

Getting MORE Things Done

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Update: Emerging Concepts of the TMP and NEW St. Clair - Old Weston SmartTrack Transit Station

Good news! The planning and design of the new transit station is being co-ordinated with Transportation Services, City Planning and Metrolinx to provide the community with detailed information on these joint projects before it goes to City Council, for final approval. Public consultation meetings will be scheduled in early 2018 for the public to choose the preferred alternative(s) on the TMP. Stay tuned!

The TMP is currently examining options that are aimed at creating better east-west road connectivity, reducing gridlock, and providing more options and better connections to public transit. I'm envisioning a state-of-the-art public transit transportation hub –with tremendous potential for economic development and growth, employment, and overall revitalization that will benefit the Davenport community.

The planning and design of the new station is being co-ordinated with the TMP. Key transit station features and elements include:

- **Planned connections with local transit routes to provide good station access for transferring passengers, including the 512 St. Clair streetcar and expanded bus service along Union Street, Old Weston Rd and other routes.**
- **Pedestrian and cycling access to the station, which will be provided from both sides of the rail corridor through public realm enhancements; and**
- **Good linkages with surrounding roadways including St. Clair Avenue West, Old Weston Road and other potential road extensions that are being planned as part of the St. Clair TMP.**

The graphic on the front page illustrates the alternatives and Smart Track Station currently under consideration. This co-ordinated planning approach has allowed for a more detailed technical evaluation and is expected to result in a better approach to project delivery.

A recommended solution by City Council is expected in early 2018.

Community Events

Local street parties and community celebrations have a way of increasing the overall sense of belonging in a community, which provide an opportunity to meet neighbours, make friends and, most importantly, enjoy a day of fun-filled activities!

I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the organizing groups and volunteers who made these 2017 events possible:

- 2nd Annual Ward 17 "Soppressata Contest"
- 11th Annual St. Clair Gardens BIA Corn Roast Festival
- 10th Annual "Day Avenue" Street Party
- Annual St. Clair Gardens BIA Cavalcade of Lights Festival
- 12th Annual "Holland Park" Street Party
- BBQ/Movie Night at Charles Caccia Park
- Ward 17 "Canada 150 Celebration"
- Movie Night at Wadsworth Park
- 2nd Annual "Lauder Avenue Street Party"
- Movie Night at Davenport Village Park
- Annual Dolce Vita Festival
- Regal Heights Residents' Association "Canada Day Parade"
- "The Appleton Avenue" Street Party
- Flavours of Fairbank BIA Annual Summer Festival
- Regal Heights Residents' Association & Northcliffe Village Residents' Association Pumpkin Carving Event
- "Portugal Day 2017 Festival at EarlsCourt Park
- Fairbank Village BIA Pumpkin Giveaway and Light Up The Holidays
- Corso Italia BIA "Cinema Under the Stars"



Breakfast meeting with Mayor Tory, BIA's and Ratepayers Associations discussing local/City-wide issues

Great News for Transit Riders! TTC 2-hour City-wide Time Based Transfer Update

On Friday, September 15, 2017, I hosted a breakfast meeting at the Don Quixote Restaurant (1331 ½ St. Clair Ave West) with Mayor John Tory, local Business Improvement Associations and local Community Ratepayers Associations to discuss key topics, such as, community safety, helping our local commercial strips, and the TTC decision to discontinue the two-hour TTC transfer that has been available since the right-of-way was built in 2009.

For those of you who are not familiar with the St Clair Ave West two-hour-transfer pilot project, it was put in place to encourage transit riders to shop locally to help local businesses that were struggling to survive during the lengthy exclusive right-of-way construction; the pilot was a great success! When I was a TTC commissioner, during the last administration, I made it a priority to extend this valuable time-based transfer service when it was going to be discontinued.

I am pleased to report that we garnered the support of Mayor Tory and the TTC Chair to expand the two-hour-transfer option across the entire City. This initiative was successfully adopted by the TTC Board, therefore, approving a two-hour time based fare for PRESTO card users that will come into effective in August of 2018. Rest assured that once this matter is brought to City Council for final approval, I will lead the charge and ensure that this is adopted City

wide, so all transit riders will reap the benefits while riding the better way.

Additional benefits include:

- ✓ More travel independence for transit riders
- ✓ Providing relief for low income families and seniors
- ✓ Helps local business improvement areas by encouraging increased foot traffic and tourism
- ✓ Easy to implement via the Presto system that will increase ridership and encourage Presto use
- ✓ Environmental benefits include alternatives to car use for short errands that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Huge thank you to our local BIA's and Ratepayers Associations for your commitment and support. When we work together, good things happen!

Special thanks to Don Quixote's Restaurant for their hospitality.