

## Attachment 1: Notable TRCA Media Coverage: July – September 2020

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

### July 2020



### Canadian Junior Golf Association, July 17, 2020

Full article: <https://www.cjga.com/bathurst-glen-golf-course-becomes-the-home-of-the-canadian-junior-golf-association/>



**Richmond Hill, ON** (July 17, 2020) – The Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) is pleased to announce a partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) through Bathurst Glen Golf Course which has become the Association's new home. The CJGA will also be partnering with the David Fritz Golf Academy who will be conducting camps, clinics, and leagues for our youth, as well as adults (parents and friends of the CJGA).

The CJGA and TRCA recognize the future of our country lies with our youth, as our future voters, purchasers, employees, executives, and partners. Their success will be determined by the

efforts we make today to develop their character, maturity, and personal growth, enabling them to take their rightful place in a highly competitive international environment.

Full article: <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/07/09/the-community-of-rockcliffe-keeps-flooding-when-will-it-end.html>

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## The community of Rockcliffe keeps flooding. When will it end?

By **Jenna Moon** Staff Reporter  
Thu., July 9, 2020 | 4 min. read



The flooding happened fast. Within half an hour, Eric Swanson's basement was submerged. His tools were destroyed, the contents of his basement are now waterlogged. In her basement bedroom, Swanson's daughter, 15-year-old Harper, noticed the water rising and darted out a back exit.

"She actually had to run out the back door because the water was coming into the front and we couldn't open her bedroom door anymore," Swanson told the Star by phone Thursday morning. While it "wasn't a life or death situation" — she had an exit available — Swanson said he was glad Harper was able to think fast.

The effects of Wednesday's sudden downpour — when around 65 millimetres of rainfall poured over the city of Toronto — may

have been a surprise to some but they were not a surprise to Swanson or their neighbours.

The community near Jane Street and Eglinton Avenue West is no stranger to the effects of heavy rains: In July 2013, the area suffered a flood following a torrential downpour. The area was also affected by flash floods after an August 2018 ninja storm blasted Toronto with rain for several hours. In 2005, flooding destroyed a culvert on Finch Ave.

Full article: <https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/salmon-city>



Yonge Street, University Avenue, and Bloor Street are all popular roads entangled in the busy city of Toronto. Used by citizens as transportation routes, these roadways are a constant bustle of activity.

Toronto's river system is also used as a heavy traffic route — by salmon. The river system in the city is made up of numerous man-made and natural waterways, from the Don to the Humber River. These water highways dominate a large part of the city, and one of their more frequent voyagers is salmon.

Every fall, thousands of coho and chinook salmon perform a salmon run, leaving Lake Ontario and making their way up the river system to find

spawning grounds. They try to get as far north as they can to find cold water and gravel, appropriate for them to spawn in and lay eggs.

Rick Portiss, senior manager of Aquatic Monitoring and Management for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) says that Toronto's waterways are integral to the salmon's life cycle.

"They are just as important as they have ever been," he says.

The salmon's ability to get to their destination, however, can sometimes be a challenge.

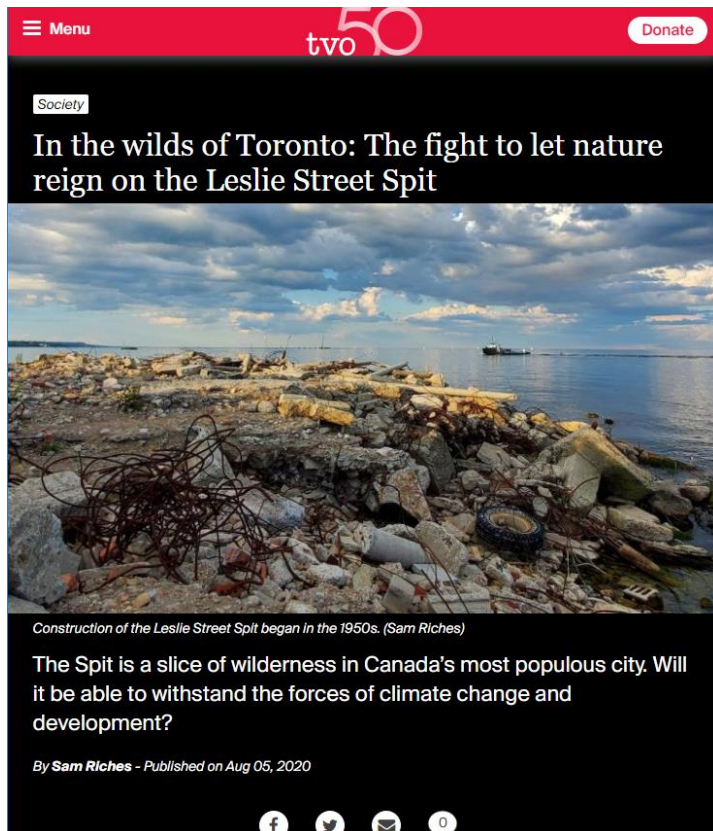
Implemented to help mitigate flooding after Hurricane Hazel in 1954, weirs (low dams used to regulate water flow) were placed in the Humber River to control erosion and manage water levels. These weirs became barriers for the salmon, preventing them from moving upstream.

August 2020



**TVO, August 5, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.tvo.org/article/in-the-wilds-of-toronto-the-fight-to-let-nature-reign-on-the-leslie-street-spit>



At the southern tip of Leslie Street, in Toronto's east end, you'll find a 250-hectare headland — from above, it resembles a skeletal hand reaching five kilometres out into Lake Ontario. From the ground, looking out toward choppy waters, you may feel as if you're somewhere remote or far-flung. Instead, you're just a few minutes from the downtown core of Canada's most populous city.

The Outer Harbour East Headland is home to more than 300 bird species, 50 butterfly species, and rich and varied vegetation and landscapes. School children are bused in to learn in outdoor classrooms, where they can spot turtles soaking up the sun, a coyote loping off into the bush, rabbits scurrying along the path, or a roost of fluttering monarchs. In the winter, you might see a great horned owl take flight and then silently disappear. While it is not, geologically speaking, a sandspit, most visitors

affectionally call it the Leslie Street Spit.



Full article: <https://www.durhamregion.com/opinion-story/10127516-minister-s-zoning-orders-a-threat-to-good-planning-local-democracy/>

**OPINION**

## Minister's Zoning Orders A Threat To Good Planning, Local Democracy

Former Ajax mayor Steve Parish, Environmental Defence's Tim Gray say they 'are being used on a routine and growing basis'

By **Steve Parish, Tim Gray** Ajax News Advertiser  
Thursday, August 6, 2020



There is a troubling trend developing in Ontario that could have serious implications for agriculture, local community input, infrastructure costs and efficient land-use planning that protects the natural environment.

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Ontario's city and town planning regime is generally acknowledged as one of the best in North America. The province's regime dates back to the passing of the first Planning Act shortly after the Second World War, and evolved over the past three generations. It is based on local decision making by elected municipal councils guided by professional planners and sound long-term policies. And it ensures ample opportunity for robust public

input.

But this well-functioning planning regime is threatened by the over-use of Minister's Zoning Orders. A Minister's Zoning Order is a tool that can be used by the provincial minister of municipal affairs to completely override the planning process and allow zoning and building to go forward by the stroke of a pen without these safeguards.

Traditionally, a Minister's Zoning Order has been used very sparingly and usually only where municipal structures don't really exist for rezoning, to allow key employment developments that could otherwise be lost without an expedited process, or to address some emergency situation -- for example, when the Elliot Lake mall collapsed and the community was left without a grocery store.

But no more.

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/conservationists-monarch-butterflies-population-toronto-canada-1.5696632>

Toronto

## Worries grow following 'dramatic' drop in monarch butterfly population



Saturday declared 'Flight of the Monarch Day' in Toronto as awareness spreads

Julia Knope · CBC News · Posted: Aug 23, 2020 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: August 23



The epic 5,000-kilometre migration of monarch butterflies from eastern Canada to the forests of central Mexico begins in late August each year. Events took place across Canada on Saturday to raise awareness on how to curb the declining monarch population. (Monarch Watch)

It's a trend conservationists are all too familiar with: monarch butterfly numbers across North America have been slowly declining for 15 years.

But this year's decrease is an even greater cause for concern, with the population of the orange and black butterflies down by more than 50 per cent between the winters of 2019 and 2020.

"[It's] a dramatic drop," said Rachel Stewart, program manager for Monarch Nation, a program run by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

"Much as efforts to preserve and conserve monarch butterflies are increasing and to provide habitat ... it's clear that there's still a long way to go."

It wasn't always this bleak; between 2018 and 2019 there was an unusual spike, which turned out to be a one-year blip.

That's why Monarch Nation organized Flight of the Monarch Day Saturday in communities across Canada — events that raise awareness and support the continent-wide effort to stabilize the species' uncertain future.

Toronto's flagship event took place in Tommy Thompson Park, a narrow peninsula that sits on the waterfront, tucked between Cherry and Woodbine beaches.

The event marked one of the last opportunities this season to catch a glimpse of a monarch in the city. Viceroy butterflies, which are similar to monarchs but slightly smaller, could also be seen at the park.

Full article: <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/dramatic-video-shows-dust-cloud-from-scarborough-bluffs-landslide>



A landslide at the Scarborough Bluffs on Sunday was captured on video showing the ridge collapsing and a dust cloud enveloping sunbathing crowds below.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) said the incident, which occurred just before 4 p.m., was the result of a massive boulder falling from above at the western end of Bluffer's Park.

Luckily, no one was injured, Toronto Police said.

"We tend to find these landslides happen in the rainier season, especially in the spring, just coming out of winter," said Matt Johnston, TRCA's senior manager of erosion risk management.

"We had a bit of rain, but we didn't have substantial quantities of it. As the bluffs are comprised mostly of sand, they look stunning and they

may actually look a bit more stable than they actually are.

"But you can have weathering of that material, which will cause these massive landslides to take place anytime."

Johnston said a significant landslide also took place the weekend prior at the Bluffs, when again, no one was hurt. He said these landslides are happening at various times along different stretches of the Bluffs.

Full article: <https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/09/east-don-trail-construction-toronto/>

## The East Don Trail is about to reopen after two years of construction in Toronto



An asphalt trail running along the [East Don Trail](#) is near completion — part of it, anyway.

After two years of construction, Phase 2 of the East Don Trail will be open to the public sometime this month, says the [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority \(TRCA\)](#).

This phase of the new multi-use path stretches 1.4 kilometres long, and 3-4 metres wide, from the existing East Don Trail.

Connected by a new steel bridge, the extension now runs east from Wynford Heights all the way to Wigmore Park on Elvaston Drive.

A total of three permanent bridges now cross over the East Don River as part of

Phase 2, including the longest, a 60-metre bridge, that was implemented last year.

East Don Trail's lengthier Phase 1 will span from the Lower Don Trail and down to the Gattineau Trail and anticipated [Meadoway](#), the latter slated to be one of Canada's largest urban linear green spaces at 16-kilometres.

That phase isn't expected to be complete until spring 2021. The finish line also depends on a tentative tunnel and pedestrian overpass been proposed to suspend over the Metrolinx rail line. Construction on the project has been ongoing since September 2018, following an [Environmental Assessment](#) process that implemented a new policy: three trees planted for every one removed during construction.

The Federal government has invested up to \$11.25 million for the project, with the Toronto government matching that amount.



September 2020



**Region of Peel, September 14, 2020**

Full article:

<https://peelregion.ca/news/archiveitem.asp?year=2020&month=8&day=14&file=2020814.xml>

## **New electric vehicle charging stations available at Southfields Community Centre**

Charging stations are the first of 43 to be built in the region from a Natural Resources Canada grant

BRAMPTON, ON (Sept. 14, 2020) Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, Brampton Councillor Harkirat Singh, Mississauga Councillor Matt Mahoney, and Interim Commissioner of Peel Public Works and Chair of the Peel Climate Change Partnership Andrew Farr, joined Brampton East MP Maninder Sidhu to officially open seven new publicly available electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Southfields Community Centre in Caledon. The EV charging stations were made possible through Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan's) [Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program \(ZEVIP\)](#).



Today the transportation sector accounts for approximately 25% of Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with light-duty vehicles accounting for about 12% of those national emissions. Electric vehicles are an integral part of Canada's plan to exceed its target of reducing GHG emissions 30 per cent by 2030. Part of achieving this goal includes encouraging Canadians to purchase zero-emission vehicles, requiring a reliable network of EV charging stations.

"These new EV charging stations are a positive step forward in expanding the needed infrastructure network

throughout the region," said Andrew Farr, Interim Commissioner of Public Works at the Region of Peel and chair of the Peel Climate Change Partnership (PCCP). "By working together, the members of the PCCP were able to qualify for the ZEVIP funding, allowing each organization to make strides towards achieving a Low Carbon Community."

The PCCP is made of the Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Credit Valley

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Sept 14, 2020**

Full article: <https://fcm.ca/en/news-media/gmf/announcing-2020-sustainable-community-award-winners>



FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards celebrate the most innovative environmental initiatives in Canadian cities and communities of all sizes. Through these awards, FCM recognizes and celebrates sustainability leaders and trailblazers in municipalities across Canada.

The awards, delivered by FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF), showcase outstanding municipal projects in asset management, brownfields, climate change, energy, transportation, waste, water, and sustainable neighbourhood revitalization and design.

#### **Honourable mentions**

**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and nine partner municipalities including:**

**City of Toronto, Regional Municipality of Peel, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of York, City of Richmond Hill, City of Markham and City of Vaughan**

#### *Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program*

The Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP) is a neighbourhood model that helps municipalities retrofit older neighbourhoods and build community support and partnerships. Since its inception, the model has been adopted by multiple communities in Ontario and beyond, and focuses on solutions tailored to the local context for home retrofits, infrastructure renewal, neighbourhood revitalization and community resilience.