

## Attachment 1: Notable TRCA Media Coverage: January – March 2020

During the first quarter of 2020, TRCA media coverage focused on the following (select examples of media coverage):

### January 2020



**CTV News Toronto** – weather segment – Anwar Knight filmed at Claireville Conservation Authority



### Caledon Enterprise, January 23, 2020

Full article: <https://www.caledonenterprise.com/community-story/9818712-what-are-the-5-oldest-caledon-heritage-properties-log-homes-dating-back-200-years/>



### **What are the 5 oldest Caledon heritage properties? Log homes dating back 200 years**

This past week, Caledon's council endorsed staff work that saw 238 properties listed on a Caledon heritage register. The purpose of this listing was so that these properties could not be demolished without having their heritage value assessed and pieces of them possibly preserved.

In other words, should they have some unique beams the town wants to keep if the property was torn down, that could be done.

That work will see more than a thousand more properties throughout the town examined, and possibly listed in the same way, as heritage staff continues to examine the history and relevance of a number of other Caledon structures.

## Ravine Implementation Strategy: Collaborative Stewardship



■ RAVINE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

# COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP

Andrew Reeves

City of Toronto's executive committee greenlit the city's comprehensive Ravine Implementation Strategy yesterday, setting it up for consideration at city council January 29-30. The strategy seeks significant funding from the city's capital and operating budgets, and promotes collaboration with local non-profit organizations, volunteer citizen groups and private philanthropic partners.

A recent proposal collaboratively by staff from parks, forestry and recreation (PFR), city planning and Toronto Water requests \$2.7 million from the city's 2020 operating budget to fund better litter removal and invasive plant control from city ravines. This money would be in addition to the \$10.1 million that PFR currently spends each year managing the city's natural systems, most of which are located in ravines.

Yet the report also requests \$104.9 million for numerous service improvements for maintaining the city's ravine

systems, a funding ask that staff believe should be considered as part of Toronto's 2021-2030 Capital Plan.

While some of the funds needed to safeguard the city's ravines can be drummed up by better coordination between city departments on capital work projects, the jointly written staff report recommends council also approach the provincial and federal governments for funding, all while attempting to locate private philanthropic partners willing to help raise money in support of specific projects. Much of this would be done under the auspices of a proposed 'Ravine Campaign,' an advisory body reporting to PFR that would be led by philanthropists, NGOs and foundation leaders, with the single goal of making Toronto's Ravine Strategy a success.

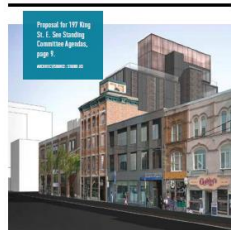
But a \$104.9 million funding request is no small ask. "At that scale - this is new" for an environmental program,

parks, forestry and recreation ravines program manager Wendy Strickland told NRU. "That's part of the reason we felt there was a need for a big initiative like the Ravine Campaign."

One early project the Ravine Campaign may champion is partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation

Authority (TRCA) and Evergreen is the Loop Trail, an 81-kilometre off-road, multi-use trail that would connect the Humber River and Don River ravine systems to the waterfront and numerous neighbourhoods along Finch Avenue. Another is 'Toronto Ravines Nature at your doorstep,' a \$200,000

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Proposed 191 King St. E. Sky Tower, Committee Agenda, page 8.  
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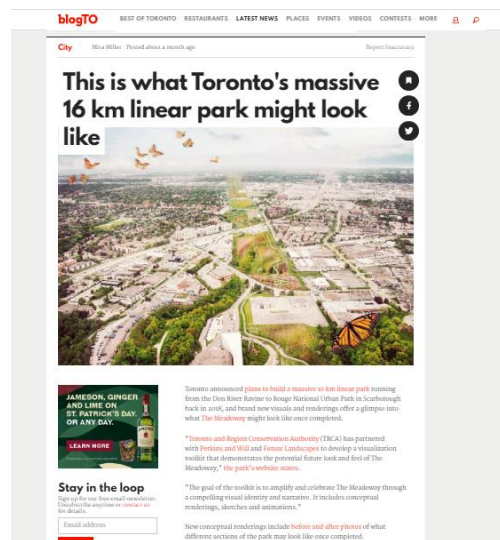
February 2020

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BlogTO, February 2020

Full article: <https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/02/toronto-massive-16-km-linear-park/>

## This is what Toronto's massive 16 km linear park might look like



Toronto announced plans to build a massive 16 km linear park running from the Don River Ravine to Rouge National Urban Park in Scarborough back in 2018, and brand new visuals and renderings offer a glimpse into what The Meadoway might look like once completed.

"Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has partnered with Perkins and Will and Future Landscapes to develop a visualization toolkit that demonstrates the potential future look and feel of The Meadoway," the park's website states.

"The goal of the toolkit is to amplify and celebrate The Meadoway through a compelling visual identity and narrative. It includes conceptual renderings, sketches and animations."

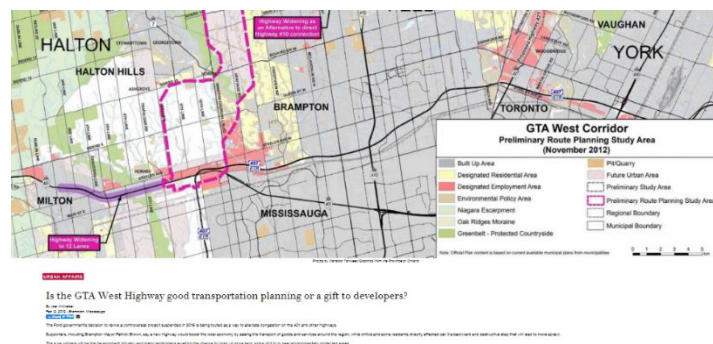
New conceptual renderings include before and after photos of what different sections of the park may look like once completed.



The Pointer, February 12, 2020

Full article: <https://thepointer.com/article/2019-02-12/is-the-gta-west-highway-good-transportation-planning-or-a-gift-to-developers>

## Is the GTA West Highway good transportation planning or a gift to developers



The Ford government's decision to revive a controversial project suspended in 2015 is being touted as a way to alleviate congestion on the 401 and other highways.

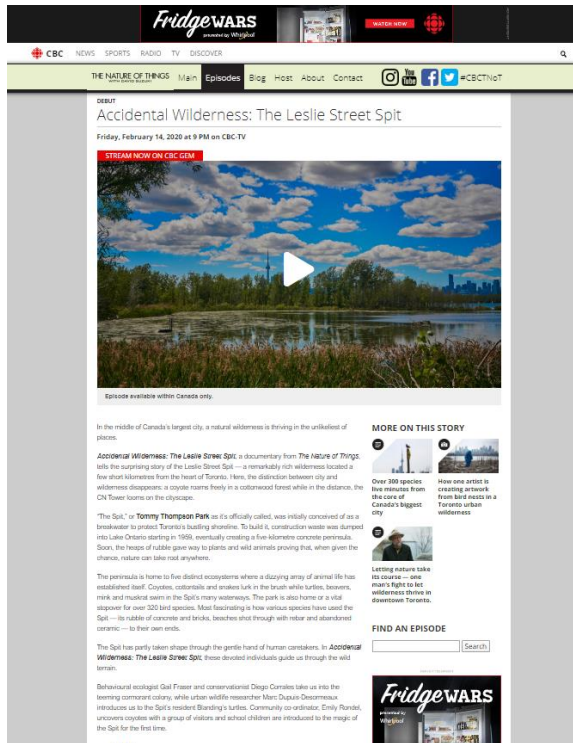
Supporters, including Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown, say a new highway would boost the local economy by easing the transport of goods and

services around the region, while critics and some residents directly affected call it a backward and destructive step that will lead to more sprawl.

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/episodes/accidental-wilderness-the-leslie-street-spit>

## Accidental Wilderness: The Leslie Street Spit

In the middle of Canada's largest city, a natural wilderness is thriving in the unlikelyst of places.



**Accidental Wilderness: The Leslie Street Spit**, a documentary from *The Nature of Things*, tells the surprising story of the Leslie Street Spit — a remarkably rich wilderness located a few short kilometres from the heart of Toronto. Here, the distinction between city and wilderness disappears: a coyote roams freely in a cottonwood forest while in the distance, the CN Tower looms on the cityscape.

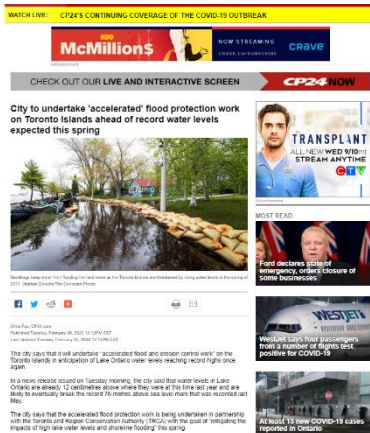
“The Spit,” or **Tommy Thompson Park** as it’s officially called, was initially conceived of as a breakwater to protect Toronto’s bustling shoreline. To build it, construction waste was dumped into Lake Ontario starting in 1959, eventually creating a five-kilometre concrete peninsula. Soon, the heaps of rubble gave way to plants and wild animals proving that, when given the chance, nature can take root anywhere.



**CP24, February 25, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.cp24.com/news/city-to-undertake-accelerated-flood-protection-work-on-toronto-islands-ahead-of-record-water-levels-expected-this-spring-1.4826859>

## City to undertake ‘accelerated’ flood protection work on Toronto Islands ahead of record water levels expected this spring



The city says that it will undertake “accelerated flood and erosion control work” on the Toronto Islands in anticipation of Lake Ontario water levels reaching record highs once again.

In a news release issued on Tuesday morning, the city said that water levels in Lake Ontario are already 12 centimetres above where they were at this time last year and are likely to eventually break the record 76-metres above sea level mark that was recorded last May.

The city says that the accelerated flood protection work is being undertaken in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) with the goal of “mitigating the

impacts of high lake water levels and shoreline flooding” this spring.

The work will include the construction of a berm on Algonquin Island using “repurposed brick rubble sourced from demolition projects,” and the construction of another barrier along Ward’s Island beach. The city says that it will also be conducting a geotechnical assessment of the feasibility of raising the roadway for a few hundred metres along both Cibola Avenue and Lakeshore Avenue.

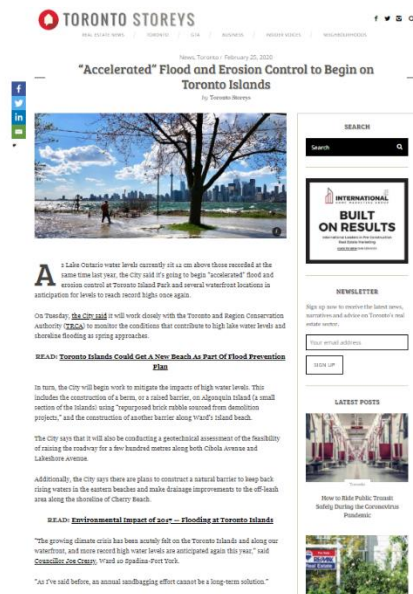


**Toronto Storeys, February 25, 2020**

Full article: <https://torontostoreys.com/flood-control-toronto-islands/>

## “Accelerated” Flood and Erosion Control to Begin on Toronto Islands

As Lake Ontario water levels currently sit 12 cm above those recorded at the same time last year, the City said it’s going to begin “accelerated” flood and erosion control at Toronto Island Park and several waterfront locations in anticipation for levels to reach record highs once again.



On Tuesday, the City said it will work closely with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to monitor the conditions that contribute to high lake water levels and shoreline flooding as spring approaches.

In turn, the City will begin work to mitigate the impacts of high water levels. This includes the construction of a berm, or a raised barrier, on Algonquin Island (a small section of the Islands) using “repurposed brick rubble sourced from demolition projects,” and the construction of another barrier along Ward’s Island beach.

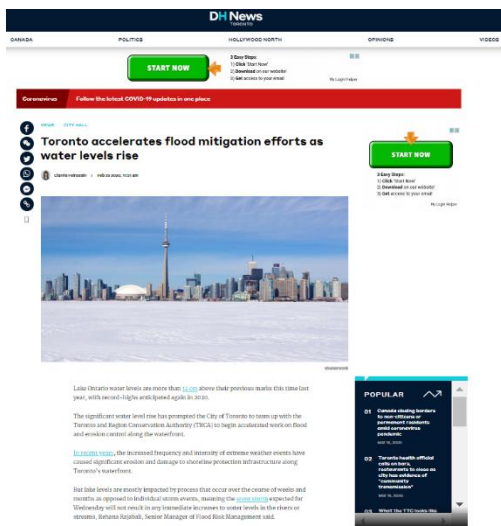
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**Daily Hive, February 25, 2020**

Full article: <https://dailyhive.com/toronto/toronto-flood-mitigation-water-levels-rise>

## Toronto acceleration flood mitigation efforts as water levels rise



Lake Ontario water levels are more than 12 cm above their previous marks this time last year, with record-highs anticipated again in 2020.

The significant water level rise has prompted the City of Toronto to team up with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to begin accelerated work on flood and erosion control along the waterfront.

In recent years, the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events have caused significant erosion and damage to shoreline protection infrastructure along Toronto’s waterfront.

But lake levels are mostly impacted by process that occur over the course of weeks and months as opposed to individual storm events, meaning the snow storm expected for Wednesday will not result in any immediate increases to water levels in the rivers or streams, Rehana Rajabali, Senior Manager of Flood Risk Management said.

Full article: [https://www.thestar.com/amp/news/city\\_hall/2020/02/25/toronto-island-residents-have-already-started-sandbagging-in-preparation-for-floods.html](https://www.thestar.com/amp/news/city_hall/2020/02/25/toronto-island-residents-have-already-started-sandbagging-in-preparation-for-floods.html)

## Toronto Islands residents have started sandbagging in preparation for floods

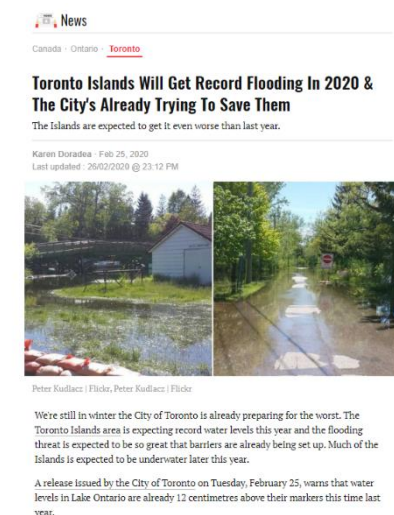


...The city announced Tuesday it is working with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to accelerate flood mitigation work at Toronto Island Park and along Toronto's waterfront, including construction of a beach curb on Ward's Island and reinforcement of the existing seawall at Algonquin Island, pending the outcome of engineering investigations.

Construction of a natural barrier at the Eastern Beaches, along the east side of the city's shoreline, is also planned...

Full article: <https://www.narcity.com/amp/toronto-islands-flooding-threat-in-2020-is-so-severe-that-barriers-are-already-being-built>

## Toronto Islands Will Get Record Flooding in 2020 & the City's Already Trying to Save Them



We're still in winter the City of Toronto is already preparing for the worst. The Toronto Islands area is expecting record water levels this year and the flooding threat is expected to be so great that barriers are already being set up. Much of the Islands is expected to be underwater later this year.

A release issued by the City of Toronto on Tuesday, February 25, warns that water levels in Lake Ontario are already 12 centimetres above their markers this time last year.

In fact, it's thought that this year, the flooding on the Islands will ultimately break May 2019's record of 76 metres above sea level.

In collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the city is working on an accelerated flood protection work to lower the impacts of flooding and high water levels.

According to the release, the TRCA and Toronto will begin the flood and erosion control work at Toronto Island Park, as well as several waterfront locations.

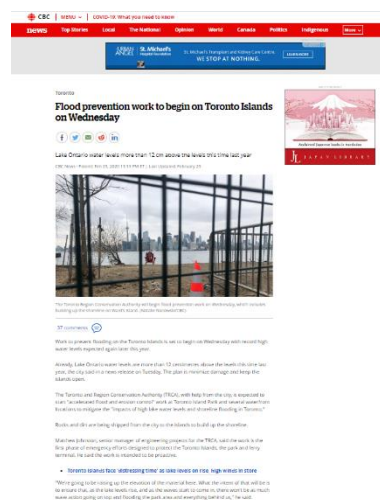
"The City is working closely with TRCA to deliver proactive and innovative solutions to mitigate the impacts of high lake water levels and shoreline flooding in Toronto," reads the release.



**CBC, February 25, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/trca-city-flooding-toronto-islands-work-prevention-1.5476252>

### **Flood prevention work to begin on Toronto Islands on Wednesday**



Work to prevent flooding on the Toronto Islands is set to begin on Wednesday with record high water levels expected again later this year.

Already, Lake Ontario water levels are more than 12 centimetres above the levels this time last year, the city said in a news release on Tuesday. The plan is minimize damage and keep the islands open.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), with help from the city, is expected to start "accelerated flood and erosion control" work at Toronto Island Park and several waterfront locations to mitigate the "impacts of high lake water levels and shoreline flooding in Toronto."

Rocks and dirt are being shipped from the city to the islands to build up the shoreline.

Matthew Johnston, senior manager of engineering projects for the TRCA, said the work is the first phase of emergency efforts designed to protect the Toronto Islands, the park and ferry terminal. He said the work is intended to be proactive.



**CityNews, February 26, 2020**

Full video: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2020/02/26/what-the-city-is-doing-to-prevent-spring-flooding/>



## What the city is doing to prevent spring flooding

Water levels in Lake Ontario are on the rise and as the spring thaw approaches, Mark McAllister looks at what the city is doing to try to prevent the kind of flooding the city has seen in recent years.



**CBC, February 27, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/steven-del-duca-public-private-pool-1.5477017>



## Ontario Liberal Party front-runner Steven Del Duca wants protected land to save his private pool

Steven Del Duca, the front-runner in the race to become the next leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and his wife want the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to hand over a section of protected land to save an in-ground pool they've built, CBC News has learned.

Del Duca and his wife, Utilia Amaral, live on a cul-de-sac in Vaughan. Their backyard is nestled against public parkland that's part of the Humber River watershed. It's considered environmentally sensitive land and is controlled by the TRCA.

Del Duca and his wife built the pool last summer without all the necessary permits — and it's too close to the parkland, according to municipal bylaws.

"It's embarrassing," Del Duca told CBC News.

"I found out based on what I will call an honest mistake and the discussion we had with our contractor. It was alarming for me obviously as someone who has grown up in this community and has served publicly in the past. I knew it was a mistake."

City of Vaughan bylaws stipulate the pool should have been built at least 7.5 metres from the public parkland. Instead, it was built just 1.5 metres away.

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**toronto.com**

**Toronto.com, March 2, 2020**

Toronto residents seek judicial review to stop Rockcliffe development

Coalition raising funds for legal challenge

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Members of the York South-Weston Flooding Accountability Coalition (from left: Tanja Connors, Rich Cicchetti, Denise O'Leary and Mike Miron) gather near Black Creek in Rockcliffe-Smythe. The group is fighting to reverse a Toronto Regional Conservation Authority decision from 2018 to allow the City of Toronto to sell a parcel of land by the river to St. Helen's Meat Packers Ltd. - Ribeiro Velez/Torstar

A group of Rockcliffe-Smythe and Mount Dennis residents is making a final push to prevent the development of land at 200 Rockcliffe Ct., on the southeast bank of Black Creek.

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Full article: <https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9870193-toronto-residents-seek-judicial-review-to-stop-rockcliffe-development/>

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**Fairchild TV, March 11, 2020**

Video clip here:

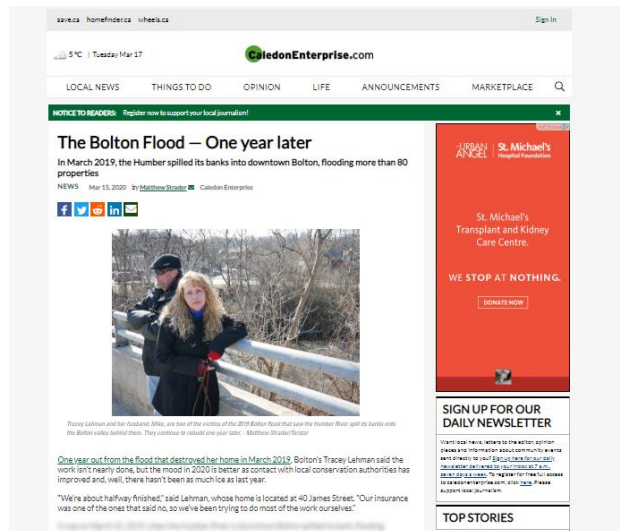
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Mar 11 Owl Viewing

Owl viewing and Owl Prowl event filming at Kortright Centre

Full article: <https://www.caledonenterprise.com/news-story/9892345-the-bolton-flood-one-year-later/>



## The Bolton Flood – One year later

One year out from the flood that destroyed her home in March 2019, Bolton's Tracey Lehman said the work isn't nearly done, but the mood in 2020 is better as contact with local conservation authorities has improved and, well, there hasn't been as much ice as last year.

"We're about halfway finished," said Lehman, whose home is located at 40 James Street. "Our insurance was one of the ones that said no, so we've been trying to do most of the work ourselves."