Become Angels Among Us (pictured above) and help AFL Toronto and others in the community or visit our website <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/join-the-a-team/>.

26th Annual Jean Lumb Awards 2023

Calling all Grade 9-12 students who are of Chinese heritage to apply. Eight awards valued at \$1,000 are available. The deadline to submit nominations is on May 22, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

Upcoming Events: For full info visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/events>

Questions? Contact: Trustee Garry Tanuan 416.512-3408 or 416.222-8282 ext. 2659 (Constituency Officer: Ida Serpe).

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Jennifer McKelvie

Deputy Mayor, Councillor, Scarborough Rouge Park

Earth Month Celebrations and City Hall Update

I was honoured to be appointed Deputy Mayor at the start of this term, and I am completely committed to fulfilling the duties and obligations of that role. As Deputy Mayor, I have assumed the responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor until a new Mayor is elected by residents.

Residents can rest assured that my entire focus at this time is ensuring a smooth transition and continued good governance. It is in that spirit that I announced that I will not be seeking to run for Mayor in the upcoming by-election. Representing the residents of my ward, and ensuring a smooth, stable transition until a new Mayor is elected, requires my full attention. I appreciate every resident who has reached out asking if I would run — my love for representing them and for my role, are why I won't be moving forward with a campaign for Mayor.

I sincerely appreciate the ongoing collaboration of my Council colleagues and hardworking City staff who continue to demonstrate the utmost professionalism running our City services.

Celebrating Earth Month

This April, we celebrate one of my favourite national months: Earth Month. Throughout April, our community has many opportunities to participate in events that help keep our ward clean and help the environment. On April 22nd – Earth Day – our office will be hosting Compost Pick-Up Day at the West Rouge Community Centre. On the same day, Port Union Community Centre will be holding a community clean-up day. The Port Union Community Centre will also be selling native plants for your yards as we enter gardening season.

In the spirit of Earth Month, I'd like to share with you some of the wonderful initiatives the City of Toronto is taking to address the climate change crisis and keep our environment clean, sustainable and safe:

Climate Action Plan

The City of Toronto has adopted an ambitious strategy to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions in Toronto to Net Zero by 2040. The City of Toronto is one of only three big cities in North America with this 2040 target. In 2022, the City's TransformTO Net Zero Strategy won the Environment, Climate and Energy Award at the 9th annual American Planning Association Awards for Excellence in Sustainability. Our TransformTO Net Zero Strategy is driving



Toronto council raised the Ukrainian flag at City Hall to show our support.

new and faster action to bring down emissions in the short term, and is helping get us to where we need to be by 2040. Toronto has been and continues to be a trailblazer in climate action. Toronto's emissions have decreased by 38 percent since 1990, meaning we are well on our way to achieving our next target of 45 percent by 2025.

BetterHomesTO

Homes and buildings generate over half of the greenhouse gas emissions in Toronto, and that is why the City is helping homeowners and buildings decarbonize by 2040. The City also developed and implemented the Toronto Green Standard to outline sustainable design and performance requirements for new private and city-owned developments, and has committed to lead by example and implement programs to support net zero emissions targets in City-owned buildings. The BetterHomesTO initiative has provided homeowners with information, tools and resources to help them learn about and take on home energy retrofits. The City also offers rebates and incentives to help ease the financial burden of these changes. To learn more about how you can green your home and contribute to climate action, please visit: www.betterhomesTO.ca

Women4ClimateTO Mentorship Program

In March, Toronto announced the 3rd annual cohort of the Women4ClimateTO program. The Women4ClimateTO mentorship program provides female climate leaders with mentorship, training and networking opportunities to help advance their climate-related projects, businesses or products to the next level. Toronto is one of three Canadian cities, and 21 cities globally, participating in C40 Cities' Women4Climate Men-

torship Programme, which has reached every continent and supported more than 400 women to accelerate climate projects in their communities. Following the program, the mentees will present their projects at a pitch competition which will see the top three initiatives receive a cash award and additional support to advance their work. It is inspiring to see so many young women looking to make an impact on their community and the world at large. I sincerely look forward to seeing the pitches presented in the coming months.

One-Year Anniversary of the War in Ukraine

In late February, the City of Toronto commemorated the one year anniversary of Russia's unjust invasion of Ukraine. Following a march, I joined Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford on stage to share words of solidarity for the people of Ukraine. It was a powerful and moving day that I was humbled to be a part of. Since the beginning of the invasion, roughly 143,000 Ukrainians have arrived in Canada with 52% of those arrivals landing in Toronto. As a city, we are providing support to resettle Ukrainian refugees—from housing to services at locations across the GTA. We continue to stand in support of Ukraine and denounce Russia for their unconscionable actions. The City of Toronto has been flying the Ukrainian flag every day since the beginning of the war. Furthermore, the City also installed "Free Ukraine" signs around the Russian Consulate in another sign of support for the Ukrainian people.

What’s New at The Toronto Zoo

Hi folks!

The transition from Winter to Spring always feels like a time for new beginnings and this is certainly true here at your Toronto Zoo. The grizzlies wake from a long winter slumber, the warm weather animals in our African Savanna start spending more time outside, and our horticulture team can finally trade in their snow shovels for gardening gloves. With that in mind, here are some Toronto Zoo updates as we head into Spring!

For those who have visited us recently you may have noticed sections of some of our pavilions have been closed off or altered. On March 15th, we learned that a bird within a 200 km radius had tested positive for avian bird flu. While there have been no cases at the Toronto Zoo this Spring, we quickly sprung into action, ensuring we are taking the correct precautions to protect the birds in our care. Fortunately, this does not mean a completely bird-free Zoo experience! We do have many birds still viewable to guests who are not in danger of contamination due to protective barriers already in place, and we will be adding new barriers so you can

continue to connect with your favourite feathered friends. Remember to stop by our Indo-Malaya pavilion to say hello to Jonah, Concave-casqued hornbill!

This is also an exciting time for us as we

enjoy their familiar space, go outside to experience a wider range of sights and sounds, and travel around on special overhead lines to areas outside the new habitat, swinging right over you, our incredible Toronto Zoo visitors! The new space will enrich the daily

lives of the orangutans here at your Toronto Zoo and has been designed to connect you to the issues facing these critically endangered apes, such as unsustainable palm oil production, to inspire actions that people can take each and every day to support orangutan survival in the wild.

The newly built boardwalk spanning from the Americas to the Savanna through the core woods is also complete! This pathway is a mini canopy walk through an environmentally sensi-

tive area that will enable guests to travel around the Zoo more easily with strollers and accessibility devices. We will soon be starting on the south boardwalk to ensure all areas of the zoo are accessibility friendly.

Thank you for all your continued support, and I look forward to crossing paths with you (possibly on our new boardwalks!) this Spring at your Toronto Zoo.



Wali the Orangutan

work towards the opening of our new outdoor orangutan habitat. While progress was slowed by the pandemic and supply chain difficulties, we are so excited to be able to now share the space with you. Supported by generous donations through the Toronto Zoo Wildlife Conservancy, the growing orangutan family will have more choice in their daily activities: they can stay inside to



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Poetry & Puzzles



Local Poet and Author Vienna Bombardieri has contributed her original works to *The Villager* over the past 5 years.

Thank you for your contributions to our neighbourhood newsletter!

In My Twilight Years

In my twilight years I have grown silver,
weaved inside my hair and aging thoughts.
It reminds me of the first time I saw a star
beneath the first aurora hint of a bran new dawn;
All the firsts of my life have been sifted
like panned up gold between my fingers
Sieved through, held brief and then let go
inside this aging heart the memory remains;
I once was ever altered like the shades of my hair
today I'm much more constant and alert
as I watch the passing storm from my window
I feel like a lamp post blazing in the snow
Lit up at dusk and closed after dawn
I feel like an iron metal post, though I am water,
holding up a dam of love inside my soul,
for all the ones I love, loved and continue to love.

Your Vienna

Quote: In the dusting of the springtime scented smiles
of yesterday, lingering softly in my mind, on this
beautiful month of May;

Tender petals fresh anew fragrant perfume fills the air
in my garden wedding venues garland crowns and
bands of gold Wafting kisses lacey skirts by springtime
fair Enjoy the daisies, marigolds and boutonnieres let
the ghosts of winter sleep beneath the sweet magnolia
tree; Faeries, Maypole Dancers let them share garlands,
ribbons, tea time laughter too Flimsy shawls for even-
ing walks breezes barely there secrets shared in hush
tone whispers by the garden square Watch the fairies
dance around in the thicket forest patch; Fountain
wishes copper pennies let the hopes renew paradise
awaits us dear won't you come home too large peonies
pink as roses, sweetly blossoming for you walk the
pathway view my flowers, soaked in morning dew let
the memory lead you back, down the primrose path.

By: Vienna Bombardieri aka Mystic Rose

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	4	8	7	9		3		
6	9				5			
5			2	8				
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