

# KHANJIN'S CHRONICLES

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## 2019 SUMMER RE-CAP



### Tollendale 2 Announcement

July 31, 2019

The construction of a second Tollendale Village, this one in Innisfil, was falling victim to burdensome regulation. Despite enjoying the support of the Town and local residents, a second campus was stuck in limbo for seven years. Since my election, I pushed for the second Tollendale Village, through meetings with Tollendale's board, residents and local elected officials. I wrote to and met with Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to request a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO). Minister Clark recognized the merits of the proposal and granted the MZO. The MZO allows for "Tollendale Village – Innisfil Campus" to proceed with architectural drawings, producing a site plan and move towards obtaining building permits, and eventually shovels in the ground.

Tollendale Village – Innisfil Campus is expected to include 388 retirement apartments, 160 long-term care beds and a 52-unit assisted living facility. In our community, with a growing seniors population, we need these housing options.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## #ProjectMapleLeaf #ProjectOnRoute Human Trafficking Roundtable July 30, 2019

I was lucky to have MPP and Chair of the Anti-Sex Trafficking Taskforce Natalia Kusendova join us in Barrie to take part in #ProjectMapleLeaf. This project raises awareness about human and sex trafficking. We also held a roundtable discussion at the Sandbox Centre regarding this serious issue. We need to continue to raise awareness surrounding human trafficking so we can put an end to it. Unfortunately, it happens too frequently and the signs are not always obvious. Please reach out to the local authorities if you ever have any concerns.



## MPP's Andrea Khanjin and Doug Downey Seniors Consultation July 16, 2019

In Barrie and Innisfil, we have a growing seniors' population. This day was to bring local seniors and stakeholders together at a public forum to discuss what matters most to them. We covered a number of important topics including Transportation, Safety, Healthcare and Community Engagement. It was great to see so many local residents come out to share their concerns with us to take back to the Government. Seniors are the backbone to our country and I will continue to advocate for their needs.



## PA Christine Hogarth joins us for an Animal Welfare Roundtable September 9, 2019

Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General was in Barrie-Innisfil to take part in a roundtable to discuss Animal Welfare in Ontario. We had our local Police detachments, animal activists and local farmers on hand to take part in a discussion on how to protect our furry (sometimes not-so-furry) friends. We had a variety of concerns brought to our attention that PA Hogarth will take back to Queens Park. I have also spent time talking to residents of Barrie and Innisfil regarding the situation surrounding the Breed-Specific language used in the Dog Owners' Liability Act. As a result of my discussions, my office has created a petition that I will present to the Legislature once it resumes. Please contact my office if you would like a copy.





# RIDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Hwy 400/89 Bridge Construction

July 4, 2019

People spend too long commuting in Ontario. Time driving is time away from family and friends at home. It also costs our economy billions in lost productivity. On July 4th, I was pleased to announce our government's commitment of \$37.3 million to replace the Highway 89 interchange. This is an important infrastructure upgrade for our community and the provincial highway system.

### *Just the Facts:*

- 17,000 – number of vehicles that cross over the bridge daily
- 90,000 – number of vehicles that pass under the bridge daily
- \$37.3 million – the cost to replace the interchange
- 1950 – the date the bridge was constructed



## Barrie Transit Funding

August 22, 2019

On August 22nd, Doug Downey and I were pleased to announce that our government is investing more than \$13.6 million in five transit projects in Barrie:

- \* Nearly \$7.8 million to replace 30 buses;
- \* Nearly \$3.3 million for the new Allandale Mobility Hub terminal that will connect to GO Transit;
- \* More than \$1.5 million for 21 buses for people with disabilities;
- \* Nearly \$110,000 for two new lay-by lane bus stops at the downtown transit hub to accommodate six buses at one time.
- \* More than \$900,000 to improve infrastructure, including:
  - 16 heated shelters, 100 bike racks,
  - 750 new bus stop signs, and 135 shelters;

## Pollinators Announcement with Minister Hardeman

August 7, 2019

Innisfil Creek Honey welcomed the Minister of Agriculture and Minister for Environment, Conservation and Parks, along with myself and MPP Doug Downey to announce that the government is investing up to \$500,000 to help beekeepers make improvements to better manage pests. Bees are an integral part of our agriculture sector. Without them, our farmers and food processors will not succeed in their businesses. Through our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, we're working to protect vulnerable natural areas and other important habitats for future generations.





# LOCAL EVENTS



## First Annual Seniors Information Day September 4th, 2019



This was a chance for our local seniors to get together under one roof and meet over 35 vendors showcasing their services. This annual day provides information to empower and educate our seniors on the variety of services available to them.

We were honoured to have Daisy Wai (PA to Minister of Seniors) attend as our guest speaker. It was an enlightening day with a positive force. My team is already working on ways to reach more seniors in the community and make next year a bigger success!

## Our First Annual Community BBQ July 27th, 2019

This year was a joint effort with John Brassard's office and I am pleased to have seen so many familiar faces that I was able to catch up with. Thankfully the rain held off until the end of the day, keeping the 600 plus attendees dry and enabling them to join in all the family activities that were planned. It was also an opportunity for me to meet many new faces in our community and I am very grateful for that. We were also lucky to have COPE Service Dogs in attendance to raise awareness about what they do in our community. If you attended, thank you very much for making it such a success. If you weren't able to join us or hadn't heard about our BBQ, then I hope to meet you next year at this annual event!

