

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: REXDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

## A Neighbourhood Story:

In 2014, the Rexdale Neighbourhood Action Partnership recognized the need for independent input from the community in their work. In 2015 a framework of "Community Conversations" was developed, bringing together resident leaders. From this process, the North Etobicoke Resident Council was created to advocate on behalf of the community. With funding from the Poverty Reduction Strategy and Recipe for Community, the NERC has since supported the implementation of a garden project involving 60 residents, murals in Panorama Court, Jamestown and Mount Olive, tree planting in Mount Olive, and in 2016 the Youth Summer Celebration event attended by 250 residents.



## Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

- #2 Mount Olive-Silverstone-Jamestown
- #3 Thistletown-Beaumont Heights
- #4 Elms-Old Rexdale
- #21 Humber Summit
- #22 Humbermede

## Councillors and Wards:

- Ward 1 - Councillor Vincent Crisanti
- Ward 7 - Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

## Priority Actions:

- Economic Opportunities: Provided Food Handler Certification Courses to 40 residents seeking employment in the food service industry.
- Economic Opportunities: Offered 2 First Aid Certification courses attended by 40 youth to increase job opportunities in the recreation and community service sector.
- Economic Opportunities: Hosted a Service and Information Fair focusing on creating employment opportunities for youth and attended by 70 residents.

## Community Quote:

"Change requires participation from everyone. It is important to include diverse resident voices at the table and encourage them to actively take the lead on neighbourhood initiatives. This is how real change happens."  
- Farah Mahmood, Resident Community Animator

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: DOWNSVIEW RODING NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

## Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#26 Downsview Roding

## Councillors and Wards:

Ward 7 – Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

Ward 9 – Councillor Maria Augimeri

## Priority Actions:

- ❑ Physical Space: Asset mapped existing programs for youth and established a Youth Space/Programming Issues Workgroup.
- ❑ Participation in Decision-Making: Promoted youth engagement in the neighbourhood by holding 7 focus groups with youth at Downsview Secondary School, Madonna and Pierre Laporte Middle School and 3 community centres, surveying 100+ youth.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Provided 62 youth capacity building trainings including First Aid, CPR, Food Handling, and HIGH Five, in order to increase employability.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Received a Prosperity Fund grant of \$2,400, through which community agencies partnered with youth to develop 3 programs which were attended by over 85 youth.

## Community Quote:

“We applied for a POL2 grant to revitalize Roding Park so residents of all ages can enjoy new features. It’s essential for neighbourhood safety and to bring people back into the park again!”

- Lisa Pitoccio, Resident

## A Neighbourhood Story:

In Winter 2016, the Downsview community welcomed over 800 Syrian refugees. The refugees stayed at the Toronto Plaza Hotel, where the community welcomed them by donating clothes, toys, and fresh halal meals for the families in order to help them integrate into their new life in Canada. Toronto Public Health provided a Mobile Dental Clinic for the Syrian refugees at the Toronto Plaza Hotel.



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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TABLE: YORK UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PARTNERSHIP

## A Neighbourhood Story:

Employment sector service providers in York University Heights identified a need for more supports for residents experiencing mental health challenges. A connection was made to a newcomer service provider in the partnership who has a program for newcomer mental health professionals to get Canadian experience. This was a win-win situation for everybody.

## Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#27 York University Heights

## Councillors and Wards:

Ward 8 – Councillor Anthony Perruzza

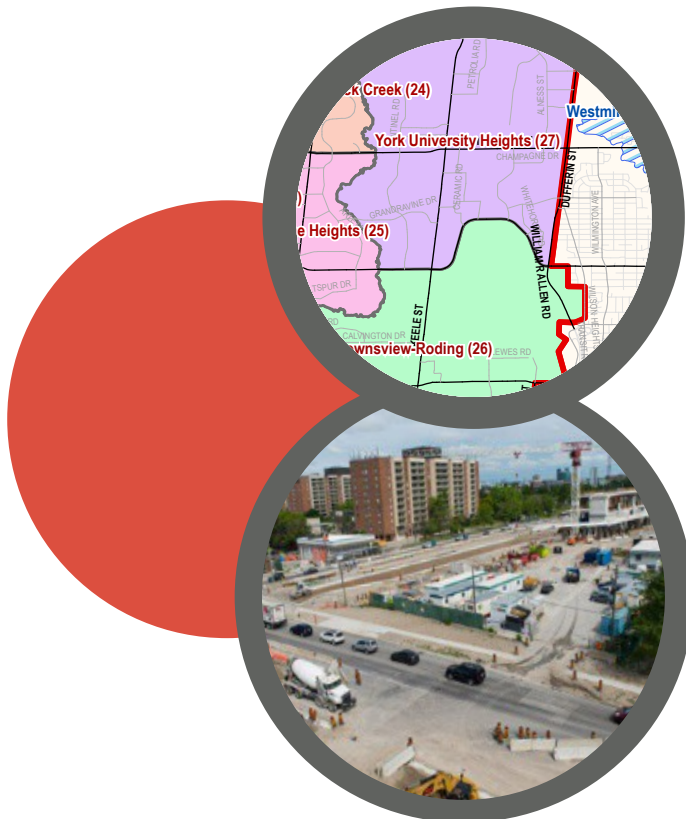
## Priority Actions:

- ❑ **Healthy Lives:** Provided peer-to-peer social and mental health support through workshops, training, and counselling for 150 Spanish speaking seniors with the Prosperity Fund initiative 'Seniors for Seniors'.
- ❑ **Participation in Decision-Making:** Hosted 7 community workshops attended by 206 stakeholders on grant-writing and funding resources with guest presenters from various foundations and funders.
- ❑ **Participation in Decision-Making:** Convened community consultation meetings attended by 46 stakeholders to strengthen connections between local organizations while identifying future capital building project possibilities.

## Community Quote:

"Community engagement and building on the existing strong partnerships will be crucial to ensure that the voices of residents and stakeholders will be heard and have influence. This is an exciting time to be a resident of this community."

- Nathan Stern, Resident and RAC Member



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# JANE FINCH

## TSNS 2020 ACTIVITIES

### Neighbourhood Improvement Areas:

#24 Black Creek

#25 Glenfield Jane Heights

### Councillors and Wards:

Ward 7 - Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

Ward 8 - Councillor Anthony Perruzza

### Current Actions:

- ❑ Social Development: Jane and Finch is undergoing the process of establishing a Neighbourhood Planning Table and received a catalyst grant from York University to research resident issues. Held 2 strategic planning sessions with stakeholders resulting in 6 work groups working to implement the research recommendations.

### Other Network Actions:

- ❑ Economic Opportunities: Provided job training to 58 adult residents in First Aid, CPR, and job search skills.
- ❑ Healthy Lives: Implemented the Community Garden Network to connect residents, local services and food sources. Provided materials, seeds, soil, tool sharing, and workshops on: food literacy; small and large-scale gardening, food preparation and preserving, and connections community services.
- ❑ Economic Opportunities: 80 highschool youth participated in 'High Five': First Aid, CPR, and food handling employability training.

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### A Neighbourhood Story:

Community Action Planning Group (CAPG), is a group of residents, workers, and supporters that aims to educate, engage, and mobilize local communities, in order to influence planning and development projects in the Jane-Finch area. This group has worked tirelessly for 5 years, holding regular workshops. Recently they are working with Metrolinx and TTC on incorporating commercial, residential, or community uses that would provide benefits to the Jane-Finch neighbourhood.



### Community Quote:

"It is our aim to ensure that all community residents know how to advocate for themselves regarding housing issues as well as be informed of the housing policy changes that impact them."  
- Nicola Holness, Jane Finch TSNS Task Force, Housing Workgroup Chair



# COMMUNITY HUB: 1652 KEELE STREET

## Community Hub Coordinator:

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## Priority Actions:

- ❑ Building a vision; working with all stakeholders in the community to revitalize the Hub space to increase services and resident participation.
- ❑ Partnership development; bringing together organizations that provide services at the Hub to work collaboratively.

## Community Quote:

“The residents here, especially the youth, look to the Hub as a local leader and a known advocate for equity, inclusion and social justice”  
- Elder Shahied Shaikh

## The Community Hub Story:

Since 2005, the community hub known as the ‘1652 Keele St. Community Alliance’ has been a central access point providing space and support to the community and a range of needed health, education and social services, along with cultural and recreational space. Programs have provided opportunities for youth, seniors, newcomers, parents with young children, and women, to receive supports, develop new skills, and enjoy social recreation activities.

Over the years, the founding partners including; For Youth Initiative, Social Planning Toronto, Community Action and Resource Centre, and the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto have worked together to create access to services, programs, and events for the community. In 2008 these organizations received a grant from Youth Challenge Fund of \$1.4 million, and funding from the City’s Partnership Opportunity Legacy fund. A new space was created in the basement that is now part of For Youth Initiative space and in 2015 space for Community Action Resource Centre was renovated on the top floor with capital funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The City depends on these spaces and partnerships to implement services and achieve it’s strategic goals, and has a significant interest in their viability. In addition to providing a range of supports, including Below Market Rent(BMR) space, the partners of the 1652 Keele St. Community Alliance are now joined by a Community Hub Coordinator from the City to ensure that 1652 Keele St. continues to develop and provide excellent service to the community for years to come.



# THANKS TO ALL OUR PARTNERS

We engage, ally and connect to over 100 local networks and workgroups across NIAs and Emerging Neighbourhoods.



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