



YVAN BAKER, MPP

Etobicoke Centre

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An update on our fight to save Silver Creek

Dear residents of the Silver Creek community,

Protecting the services for children with special needs at Etobicoke Children's Centre and Silver Creek Pre-School, as well as the beautiful green space around Silver Creek Public School, has been a key focus of mine for the past year.

I have been a strong advocate on this issue, working alongside members of our community like the Friends of Silver Creek, Etobicoke Children's Centre and Silver Creek Pre-School. My efforts to save Silver Creek include raising awareness in our community, delivering statements in the Legislature and raising the issue with my fellow Members of Provincial Parliament. I have also been raising this important issue with several Ministers to ensure that the provincial government does everything possible to protect the services and preserve the green space.

In the spring the government of Ontario wrote to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to express initial interest in the property. Shortly afterwards, the province committed to the protection of the services provided by Silver Creek Pre-School and Etobicoke Children's Centre. The government then initiated discussions with the TDSB on the future ownership of the property.

In September I was pleased to announce that my efforts have led to the government of Ontario deciding to focus only on whole-site solutions. In other words—the province will not be considering solutions that involve severing the property or the green space, which is excellent news for our community.

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Earlier in this process, late fall had been identified as a likely timeline for decisions to be made and communicated to the community. While the discussions between the government and the TDSB are on-going and remain positive, the timelines have been extended into the new year.

Despite the delay, I remain confident that we will be able to save Silver Creek, and I continue to work hard behind the scenes to ensure a positive outcome for our community.

Your passion and dedication to this cause gives strength to my continued advocacy. I promise you that I will continue to do everything I can to protect Silver Creek, these essential services, and the attached green space.

I hope that you will continue to stay engaged in our efforts to save Silver Creek. To receive the latest updates about Silver Creek and other important issues I am working on, sign up for my E-Newsletter at yvanbaker.onmpp.ca.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any additional suggestions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yvan".

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