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WINTER REPORT

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Dear Friends,

Now that the holiday season is upon us – it is a great time to reflect on all that has happened over this year, and all the exciting projects planned for 2018.

This year has been an exciting year, we have organized: town-hall meetings, free community compost days, annual community clean-up days, Environment Day, street parties, movie nights, festivals at local parks, mural projects, added new playgrounds and green spaces – thank you to the thousands of families who participated, and a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers!

Within the next few weeks, the 2018 Capital & Operating Budget will be debated. As a member of the City's Executive Committee, please be assured that I will leverage my power to improve local City services, while advocating for a socially progressive and fiscally responsible City-wide agenda that is financially sustainable.

Together, we must ensure that the Operating Budget is **not** balanced off on the backs of hardworking Torontonians through property tax increases, increases in recreational user fees, and other regressive taxes or service charges, or by selling profitable City assets. City programs and services must be protected and prioritized – over-spending and waste must be controlled.

Our community is gentrifying, as hundreds of young families have moved-in; the need for affordable day-care spaces, more recreational programs and green spaces, and keeping taxes low is necessary. I'm committed to making these my top priorities.

I will continue to work **14-16 hours daily** – I take pride for being accessible and available to serve my residents; more than **30,000 residents** have my personal cell and email; assisting residents with municipal issues by visiting them at their own home has become my daily routine, and helping people out at my Community Office – is my joy. Getting things done is my passion!

I deeply value your input, your ideas, suggestions, or advice on how to improve the overall quality of life in our community. I'm hoping you take a few minutes to read this newsletter, and find the time to call me, or write about what is important to you.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year!



Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Holiday Season & a healthy and prosperous New Year!



Update: St. Clair Ave. West Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Overview:

In 2012, Toronto City Council, at my request, approved an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess possible solutions to decongest the underpass area located at St. Clair Ave West and Old Weston Road.

As you know, this area has become a serious bottleneck of traffic congestion due to the construction of the St. Clair Exclusive Right of Way. As part of the Environmental Assessment the City is examining possible design solutions to improve all modes of transportation, \$32 Million in funding has been secured for this project. The solution should create:

- Better east-west connectivity, less overall vehicle delay, and more travel options
- Better connections to public transit
- New cycling facilities
- Safer environment including new lighting, sidewalks, and other streetscape improvements.

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