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## Get Involved In Our Community!

“The Roots of Seven Oaks”

Dear Seven Oaks’ Neighbours,

I would like to remind everyone, your community association “*The Roots of Seven Oaks*” is very active in the Seven Oaks’ neighbourhood and wants to connect with you!

The Roots of Seven Oaks has asked me to reach out to you on their behalf. I want to invite you to join them as they host regular community meetings, organize events, and work with my office to address municipal projects and local issues.

You can contact The Roots of Seven Oaks by email: **[attn7oaks@gmail.com](mailto:attn7oaks@gmail.com)** to receive notifications of upcoming meetings and community information.

I also invite you to join my weekly email updates and monthly electronic newsletter by emailing me at **[councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)** or going to my website at **[www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com)**.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like my assistance with, please do not hesitate to contact my office by email at **[councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)** or call **416-396-7222**.

See the back of this letter for updates in the Seven Oaks’ community!

All my Best,

Paul

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# Seven Oaks' Community Update

## Road, Bridge & Sidewalk Construction on Military Trail from Ellesmere Road to Highcastle Road

In February, the City of Toronto closed Military Trail between Highcastle Road and Ellesmere Road to rebuild the Military Trail Bridge, repair the road, and build a new sidewalk over Highland Creek. **The road will be reopened in Fall 2022.**

- A new sidewalk on the west side along the entire length of Military Trail,
- Retaining walls on segments of the street to improve slope stability,
- New handrails and guardrails to improve pedestrian safety on sections of the new sidewalk,
- A reduced speed limit to 30 km/h, matching the current local speed limits, and
- Additional street lighting.

Visit the project website for updates [www.toronto.ca/militarytrail](http://www.toronto.ca/militarytrail) . To contact the project lead: Michael Vieira, 416-392-0472 or by email [michael.vieira3@toronto.ca](mailto:michael.vieira3@toronto.ca).

## Clarification on Basement Apartments and Rooming Houses

Basement apartments are legal across the City of Toronto **if all requirements** of the City of Toronto including the TO Building Code, and Municipal Licensing and Standards zoning requirements, and the Ontario Fire Code (Section 9.8) **ARE MET**. A **legal basement apartment, or second suite unit**, is a self-contained dwelling unit with a private kitchen, bathroom facilities and sleeping areas. Each unit is to be occupied **by a single household**.

View requirements for basement apartments (second unit) at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/add-second-unit-your-house#section-1>. Ontario Fire Code at: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/070213>

**When a landlord instead rents bedrooms within each unit the issue of a rooming house arises.** A rooming house is where **four or more individuals rent rooms** and share a kitchen and/or washroom and pay rent separately to the landlord. Rooming houses are illegal in Scarborough and are to be reported by calling 311 or emailing: [311@toronto.ca](mailto:311@toronto.ca).

## The Meadoway Multi-Use Trail Construction

The City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) are working together to build a continuous multi-use trail in the Gatineau Hydro Corridor. Phase 1 of the construction has been completed, constructing a paved trail between Military Trail and Ellesmere Road to the Highland Creek, and building a bridge over the creek.

Phase 2 began in January, continuing the trail from the new bridge, through the hydro corridor, ending at Neilson Road. The completed trail will have wood rail fencing, resting nodes and lookouts. Restoration of approximately 17 hectares of meadow habitat, through plant management, buffer mowing and garbage collection, will also take place.

Construction of the new trail is expected to be complete by September 2022, with restoration efforts taking place between April and November 2022.

## LDD Moth (European Gypsy Moth) Aerial Spraying – Spring 2022

Efforts to address the LDD Moth (European Gypsy Moth) infestation across the City are being supported by an aerial spray this year. The seasonal spray window is set for May 16 to June 15, 2022. For information visit [www.toronto.ca/gypsymoth](http://www.toronto.ca/gypsymoth) or Email: [foresthealthcare@toronto.ca](mailto:foresthealthcare@toronto.ca) with any questions.