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Message From Jon

Don Mills Trail Snow Plowing Announcement

Although Ward 16 enjoys a plethora of walking trails, the lack of winter maintenance can be frustrating. The Don Mills Trail, parallel to Leslie St. from York Mills Rd. to south of Lawrence Ave., has been particularly aggravating. It is not only a popular recreation trail, but it is also an important connector for folks using the TTC at Lawrence. I've since moved, but I walked on this trail for 17 years so I know how treacherous it can be!

I am happy to report that the Parks department has agreed to plow the most heavily used portion of the trail, from Lawrence Ave. to Duncairn Park as a pilot project. If they can address various technical issues they will plow farther north to Bond Park. I am grateful to City staff who have added this to their routes without any increase to their budget.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Or not.

Last season there were only three snowfalls when snowplows were required, but for many residents it was three too many. Unfortunately, the quality of snow removal was erratic. I personally attended numerous addresses – sometimes more than once – in an attempt to have the new snow removal contractor rectify the myriad of issues.

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, I have met with Transportation staff several times, as well as with the contractor. I am hopeful there will be a marked improvement in snow removal this season, but I will continue to urge all involved parties to **do the job properly and in a timely fashion**.



In June I presented the Community Spirit Award to Blessing Gasa at the Don Mills C.I. graduation ceremony.



With PC Holness, PC Pepper, Sup. Locke, Insp. Hussein, DS Brautigam and PC Bolland at 33 Division Open House.



Resident Esther Lee joined us at the opening of my community office.