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Dear Friends,
Spring is upon us and I hope you are all ready for a wonderful season!

Following our long and harsh winter season, there are streets and public laneways in our community that require potholes to be patched as well as litter to be cleaned - please feel free to contact my office, if you have concerns regarding your street.

My office and I have been busy planning lots of exciting events that will be taking place over this coming spring and summer which we hope you will attend, they include:

- Annual Community Safety Forum
- Environment Day
- Compost Give-Away Days
- Community Clean-up Day

(see inside for complete details)

There will also be a number of local community street parties, movie nights, festivals in local parks, mural projects and much more - please visit www.cesarpalacio.com for more information.

As you already know, City Council approved the 2018 operating budget of \$11.1 billion (tax supported) and a 10-year capital budget plan of \$26 billion, both of which I supported - the reason for my support was that I felt this budget was balanced without using regressive means of revenue generation, which only hurt the taxpayer. (see inside for "2018 Budget at a Glance" article).

Friends, I deeply value your concerns, input and recommendations on what will make Ward 17 an even better place to live, work and play - so please, feel free to reach me via phone or email, as I am always interested in hearing from you!

I hope you take a few minutes to read this newsletter and hope that you will find it informative. There are also some helpful resources that I hope you will find useful.

More than 30,000 residents have my personal cell and email and I take great pride in helping people. I am passionate about our community, and like you, want to see Ward 17 continue to grow and prosper!

As always, I am only a phone call or email away and I look forward to getting **MORE** things done for Ward 17.

SAVE THE DATE

Decongesting the St. Clair/Old Weston Road Traffic Nightmare & NEW Go Transit Station

I am pleased to invite you to a Public Information Meeting to discuss the preferred alternative(s) for the St. Clair Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and a look at the final design of the NEW St. Clair/Old Weston Road SmartTrack Station. This meeting will be held on:

Monday, June 25, 2018
Joseph J. Piccininni Recreation Centre,
Main Lobby
1369 St. Clair Avenue West
6:30 p.m.

2018 COMPOST DAYS



Our annual compost days are here! This year's FREE community compost days will, once again, be held throughout the ward, so green your gardens, plant your flowers and help keep our community beautiful.

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The St. Clair Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will result in:

- Safer environment including new lighting, sidewalks, and other streetscape improvements.
- Better east-west connections and reduced gridlock
- Improved connections to public transit (512 streetcar, local bus routes)
- Enhancing our public realm i.e. new lighting, sidewalks, and other streetscape improvements
- Extending the West Toronto Railpath to the north

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Getting MORE Things Done

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St. Clair West Transportation Master Plan & NEW SmartTrack

Transit Station at St. Clair Ave./Old Weston Road

Decongesting and revitalizing the St. Clair Ave. West and Old Weston Road neighbourhood has been a massive priority for a number of years. My vision for this area includes a much-needed widening of the underpass bridge (located at St. Clair Ave. West and Old Weston Rd.) to accommodate two lanes of traffic running eastbound, as well as two lanes of traffic running westbound to allow for better connectivity and improved commute along this rail corridor. Other potential road extensions that would improve connectivity include the extension of Davenport Road, Gunn's Road and Keele Street.

The great news, is that my vision is now coming to fruition as part of the St. Clair West Transportation Master Plan (TMP), as hundreds of millions of dollars will be invested right here in our community. This is a result of much lobbying at Council and other levels of government, with implementation scheduled to be completed within the next 5 years.

In addition to the widening of the underpass, we will also be creating a GO Transit Station: St. Clair-Old Weston Road SmartTrack Station to serve as a major transportation hub taking people from Ward 17 and neighbouring wards to other parts of the GTA.

The planning, design and construction of the NEW St. Clair TMP is being co-ordinated by both Transportation Services, and Metrolinx. On Monday, June 25, 2018, there will be a public meeting to discuss conceptual renderings and panel boards - I hope you will attend and provide input on your preferred option(s).

This tremendous investment in our community, creates an opportunity for additional employment and economic growth that would not have been possible without your support - a number of stakeholders including the local BIA's, Resident Associations, Community leaders and local residents have been instrumental in advocating and supporting this project and I would like to thank all of you for your help.

Improving Cycling Connectivity in Ward 17

In an effort to improve cycling in the area, I proposed extending the West Toronto Railpath to the north (from Cariboo Avenue/Osler Street) to connect with the Davenport bicycle lane, Rogers Road and Lavender bicycle paths creating a better bicycle network.



Compost give-away day at Ascot Avenue Fire Station

2018 COMPOST GIVEAWAY

1	Friday, April 27	General Mercer School	Chambers & Rowntree Ave.	4:00 PM
2	Saturday, April 28	Ascot Fire Station	106 Ascot Ave.	1:00 PM
3	Sunday, April 29	Pelham Avenue Playground	Between Uxbridge and Laughton Ave.	10:00 AM
4	Sunday, April 29	Lightbourn & Chandos Parkette	Lightbourn & Chandos Ave.	12:00 PM
5	Wednesday, May 2	SADRA Park	Blackthorn & St. Clair Ave. West	4:00 PM
6	Thursday, May 3	Charles Caccia Park	North entrance to Park	12:00 PM
7	Friday, May 4	St John Bosco School	75 Holmesdale Rd.	4:00 PM
8	Saturday, May 5	Oakwood Collegiate	School Parking Lot, off of Rosemount Ave.	1:00 PM
9	Sunday, May 6	Wadsworth Park	Laughton & Connolly St.	9:00 AM
10	Sunday, May 6	Harvie Ave. & Hope St.	170 Hope St. (Near Intersection)	11:00 AM
11	Wednesday, May 9	Turnberry South Parkette	Aleñejo Street at Braga Gardens	4:00 PM
12	Thursday, May 10	Bert Robinson Park	Gilbert Ave. Entrance	4:00 PM
13	Friday, May 11	FH Miller School	Caledonia & Rogers Rd.	4:00 PM
14	Wednesday, May 16	Harlow Ave. and Ennerdale Rd.	On the street, near this intersection	4:00 PM
15	Friday, May 18	Day Ave. & Morrison Ave.	On the street, near this intersection	4:00 PM
16	Saturday, May 19 "Environment Day"	Loretto College School	Rosemount Ave. & Via Italia	10:00 AM

2018 Budget at a Glance

The 2018 Budget maintains all current programs and services; and makes significant investments in transit: housing and childcare, and ensures our physical infrastructure remains in a state of good repair, it is a budget that is balanced and fiscally responsible.

Some members of Council insisted that higher property taxes and more spending on pet projects was necessary, however, I have always believed that we need to live within our means. Cutting services, or by contrast raising taxes disproportionately, are not options I would support. We must strive to find efficiencies, while protecting social programs that enhance the livelihood of our communities. These are difficult, yet critical decisions and I am proud to have supported a budget that I believe is balanced on both sides.

One of my successes as part of this budget included extending the TTC two-hour time-based transfer program throughout the City. As you might know, this was a pilot project instituted during the St. Clair Ave. West Exclusive Right-Of-Way construction to assist local businesses and promote public transit - this program was scheduled to be terminated this summer, however, I was able to lobby for a permanent extension of this program throughout the entire City - thank you to our local BIA's, Ratepayers Associations and Transit Users for their invaluable support on this important initiative! When we work together, great things happen!

This budget also provides much-needed funding for child care growth, Student Nutrition Program, shelters and housing, advances in environmental sustainability, investments in poverty reduction, and improves Toronto's Transportation Network, among other key City building initiatives.

In addition to the operating budget, the City also approved a 2018-2027 tax supported Capital Budget Plan of \$26 billion of which 72% is allocated to transit and transportation projects such as the purchase of new buses and streetcars, a subway expansion and right here in our community a GO Transit and SmartTrack Station to be located at St. Clair & Old Weston Rd.

Highlights of key funding increases include:

- Additional 1,515 childcare subsidies
- Support for the new Child and Family Centre Programs
- \$4.6 million towards the Transit fare equity program
- \$6.1 million for the system-wide TTC 2-hour time-based transfer
- \$3 million to address bus overcrowding
- \$279 million in interim capital funding to address the Toronto Community Housing state-of-good-repair backlog and current revitalization projects
- \$202 million for various programs to ensure compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards
- \$2.3 million for TransformTO to help counter climate change
- \$2.2 million for the Student Nutrition Program
- \$2 million to complete the phase-in of the four-year Arts and Culture Plan to achieve the \$25 per capita spending