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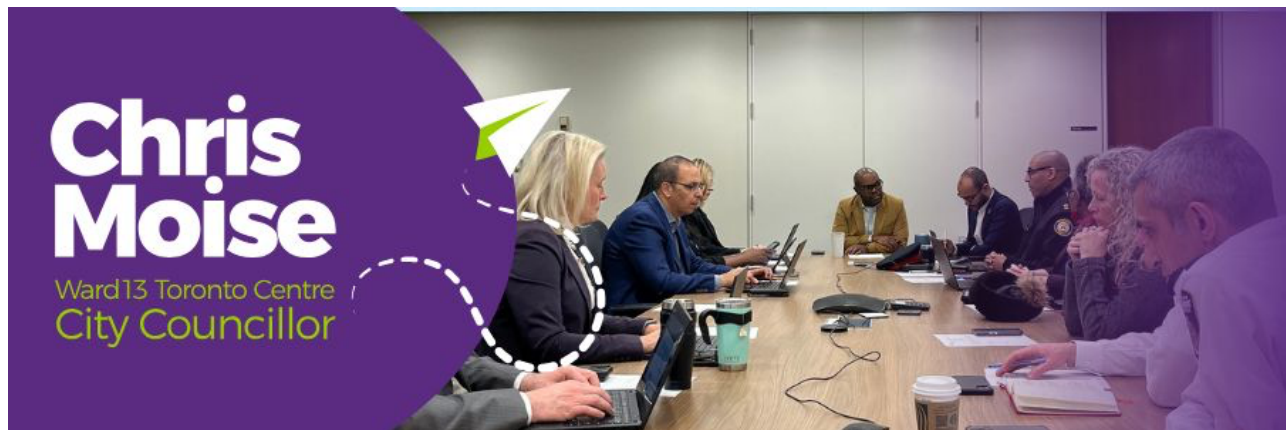
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CUPE Local 79 Strike: What You Need to Know

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The Year Ahead

Friends and neighbours,

As your Councillor, I'm building a Toronto that's safe, livable, affordable, and commutable - for all of us.

After hearing from you at the door, on the street, at community events, at our town halls, and from letters and emails you've sent to me, my team and I are working hard to deliver.

Here's how this year's City budget will work for all of us:

Overdue Investments to Improve Our City

For 12 years, Toronto's property tax rates were kept artificially low: by being at or below the rate of inflation, it ate into our bottom line and tied our City's hands financially. City services fell behind, and the state of our parks, transit, and infrastructure has slowly declined. We have a plan that makes real improvements to our parks, our transit, our streets, and our infrastructure over the next three years. It means there will be a modest property tax increase of 6.9% this year, which on average is an increase of \$198 for households in our Ward – compared to an average of \$268 city-wide. There are Property Tax Relief programs for Seniors and Persons Living with a Disability, Registered Charities, Small Business Property Tax Subclass, Ethnocultural Centres, and Heritage Properties. The income eligibility thresholds have been raised to a combined household income of \$60,000 or less.

Addressing & Preventing Homelessness

The Provincial Government's elimination of rent control has led to unprecedented levels of homelessness: more than 80,000 people in 2024, projected to reach 300,000 by 2035 if significant investments in affordable and supportive housing aren't made immediately.

Our budget increases investments in the Rent Bank, Toronto Tenant Support, and the Eviction Prevention in Community (EPIC) program totalling over \$19.8-million. We're

also creating the Rental Renoviction License Program to prevent renovictions, and I have secured a housing worker for St. James Town and have been hosting Housing Clinics to assist residents with affordable housing.

Improving Community Safety

In this budget, we've secured funds for The 519 to sustain their 24/7 security. We're also hiring 25 new Traffic Wardens and deploying 75 new Automated Speed Enforcement cameras to enhance safety. The Downtown Community Outreach Response and Engagement (CORE) Program, in partnership with Toronto Public Health Nurses and Toronto Police, continues to proactively support vulnerable people. Additionally, we're investing in a new Homelessness and Addictions Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub, and have created a Downtown East Leadership Table, and are recalibrating our safety networks across the Ward.

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CUPE Local 79 Strike: What You Need to Know

On February 19, the City received a "No-Board" report, which means that the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 79, representing the City's 30,000 inside workers, will be in a legal strike position and the City in a legal lockout position at 12:01am on Saturday, March 8, 2025. If a strike occurs, it will impact a number of City services; please read on for a list of potential impacts.

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March Break 2025



I hope you and your family will all be enjoying this year's March Break (March 10 to 14). My staff will be working from home this week, and my constituency office **will be closed**. Please click through to learn about what will be happening across the City.





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Upcoming Events





 **Wed, Mar 05 @ 6:00 PM**
TC Talks: Noise
 [St. Lawrence Community Centre \(Multi Purpose Room\)](#)



 **Thu, Mar 06 @ 1:00 PM**
Moss Park Community Information Fair 2025
 [John Innes Community Recreation Centre \(Sherbourne and Shuter\)](#)



 **Tue, Mar 11 @ 6:30 PM**
530-550 Yonge Street Community Consultation
 [577 Yonge Street](#)

Councillor Chris Moise presents...

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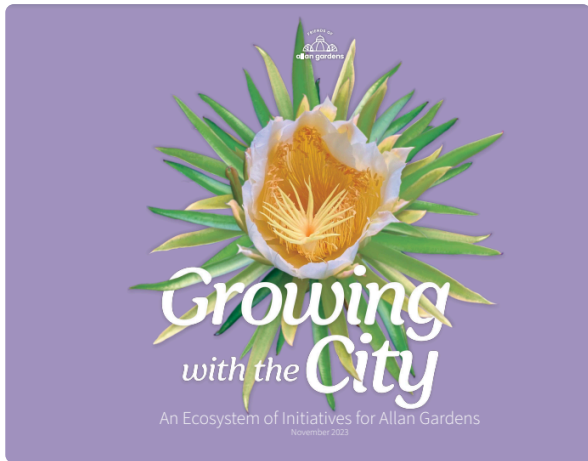
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Recent Updates



Growing with the City: Cultural and Capital Projects in Allan Gardens

Recently, the Friends of Allan Gardens (FOAG), in partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation department, released the newest iteration of the envisioning document that will serve as the masterplan for the future of Allan Gardens. This initiative, "[Growing with the City](#)," reflects our shared and ongoing commitment to engagement, fundraising and stewardship in the development of cultural and capital projects within the park and in service of the people that use it.

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Preparing for Safe Consumption Site Closures

At the end of March, five safe consumption sites across Toronto are slated to close as a result of the [Community Care and Recovery Act](#), which prohibits safe consumption sites within a 200 metre radius of schools and child care centres. As we prepare for this change, I wanted to provide an update and answers to some frequently asked questions.

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Free food, refreshments, raffles and prizes!

Moss Park Community Information Fair - March 6

I'm excited to invite you all to the Moss Park Community Information Fair on Thursday, March 6 at the John Innes Community Recreation Centre. If you're seeking job prospects, housing assistance, health services, or community programs, this fair will provide you with necessary connections.

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Winchester Park Affordable Housing Updates

The City, in partnership and collaboration with Dixon Hall, is completing rehabilitation and renovation work at 41 Rose Avenue and 502-508 Parliament Street. Achieving Toronto's housing goals relies not only on building new supply but also maintaining, preserving, and protecting existing homes – especially deeply affordable housing. Once work is complete, these 49 homes will be operated by Dixon Hall and provide housing with supports for individuals currently experiencing homelessness, including young 2SLGBTQ+ women.

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Black Mental Health Week: March 3 to 9

Black Mental Health Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of the impacts of anti-Black racism on Black communities, families and individuals. This year, the celebration highlights the power of joy as a transformative tool in overcoming the impacts of anti-Black racism and promoting Black mental wellness.

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Complete the Live Green Toronto Survey by April 11

[Take a short survey](#) to help shape Live Green Toronto's approach to community engagement and focus on environmental issues that matter most to you. Complete the survey before April 11 for a chance to win eco-friendly prizes, including a Zero Waste Prize pack or an eGift card from Mountain Equipment Company or Balzac's Coffee Roasters!

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