

# Civic Pride in Action

We are lucky to live in a community where so many people show their civic pride through volunteering.

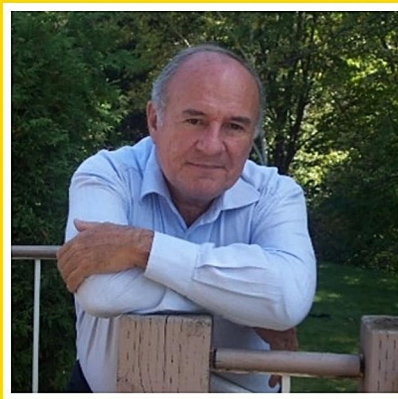
Here are a few people who make life better for others in Ward 16:



**Nazir Jafer** will never know how many people he has helped, or how many lives he has saved through being a regular blood donor. Nazir has donated blood over 450 times since 1972! He also encourages others in the community to donate through his work with Ismaili CIVIC, a global group which fosters civic engagement and good citizenship. Nazir invited me to join him for Blood Donor Week in June, and Paula from my office stepped up as well.

**Peter MacInnis** has been volunteering in the Don Mills community since 1976 - coaching, managing and performing administration at all levels of youth hockey.

Currently president of the Don Mills Flyers Hockey Club and secretary of the Don Mills Civitan Club, Peter has received numerous awards in recognition of his dedication to minor and amateur hockey as well as the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity.



**Wendy Dobrijevic** has held several volunteer roles, starting with coaching soccer while her children were young. She has been a school council chair (twice!) as well as a member of the Don Valley East Residents' Association Executive since 2005. Currently, Wendy volunteers for Better Living Community Services, Meals on Wheels, and St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Program.

Wynford-Concorde resident **Vivian Imrisek** shows her civic pride loud and clear through her everyday actions. When Vivian has a free hour, she heads out to pick up litter – sometimes with a friend but often on her own – making the community better for everyone.



## Our Team

I've got the best team at City Hall working for you!



Left to right: Lynda, summer student Michael, Vicky, Jim, Mary, Jon and Paula

# Park Updates

## Wigmore Park Playground and Splashpad

Design, public consultation and construction planning will go ahead in 2024 with construction planned for Spring 2025.

## New! Flemington Park East Playground Revitalization

A community consultation on a \$1 million playground revitalization will take place this year, with construction in 2025. A new water fountain is anticipated to be installed this year.

## New! Ferrand Drive Park Splash Pad and Playground

A community consultation is coming this year, with construction in late 2025 or early 2026 – stay tuned for updates.

## New! Broadlands Park Playground Improvement

Design and public consultation will take place in 2024, with construction planned for this Fall – stay tuned for updates.

## New! Playground Replacement at Bartley Park

A community consultation on playground features and design is planned for later in 2024 with construction planned for Fall 2025 – stay tuned for updates.

## New! Dr. Daniel Hill Park Splash Pad

Design and Public Consultation are planned for 2025 with construction in 2026.

For more information on these park and playground construction projects visit [www.ward16.ca](http://www.ward16.ca).

# Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is a key concern for many residents but due to limited budgets our available tools are also limited. Some options include speed humps, reduced speed limits, "Watch Your Speed" signs and stop signs. Unfortunately, speed cameras can only be used in specific areas known as community safety zones.

I know that many changes can be contentious, so I follow a standard process to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to express their opinion and decisions are as informed as possible.

If a resident contacts me, I request a petition to show community support. I will then canvas the area so that I speak to as many people as possible.

North York Community Council will then consider the change, with a majority of councillors needed to approve the change.

Last year we were successful in all but one of our requests!