

# Ward 15 Town Hall

May 14, 2026

**Rachel Chernos Lin**

City Councillor

Ward 15 - Don Valley West



Virtual  
Neighbourhood  
Watch Coordinator

**Deirdre  
Cameron**

Thank you, Didi!



# About Rachel



## **Committees and Boards**

- Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- North York Community Council
- Chair, City-School Boards Advisory Committee
- Film, Television and Digital Media Advisory Board
- Canadian Film Centre Board of Directors
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors
- Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board of Management
- Toronto Hydro Corporation Board of Directors
- Toronto Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors

## **Business Improvement Areas (Board of Directors):**

- Bayview Leaside BIA
- Mount Pleasant Village BIA
- Uptown Yonge BIA
- Yonge Lawrence Village BIA

# Ward 15 Team

## **Barbara Boyd**

Chief of Staff

## **Parker Samuels**

Senior Advisor, Policy & Planning

## **Lesley Burlie**

Administrative Assistant

## **Wilmar Kortleever**

Constituency Assistant

## **Farzana Rajwani**

Director, Stakeholder & Community Relations

## **Bhreagh Campbell**

Advisor, Digital Communications & Operations

## **Advika Gudi**

Constituency Communications Assistant

# Tonight's Presentations

**Andrew Posluns**  
Chief Congestion Officer

**Inspector Kristy Smith**  
Hold Up Squad, Toronto  
Police Service

**Didi Cameron**  
Virtual Neighbourhood  
Watch Coordinator

## Panel:

### Toronto Police Service:

- **Charles Lee**, 53 Division - Detective Sergeant
- **Dennis Chen**, 53 Division - Detective Sergeant
- **Joel Roberts**, 33 Division - Crime Prevention Officer
- **Shawn Burry**, 33 Division - Staff Sergeant
- **Dan Montgomery**, Divisional Crime Analyst

### Transportation Services:

- **Carolyn Doyle**, Community Council & Issues Management Transportation Services
- **Shawn Dartsch**, Supervisor, Traffic Operations

### TTC:

- **Arjun Sahota**, Manager, Community & Stakeholder Relations

### City Planning

- **John Andreevski**, Manager, Community Planning

### Infrastructure & Development Services:

- **Andrea Ramsay**, Manager, Design and Construction Infrastructure

### Parks & Recreation

- **Caroline Duffy**, Policy and Project Advisor
- **Jonathan Gray**, General Supervisor, Park Operations and Tech Services

### Public Consultation Unit:

- **Aadila Valiallah**, Senior Coordinator

# Ward 15 Town Hall Meeting:

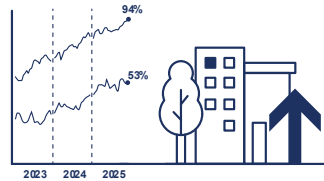
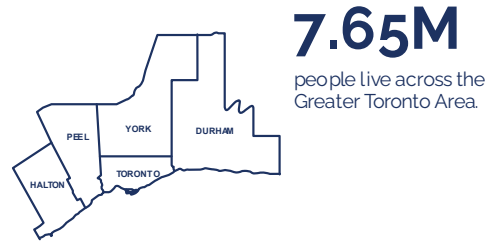
Introduction to the Chief Congestion Officer and Spring  
2026 Congestion Management Plan Update

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

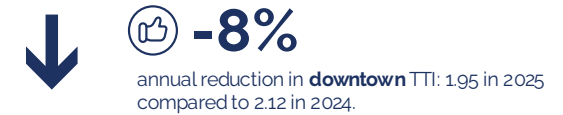


# Snapshot of Current Transportation Network

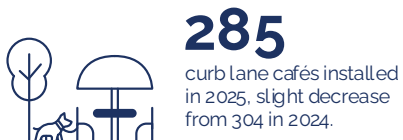
More people relying on the network every day.



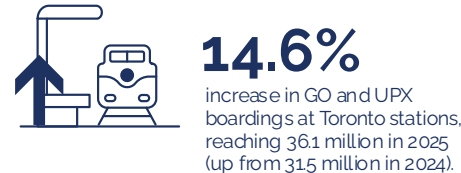
Congestion levels and travel times continue to change.



A growing and vibrant city creates operational pressures.



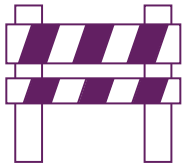
Travel behaviour continues to evolve.



Toronto's transportation network continues to face significant pressures, resulting in congestion and disruption for road users. These include pressures reflective of a large, healthy, and vibrant city. While the City's Travel Time Index shows some improvements, we know there is still more work to be done.

# Our 5-Pillar Plan

Five things the City is doing to keep Toronto moving.



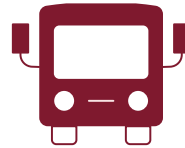
## Pillar 1

Reduce the Impact  
of Construction



## Pillar 2

Expand Traffic  
Management



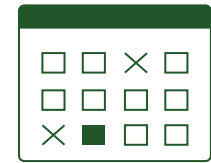
## Pillar 3

Improve Surface  
Transit



## Pillar 4

Use AI & Smart  
Technology



## Pillar 5

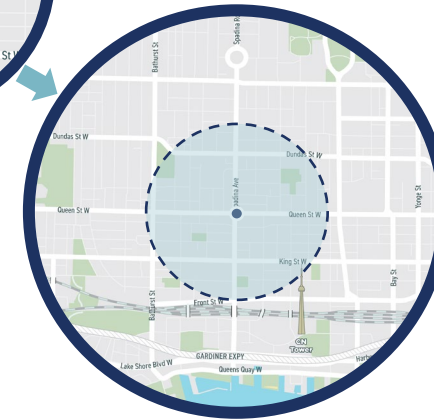
Shift How  
People Travel

# Looking Ahead: Making Congestion Management Part of the City's DNA

Implementing a **congestion lens on every policy and initiative** that impacts the right-of-way.

Accelerating work on a city-wide **digital twin** to enhance planning and management of congestion.

Making **construction work better** by enlarging the picture **beyond the project**



Anticipating issues, building **effective mitigation** measures, and **communicating** better.

Developing the City's first **"Congestion Commitment"** to drive a culture of accountability.

Identifying opportunities to **deliver targeted relief to congestion hot spots**.

Emphasizing the importance of **working together with partners**.

Coordinating construction projects and partners to **minimize overlaps** and ensure **plans work together** for people moving through the city.

# Hold Up Squad



HOME INVASIONS & BREAK AND ENTERS



The Hold Up Squad (HUS) has undertaken a proactive approach to not only prevent and deter home invasions, but also to detect and interrupt the groups committing these offences. A collaborative multi-agency approach has been ongoing to decrease these offences.

In 2024, the city of Toronto saw a significant increase in home invasions with a portion attributed to the increase in violent auto related offences. Organized groups orchestrated the commission of home invasions for the purpose of obtaining vehicles for financial gain. As a result, a whole of service approach, coordinated with our GTA and Provincial counterparts, was initiated to combat this increase.

In 2023, the Provincial Car Jacking Task Force (PCJTF) a joint forces operation between the O.P.P. and GTA Services, was assembled to combat the increase in violent auto related offences including home invasion style robberies. Since that time, the HUS mandate expanded to include break and enter occurrences where the modus operandi (MO) was to acquire vehicles. We continue to manage these cases and prosecute offenders identified during this project.



# TOTAL HOME INVASIONS - YTD

Total Home Invasions							
Division	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
11	1	2		3	4		10
12	3		1	5	1	1	11
13	2	2	1	3		1	9
14	2	5		1	2	1	11
22	3	2	7	19	9	12	52
23	4	2	1	10	11	2	30
31	2	2	5	3	3		15
32	2	1	12	45	11	7	78
33		5	3	12	13	3	36
41	4	3	4	4	2	2	19
42	2	3	4	6	14	4	33
43	4	7	3	6	3	4	27
51	2	4	3		4		13
52	3		3	2	1		9
53	1	2	3	20	9	11	46
55	5	5	3	10	6	2	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>430</b>

Total B&E Targeting Vehicles				
Division	2024	2025	2026	Total
11	3			3
13	3			3
14		1		1
22	6	2	2	10
23	1			1
31	1	1		2
32	13	2	5	20
33	8	2		10
41	4			4
42	2			2
43	2			2
51		1		1
53	4	2	5	11
55	1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>71</b>

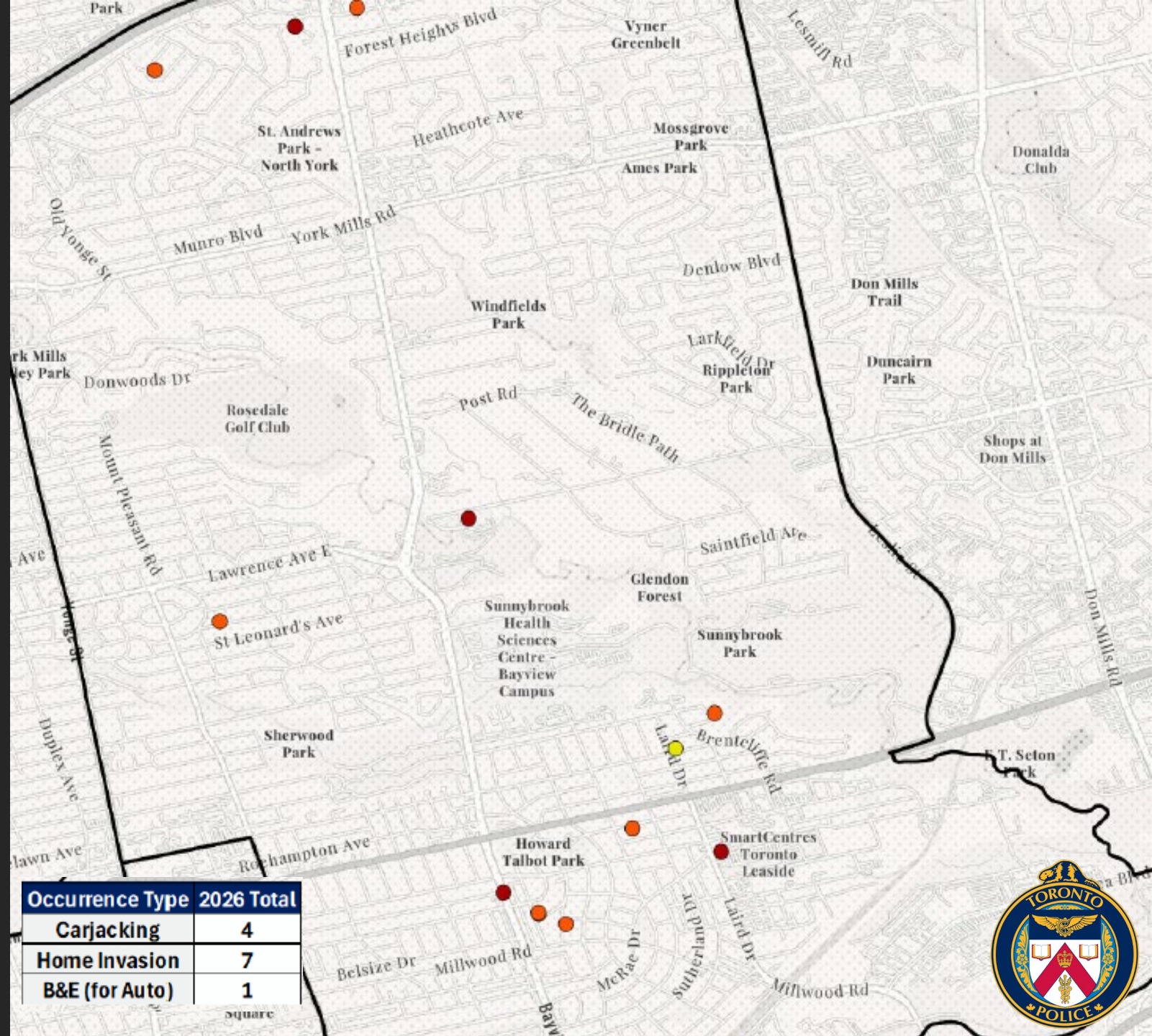
Total Carjackings							
Division	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
11		3	6	7	2		18
12	2	6	11	9	3	3	34
13		2	3	5	4	1	15
14	1	2	2	1	4		10
22	4	14	14	11	27	4	74
23	2	16	19	24	13	2	76
31	4	20	15	18	15	1	73
32	18	31	22	51	25	5	152
33	10	8	14	46	36	8	122
41	5	5	11	14	16	1	52
42	5	37	19	55	27	11	154
43	3	10	9	12	9	1	44
51	1	4	1	6	3	2	17
52	2	4	2	1	5	1	15
53	2	8	10	17	15	2	54
55		1	5	7	5	2	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>930</b>

Of the 11 arrests, 4 are in relation to the two (2) home invasions in the Lawrence Park area.

HUS Arrests for Home Invasions/B&E						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (YTD)
<b>Total</b>	37	23	21	51	41	11
<b>Young Offender</b>	6	0	0	14	12	8
<b>Adult</b>	31	23	21	37	29	3



# HOME INVASIONS, BREAK AND ENTER & CARJACKINGS



Legend	
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span>	B&E (for Auto)
<span style="color: orange;">●</span>	Home Invasion
<span style="color: red;">●</span>	Carjacking

Occurrence Type	2026 Total
Carjacking	4
Home Invasion	7
B&E (for Auto)	1



# Project Aegis

Project AEGIS is a collaborative effort led by the Hold Up Squad focused on the deployment of divisional assets, specialized units, and community engagement to enhance community safety within the affected neighbourhoods.

Uniform officers from across the city, along with officers from the Public Safety Response Team (PSRT), have been deployed to the affected neighbourhoods to deter, prevent and arrest these organized groups. This redeployment involves a collaboration with specialized investigative resources, such as divisional Major Crime Units and the Hold Up Squad.

Since the inception of Project AEGIS there has been a reduction in reported incidents in the area covered by this project. Further the reduction of occurrences may be attributed to the multiple arrests in relation to these violent offences.

Officers from Project AEGIS have also been effective at responding in real time to reports of suspicious activity from the community by intercepting individuals who have been reported acting suspicious within the neighbourhood. This engagement has also resulted in individuals being investigated that were in the area for a legitimate and lawful purposes, such as newspaper delivery and ride share.



# What You Can Do to Stay Safe

CPTED Audits- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

- Clear sight lines
- Maintain lighting overnight
- Park vehicle in garage
- 3-point door locks
- Safety window film
- Audible alarm / strobe light

If you have a Security System, be familiar with how it works

- How long is the Video retention period?
- Do you know how to transfer security video to police if requested?

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Emergency **9-1-1**

2

Non-Emergency **8-7-7** or **(416) 808-2222**

3

Online Reporting

4

Crime Stoppers **(416) 222-TIPS** or **222tips.com**





# Solving Crime:

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A dedicated team of specialized investigators look at trends, surveillance camera footage, occurrences and bulletins from other GTA services to identify those perpetuating crime in our city. We know that these individuals are often youth who are involved in a myriad of crimes including home invasions, carjacking, jewelry store robberies and other crimes that provide them with quick cash.

These youth, who typically do not know each other, are often targeted online through chat apps and social media sites where their true information is not required thus keeping their involvement covert.

Our dedicated team have many investigative techniques that they employ to catch criminals, however with advances in technology, privacy laws, and court disclosure, these tasks require a substantial investment in time and resources.

The balance of public safety is at the forefront of everything we do to apprehend and prosecute youth offenders, however the risk of the operation of high-powered vehicles combined with driving inexperience makes catching these offenders in the act a serious concern for all.

Questions?

# Hold Up Squad



HOME INVASIONS





# Neighbourhood Watch

**Be Safe, Be Aware and Communicate**

**Google Groups** makes it easy for groups of people such as neighbours to communicate and collaborate.

-You can send an email to everyone in a group with one address, invite a group to an event, or share documents with a group

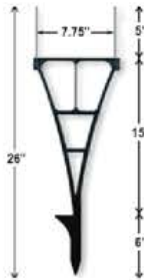
-OWNER/MANAGER CREATES A GROUP

-INVITE OR DIRECT ADD VIA EMAIL

-CONSISTENT WELCOME MESSAGE

-Welcome to the "LP" Neighbourhood Watch community group.

-Please use this forum to discuss **neighbourhood security, local criminal incidents, suspected criminal activity, and crime prevention measures**



Didi Cameron 2017- 2026

# Q&A

- **Try to ask one question so we can hear from as many people as possible**
- **Be respectful - we're all here to listen and learn.**

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