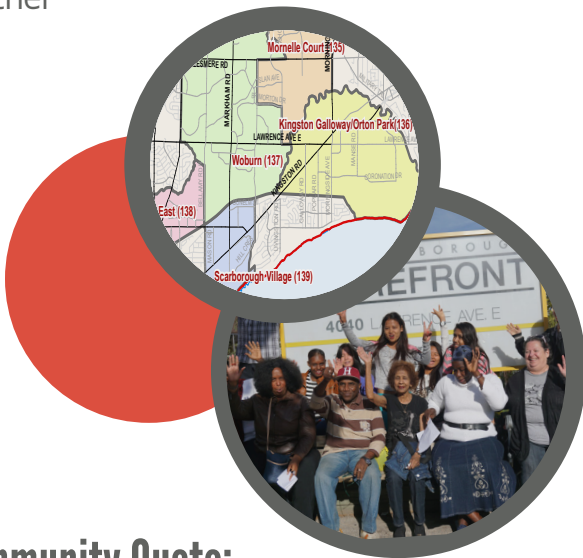


NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: SOUTH EAST SCARBOROUGH PLANNING TABLE

A Neighbourhood Story:

"It is important that the voices of Scarborough's young people are included in their community's dialogue; the arts have been instrumental in making this possible. Young people require platforms from which to share their creative endeavours with their community. Therefore, creating additional multi-purpose arts spaces ensures young people flourish creatively."

- Denese Matthews, Community Service Partner



Community Quote:

"Scarborough Village is home to people from different backgrounds and abilities. Residents support the community by organizing programs like breakfast clubs, summer camps, and community celebrations. We partner with organizations to improve our programs, advise on upgrading our community spaces, and outreach to others to offer our help."

- Amandeep Gill, Resident

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

- #135 Mornelle Court (Morningside)
- #136 Kingston/Galloway/Orton Park (West Hill)
- #137 Woburn
- #139 Scarborough Village

Councillors and Wards:

- Ward 36 - Councillor Gary Crawford
- Ward 38 - Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker
- Ward 43 - Councillor Paul Ainslie
- Ward 44 - Councillor Ron Moeser

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Social Development: Delivered the Pathways to Education Program supporting highschool youth by: working with families on educational concerns; developing advocacy skills; and providing financial support for travel needs and post secondary application fees.
- ❑ Healthy Lives: Implemented the Healthy Kids Community Challenge to more than 4,000 children, parents, and service providers, promoting healthy eating, physical exercise, and creating physical literacy for families.
- ❑ Physical Surroundings: Utilized \$380,000 in funds obtained through POL2, to refurbish the lower level space at 90 Mornelle Court for new community amenities including meeting, recreational, and programming space.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: DON VALLEY NIAs

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#44 Flemington Park
#55 Thorncliffe Park
#43 Victoria Village

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 26 - Councillor Jon Burnside
Ward 34 - Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Physical Surroundings: POL2 funding of \$505,000 received for capital upgrades at the Angela James Arena including heated viewing area, storage facilities, and a new P.A. system.
- ❑ Social Development: 60 youth from Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute participated in the Youth Employment Advance Project receiving life skills and career planning workshops from members of the Youth Service Network.
- ❑ Social Development: POL 2 funds of \$15,000 were invested in new equipment to maintain the Flemo City Media Lounge and Recording Studio, a free access space for youth.

A Neighbourhood Story:

Friends of Flemington (FOF) is advocating for a strong Neighbourhood Strategy for the Flemington Park Community. We at FOF have created a foundation which reflects our community and addresses the lack of programming, resources, the shortage of recreational facilities, and challenges we face in our neighbourhood.
- Friends of Flemington (FOF)

Community Quote:

“As Community Leads in Flemington Park we felt the importance to show case the talent within an inner city community and by applying for Kraft Hockeyville 2016 contest. We were able to put Flemington Park on the map #flemoville..”
- Muhammad Sadick, Aishah Sheri and Adil Patel, Friends of Angela James Arena & Residents



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: TAYLOR - MASSEY OAKRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

A Neighbourhood Story:

Community partners came together to develop strategies to increase access to locally grown and affordable food. Three new community gardens were established in the neighbourhood because of this collaboration.



Community Quote:

“This platform (Neighbourhood Action Partnership) will help those people involved to think about how to work in partnerships for the betterment of the community.”

- Tahmid Rouf, Resident Leader & Agency Staff

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#61 Taylor-Massey

#121 Oakridge

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 31 - Councillor Janet Davis

Ward 35 - Councillor Michelle Holland

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Participation in Decision-Making: \$250,000 from the Participatory Budgeting Pilot Project in Oakridge was committed to neighbourhood upgrades that residents proposed and voted on. Funded projects include: a new performance stage in Oakridge Park, a mural on Pharmacy Ave., a new walking/running path, and playground upgrade at Prairie Drive Park.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Developed and delivered 8 workshops to 50 youth in Taylor-Massey and Oakridge to help increase financial literacy.
- ❑ Social Development: Engaged 50 residents in arts, sewing and knitting repairs, and childrens literacy through hosting the Repair Cafe at the Good Food Market at 10 Gower Park Place in partnership with local volunteers, agencies, community groups, and city divisions.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: PARKDALE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#85 South Parkdale

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 14 - Councillor Gord Perks

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Participation in Decision-Making: Coordinated “Democratic Facilitation by Design” workshops with the Catalyst Centre. Attended by 15 residents focused on building economic literacy and resident capacity and leadership in neighbourhood economic development planning processes.
- ❑ Participation in Decision-Making: Held 8 workshops attended by 90 stakeholders. This led to seven domains of Parkdale wellbeing indicators including: Health & Food Security, Housing & Land Use, and Accessibility & Inclusion.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Resident led arts initiatives including a promotional video on “community-serving” practices for local business owners.

A Neighbourhood Story:

Community members came together this year to design a “Parkdale Solidarity Flag” mural to represent a shared neighbourhood vision and express common values that align with the Parkdale Neighbourhood Plan. The Parkdale Solidarity Flag is now installed as a mural on Queen Street West and the flag is produced by a grassroots initiative for wide distribution and display in the neighbourhood.

Community Quote:

“What is at stake now is the future of Parkdale. The effects of neighbourhood change are a shared concern. We know that change happens, but we also know that how change happens is not inevitable. Strategies and policy tools to guide neighbourhood change and local economies do exist... What is needed, then, is to explore how we can align those strategies and work together to address growing inequality and poverty, and build a more equitable neighbourhood. This is why this community planning initiative is vital now to building a shared vision for the future of Parkdale.”
- Kuni Kamizaki, Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STAKEHOLDERS TABLE

A Neighbourhood Story:

In 2016 the Regent Park Legacy Fund received support through the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy to launch the first round of community capacity building grants. The history of the Legacy Fund goes back to the 1980s when Regent Park fundraised to establish a community centre for youth. Tenants contributed two dollars per month for three years raising more than \$10,000 and securing contributions that now total more than \$600,000.



Community Quote:

“Residents need a stronger, more influential voice in the social development planning throughout the next 10 years of the revitalization as this will increase their capacity to keep decision-makers accountable.”

- Diane MacLean, Resident

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#72 Regent Park

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 28 - Councillor Pam McConnell

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Social Development: Launched a new monthly community newsletter with 350 online subscribers and printed copies are regularly distributed to high traffic community spaces
- ❑ Physical Surroundings: Asset mapped local services and held information session attended by 30 residents on recent upgrades to community spaces, services, and accessibility. New community spaces include Regent Park Community Centre, Daniels Spectrum Cultural Centre, Regent Park Aquatic Centre, and an Athletic Field.
- ❑ Healthy Lives: 2 neighbourhood surveys were completed in Health, Employment, and Entrepreneurship. Project ideas are being assessed for partnership opportunities with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Toronto Public Health and the Wellesley Institute.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: RUSTIC NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#28 Rustic

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 12 - Councillor Frank Di Giorgio

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Physical Surroundings: 220 residents voted on Participatory Budget Pilot Project in 2015 and 2016. Over 2 years \$380,000 secured new lighting in Rustic Park, shade structure in Maple Leaf Park, and water bottle-filling stations, a movie wall, permanent ping-pong and chess tables, and a gazebo in surrounding parks.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Provided no-cost Smart Serve employment training and certification for 35 youth and residents through the Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- ❑ Healthy Lives: Supported over 200 children aged 4 to 13 attending workshops related to healthy eating, understanding food sources and the Falstaff Community Garden, as well as the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

A Neighbourhood Story:

In the 2015 Participatory Budget process, the community benefited from the opportunity by voting on two important initiatives: increased safety in Rustic Park with the installation of 4 new street lights and the soon to be built shelter for shade near the playground in Maple Leaf Park. All of these initiatives have aided in bringing people in the community together while promoting common gathering spaces.

Community Quote:

“Rustic community is a diverse compilation of people who have come to this country to improve their situation in life due to economic or political factors and with the willpower of residents, tenants, and community partners the area can be improved by taking the necessary action, one step at a time.”

– Luisa Giacometti, Resident and Chair of the Rustic Community Network NIA Table



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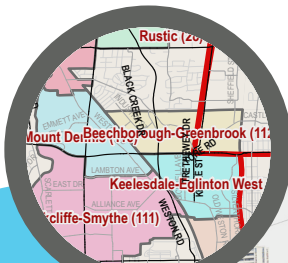
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: YORK SOUTH WESTON NIA PARTNERS

A Neighbourhood Story:

The “Food Friendly Neighbourhood” Food Plan is an ongoing collaboration with residents, community agencies, and the City of Toronto with the aim of reducing poverty by growing local solutions from the ground up. It includes involving residents, local businesses, community gardens and kitchens, and strengthening connections with agencies to secure healthy and accessible food for the community. The recent “Focus on Food” social media campaign is just one engagement initiative with the goal of raising awareness of food efforts, assets, and access in York South Weston.



Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

- #110 Keelesdale-Eglinton
- #112 Beechborough Greenbrook West
- #113 Weston
- #115 Mount Dennis

Councillors and Wards:

- Ward 11 - Councillor Frances Nunziata
- Ward 12 - Councillor Frank Di Giorgio

Priority Actions:

- Participation in Decision-Making: Resident Civic Engagement training to build advocacy capacity.
- Healthy Lives: Implemented community food network of local organizations involved in healthy living education, food literacy, food access, area gardens and market programs.
- Healthy Lives: Supported local Mental Health and Wellness initiatives including young women’s yoga program and Mental Health Information Session.

Community Quote:

“As a newcomer to Canada, I have learned more about my new community, met more of my neighbours, and shared more cultural traditions through these “Pop-up” food markets and community kitchens than I would ever be able to do on my own.”
- Beatriz Ortega, Resident

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: WESTON - PELHAM PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#91 Weston-Pelham Park

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 17 - Councillor Cesar Palacio

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Participation in Decision-Making: Developed a resident recruitment strategy that engaged over 50 residents and 13 community and City services at our inaugural resident engagement meetings in 2016. The Weston Pelham NIA table has approved a Terms of Reference which lays the foundation that allows for working collectively. Future plans for 2017 currently under-development.

A Neighbourhood Story:

The Stop has grown in its 35 years from a foodbank into an integrated program to address poverty, unemployment and isolation experienced by neighbourhood residents. The Stop is using healthy food to bring people together, supporting the community in creating connections, building health, developing skills, advocating for change and involving volunteering to make a difference. In the words of one program participant: "I am feeling good about myself. I was feeling really destitute, but being at The Stop I have a little community. The Stop is like my home."

Community Quote:

"I love the way people are so welcoming when they see you at the Weston-Pelham Park community. The community dining at DPNCHC and The Stop are great places to dine and keep in touch with friends. I see people helping each other, whether it is to carry groceries, help with a pram or mobility device, or on and off the bus. I love the pride that people display when doing their gardens - whether they are purely ornamental or for food. I was blown away by the vertical gardens installed on trees at Pelham Park - they are just amazing!"
- Tina Conlon, Community Minister,
Davenport Perth Community Ministry



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: KINGSVIEW VILLAGE - THE WESTWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Community Quote:

"I truly appreciated my time representing Kingsview Village - The Westway neighbourhood and have a better understanding on how to make a neighbourhood strong. Residents should be at the core of the decisions that impact their lives and their community. One of the core values I have learned is, before you activate resources, you must first understand the residents who live in the improvement area. If everyone involved has understanding of the residents who reside in these communities and ensures that City policies and programs are adopted on the basis of feedback from the residents; The TSNS2020 would be accomplished in the time allotted"

- Sarah Ali, Resident and RAC Member

A Neighbourhood Story:

The summer 2016 launch of Kidz Robotic & Sportz Summer Camp was such a huge success in the neighbourhood that a waiting list for attending and volunteering had to be made. The program not only built social inclusion for the young newcomer population in the community, it was a fun and educational opportunity to learn the basics of robotics. Staffed by youth volunteers, who gained valuable experience and skills, the program was run by the Somali Parents Liaison Coalition through partnership with the Etobicoke Community Council, Toronto District School Board and Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School and support from Toronto Police Services.

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#6 Kingsview Village - The Westway

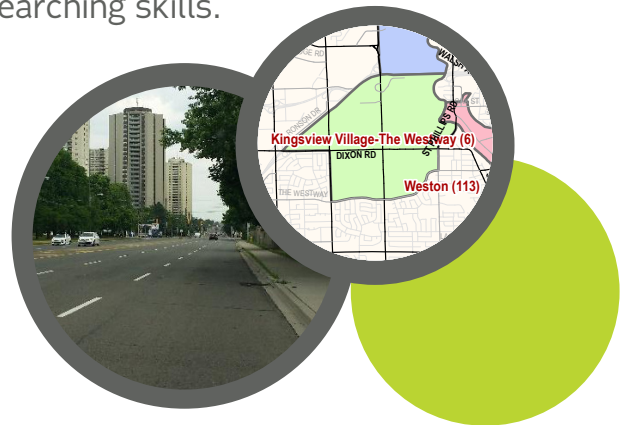
Councillors and Wards:

Ward 2 - Councillor Michael Ford

Ward 4 - Councillor John Campbell

Priority Actions:

- ❑ Participation in Decision-Making: In partnership with Ward councillors, held 2 consultation meetings attended by 45 residents for planning and development of new community and recreation spaces.
- ❑ Healthy Lives: Engaged with 100 residents through offering multi-cultural services and inclusive workshops on safety, health, wellness, and nutrition.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Offered employment skills workshop to 30 youth on resume writing, interviewing, and job searching skills.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: ROCKCLIFFE - SMYTHE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#111 Rockcliffe-Smythe

Councillors and Wards:

Ward 11 - Councillor Frances Nunziata

Priority Actions:

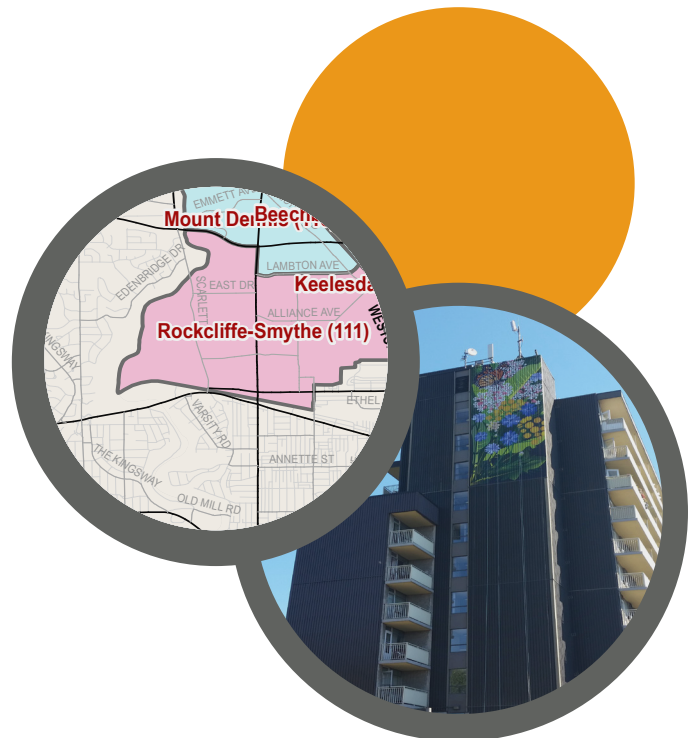
- ❑ Social Development: Held 6 community meetings attended by 110 stakeholders to develop a service plan, and increase access and investment in services for residents.
- ❑ Social Development: Employed 4 post-secondary students with a \$17,000 grant to deliver TSNS 2020 programs, surveys, events, workshop to residents.
- ❑ Physical space: 40 residents participated in the consultation process for the mural at 55 Outlook Ave, an Urban Arts project.
- ❑ Social Development: Hosted a School Opportunities Fair for parents with 17 exhibitors attended by 50 residents promoting health services, youth activities, and skills upgrading.

A Neighbourhood Story:

The Rockcliffe-Smythe neighbourhood has undergone significant changes in the last few years. Already celebrated for its network of outdoor recreation spaces, active arts and cultural community, and economic and social renewal with the Stockyards shopping area, upcoming Crosstown-LRT/GO/UP transit and commercial hub, and York Community Recreation Centre at Mount Dennis.

Community Quote:

“Moving to a big city I really worried about finding a place that felt like home. Having lived in the area now for over 10 years. I am proud to call Rockcliffe-Smythe home. The neighbours are very friendly, there are lots of shops and restaurants in walking distance and my girls love the parks and bike trails. I have seen lots of positive changes in the past few years and look forward to more growth.”
- Tanya Connors, Resident



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