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Ward 2 Community Update

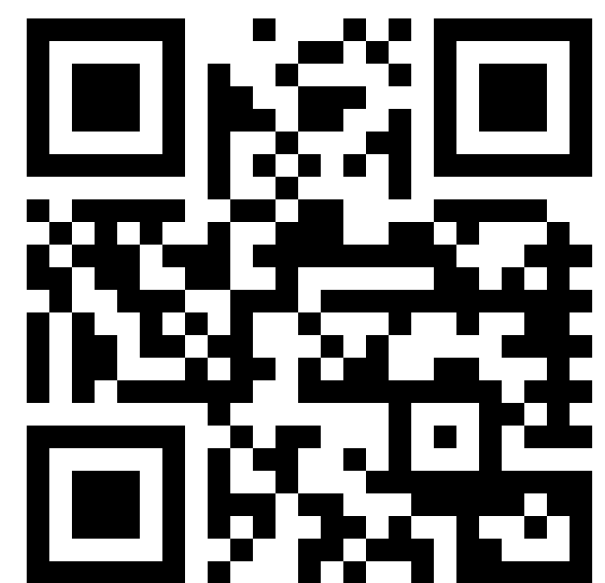
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As summer gets underway, a number of projects and initiatives are moving forward in and around Ward 2. While some of this work may result in temporary inconveniences, each project represents an investment in improving safety, accessibility, public spaces and community services.

I wanted to share an overview of what residents can expect over the coming months and the long-term benefits these improvements will bring to our neighbourhoods.

As always, my office remains available if you have any questions or require assistance.





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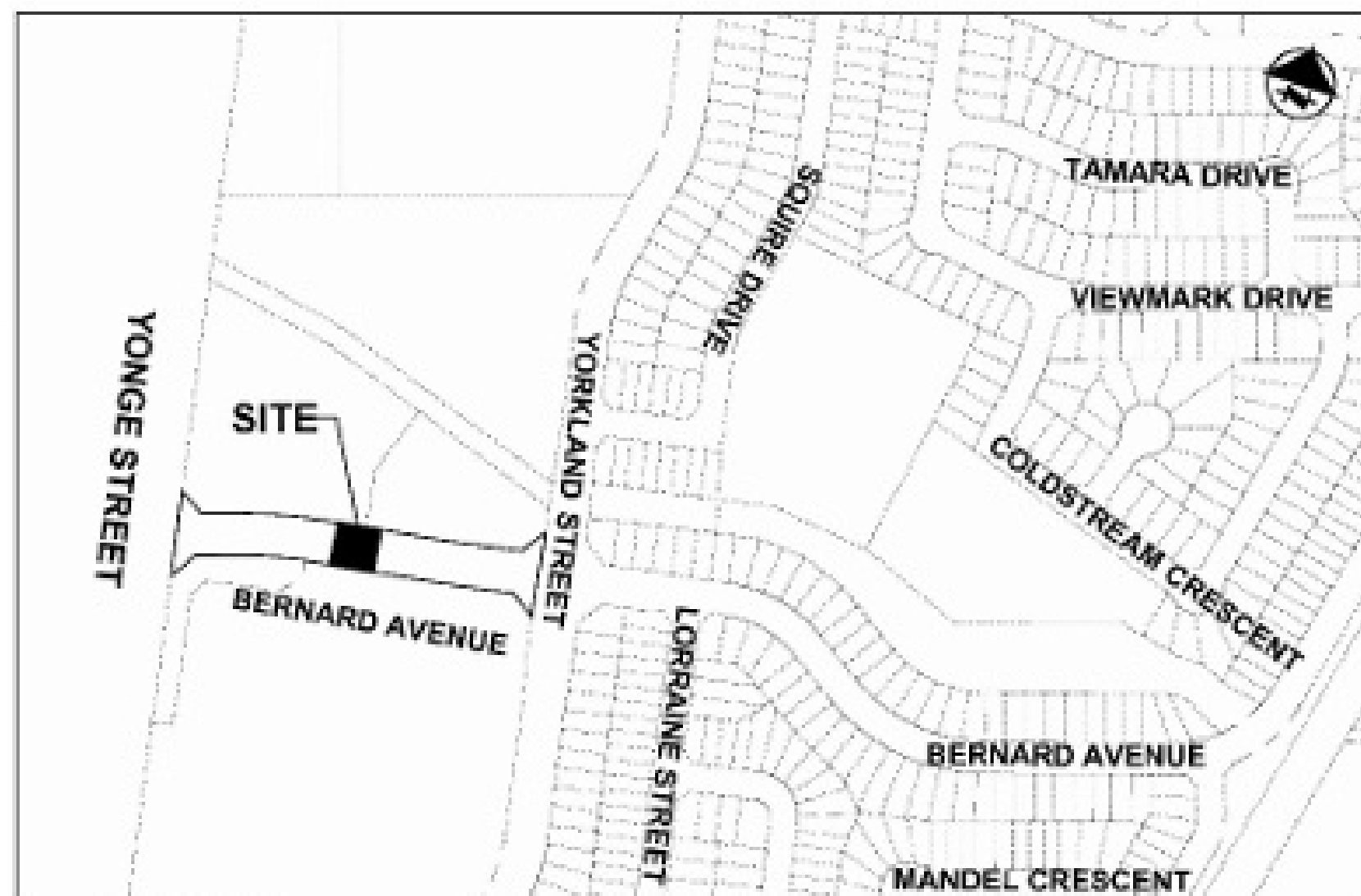
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Safer Streets

Bernard Avenue Pedestrian Crossover

I am particularly pleased to see this project moving forward. This pedestrian crossover between Yonge Street and Yorkland Street will become a two-stage pedestrian crossover. This project will include a new centre median, upgraded sidewalks, lighting and signage, allowing pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time. This has been a safety improvement that residents have advocated for over a number of years, and I am very pleased to see construction beginning this summer.



Corso Court (from Devonsleigh Boulevard to the west limit) will receive new lighting to improve nighttime visibility for pedestrians and motorists while increasing energy efficiency and reducing future maintenance requirements.

Crosby Avenue and Osiris Drive will receive a new pedestrian crossover. The project includes upgraded sidewalks, new pavement markings, signage and improved lighting to provide a safer crossing for pedestrians while improving visibility for motorists.

Pine Bough Manor and Summitcrest Drive will receive new streetlighting on specific portions, along with upgraded pedestrian lighting through the connecting walkway. Sidewalk connections at both ends of the walkway will also be improved, creating a safer and more accessible route for residents throughout the neighbourhood.

Neal Drive and McConvey Drive will receive a new pedestrian crossover together with upgraded sidewalks, lighting and pavement markings, helping improve visibility and providing a safer crossing for residents.

Jefferson Forest Drive and Wings View Gate will receive a new pedestrian crossover, upgraded sidewalks, improved lighting and enhanced signage to make the intersection safer and easier to navigate for pedestrians of all ages.

Many residents ask why so many projects seem to happen at the same time. The answer is simple: Ontario's construction season is relatively short. Warmer weather provides the best conditions for roadwork, sidewalks, concrete and landscaping, allowing projects to be completed safely and efficiently before winter arrives.



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Community Spaces

Unity Park / Flight PS752 Memorial

Work continues on the revitalization of Unity Park, creating an enhanced gathering place for residents while also preparing the site for the future memorial honouring the victims of Flight PS752. Although portions of the park may be temporarily affected during construction, the finished project will provide a beautiful space for reflection, remembrance and community connection for generations to come.



Dave Barrow Square (Creating a New Civic Gathering Space)

Construction continues on Dave Barrow Square, which will become an important community gathering place in the heart of Richmond Hill. Once completed, the square will provide additional public space for community events, celebrations and everyday enjoyment.



Community Services

Investing in Richmond Hill's Central Library

The temporary closure of Central Library will allow important renovations and upgrades to take place, helping ensure the facility continues to serve residents for many years to come. While the closure may require some short-term adjustments, the improvements will create a better experience for library users once completed.



Public Safety

Modernizing Emergency Communications

Richmond Hill has recently transitioned to Canada's new Next Generation 9-1-1 emergency communications network. While residents will continue to dial 9-1-1 the same way they always have, the upgraded system provides a more reliable and secure platform for emergency communications while laying the groundwork for future enhancements as technology continues to evolve.

Just as roads need to be resurfaced and bridges eventually replaced, emergency communications systems also need to be modernized. This investment helps ensure Richmond Hill's emergency services are built on technology that can continue serving residents reliably for years to come.

The new system is designed to support future capabilities, including text messaging to 9-1-1, the sharing of photos and video from emergency scenes, and more precise location information as these services are introduced nationally.



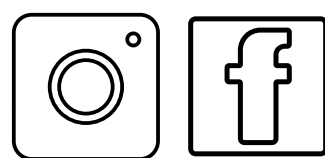
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If you have questions about any of the projects featured in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My team and I are always happy to help connect residents with the appropriate City staff.

Since January 1, 2026, Blue Boxes are managed through Ontario's province-wide Blue Box program. Richmond Hill no longer sells or exchanges Blue Boxes. To request a replacement, contact Miller Waste at 1-855-752-3762 or area10@millervaste.ca.

Green bins, kitchen catchers and waste bins can still be purchased at the Operations Centre (1200 Elgin Mills Rd.E.) or the Main Municipal Offices (225 East Beaver Creek Rd.), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Richmond Hill-labelled 12-gallon green bins can be exchanged free of charge for damaged or broken bins at the Operations Centre only.

