

## What's Happening in Ward 17

### Community Events

Local street parties have a way of increasing the overall sense of belonging in a community, they provide an opportunity to meet neighbours, make friends and most importantly enjoy a day of excitement! I would like to extend a very heartfelt congratulations to the organizing groups and volunteers who make these events possible:

- 1st Annual Ward 17 "Soppressata Contest"
- 6th Annual "Hope/Harvie Victoria Day" Street Party
- 9th Annual "Day Avenue" Street Party
- 11th Annual "Holland Park" Street Party
- Ward 17 "Canada Day BBQ & Movie Night"
- 1st Annual "Lauder Avenue Street Mural Event"
- Dolce Vita Festival
- "The Appleton" Street Party
- Regal Heights Residents' Association & Northcliffe Village Residents' Association Pumpkin Carving Event
- Fairbank Village BIA Pumpkin Giveaway
- 10th Annual St. Clair Gardens BIA Corn Roast Festival
- St. Clair Gardens BIA Cavalcade of Lights Festival
- Corso Italia BIA "Santa is Coming to Corso"
- Fairbank Village BIA "Light Up the Holidays"
- Regal Heights Residents' Association "Carol Singing"
- BBQ/Movie Night at Wadsworth Park
- Regal Heights Residents' Association "Canada Day Parade"
- Pelham Park Gardens and Symington Place "Annual Holiday Celebrations"
- Unveiling Ceremony of "Azzurri Lane"
- Fairbank Village BIA Summer Festival
- "Portugal Day 2016 Festival" at EarlsCourt Park
- 13th Annual "Brazilfest" 2016
- Corso Italia BIA "Pasta al Dente & Movie Night"
- Club 55+ visit Casino Rama
- Casa da Beiras Cultural Community Centre 16th Anniversary Celebration
- UJP Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

For more information on upcoming events, please visit my website.

### Stairway Naming Ceremony In Honour Of The Late Dick Watts



I would like to thank Harry Lay, John Keating, Florence Watts and the Regal Heights Residents' Association who worked in partnership with my office to get the stairway located at the intersection of Regal Road and Glenhome Ave. officially named the "Dick Watts Steps" in honour of the late Dick Watts.



I would like to commend the RHRA for their vision and perseverance. It was inspiring to see so many families and children taking part in creating beautiful street murals. Ward 17 is a community in action!



Cesar with community organizers of the Dolce Vita Festival

### 2016 Milestones!

Extending our sincerest congratulations to the following organizations celebrating milestone anniversaries:

- Loretto College School – 100th Anniversary
- First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre – 60th Anniversary
- St. John Bosco School – 50th Anniversary
- FCJ Refugee Centre – 25th Anniversary



Celebrating Portugal's Euro Cup 2016 Victory on St. Clair Ave West

## I'm Always Available To Assist You

### Carleton Village Junior and Senior Sports & Wellness Academy - School Nutrition Program Donation

On June 24th, Delta Bingo's Andy Buchan and I had the privilege of presenting a \$5000 cheque to the Carleton Village Junior and Senior Sports & Wellness Academy in support of their School Nutrition Program. Programs like these are vital to ensure that children receive at least one good meal a day. A huge thank you to all of the Delta Bingo charities who donated an additional \$5000 towards this program.



### Completion of New Staircase at EarlsCourt Park

EarlsCourt Park is the largest and most utilized park within Ward 17. I'm happy to share that the following improvements have been completed for this cherished public space. A new set of stairs and a switch back concrete ramp (south end of the park) is completed, providing barrier free access to residents from Davenport Road, which includes proper lighting and low maintenance landscaping and tree plantings. The staircase at the south/west corner of the park will be replaced; the project has been tendered out with construction expected to begin late 2016.



New Staircase at EarlsCourt Park

### Community Update on Joseph J. Piccininni Community Recreation Centre - HVAC Plumbing and Electrical Upgrades

At my request, construction started as scheduled on September 6, 2016 and work is ongoing. The facility is closed for major Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades with the exception of the Fitness Centre which continues to be in operation. Construction continues to be on schedule and work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

### BBQ/Movie Night to Commemorate New Playground at Wadsworth Park

As we all know, Toronto is known as the "City within a park" and Wadsworth Park is one of the many beautiful parks in Ward 17. People gather here daily to play with their kids, meet friends and enjoy all the activity the park has to offer. Wadsworth Park has become a popular hub and recreational space in the heart of our neighbourhood. This new playground enhancement is exactly the kind of revitalization we need in our local parks. I am confident that a greater and greener future has been achieved.



I would like to thank the community for their efforts in working together and would like to ask that we continue to work hand-in-hand to ensure that this park remains a safe and well used space.

### Landscape Improvements In The Wiltshire Avenue Hydro One Transformer Station

I am very pleased to inform you that NEW landscaping improvements on Wiltshire Avenue are now complete. It is my understanding that Hydro One has made some minor modifications to enhance the overall look of the landscaping, namely: along Davenport Road, the planting bed has been extended to the railroad to offer more plantings and reduce grass cutting on the steep grading. Along Wiltshire Avenue, 10 Cedar Trees have been planted, to offer a continuous row of trees and provide more privacy.

### New - Charles Caccia Park

**Good News!** The Charles Caccia Park is now fully operational. Many updated features have been added such as a new splash pad, new play structures, an additional swing set, landscaping, tree replacements, lighting improvements, new benches, a new irrigation system, restoration of the walkways throughout the park and increased gathering space for families to come spend a day at the park. This major project has certainly made the park a more vibrant and welcoming environment for our community in the years to come! I will continue to fight for future park enhancements.

