

**For immediate release**

**Release of Citizen Led Neighbourhood Plan to be celebrated with Pop-Up Ravine Repair Event**

**TORONTO, May 31st, 2016.** The Active Neighbourhoods Project team at the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT) is pleased to announce the release of a citizen-led *Neighbourhood Plan* that has a bold new vision for public spaces and streets in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park. Built from the ideas and feedback of residents in these two neighbourhoods, and with support from professional planners, architects and community stakeholders, the plan highlights three key impact areas for improving these two communities:

- 1) Improve access to the Don Valley Ravine and other green spaces
- 2) Transform Overlea Blvd. into a Complete Street
- 3) Animate spaces in between neighbourhood towers.

On **Saturday June 4, 2016 from 1-4 p.m.**, we will be participating in an event that celebrates ideas from the Plan as part of the 100 in 1 Day Festival at two locations in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park.

This event will bring together residents from these two neighbourhoods for mural painting at 71&75 Thorncliffe Park Drive, and path repair at 701 Don Mills Road. Culminating in a picnic in between the two locations in the Don Valley will link each community to the other through the ravine trail system.

**About the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT)**

TCAT, a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership, advances knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling. We believe that active transportation plays a critical role in creating environmentally and economically sustainable cities. Find out more at [www.tcat.ca](http://www.tcat.ca).

**About Active Neighbourhoods Canada**

With funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Active Neighbourhoods Canada is a partnership of organizations across Canada using participatory design towards the goal of green, active and healthy neighbourhoods. TCAT's national partners are the Montreal Urban Ecology Centre and Sustainable Calgary. Partners in this local project are the Flemingdon Health Centre, the youth arts group Toronto Emerging ARTivists of the Sustainable Thinking and Expression on Public Space (STEPS) Initiative, the Thorncliffe Women's Committee and Cycle 26, with support from Architecture for Humanity and the Toronto International Film Festival's Special Delivery Program. For more information, visit:

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