

THE MOUNT DENNIS COMMUNITY RINK at PEAREN PARK

is now closed for the season
after 29 days of (mostly) great skating enjoyed by hundreds of people – many of them first-time skaters. Our thanks to:

Guy (“The Ice Man”) Ruggieri, who worked tirelessly to make sure we had the best ice humanly possible, Orville (“The Finisher”) Ivey, his right-hand man, and the other icemakers: Brenda Goncales, Claudia Latouche, Kevin Keane, Marabelle McTavish, Mike Mattos Simon Chamberlain, Siobhan Delaney, Tannis Stickley, Terence Reynolds & Wayne Chislett.

The snow-clearers: Barb Stone, Gary Stone, Guy Ruggieri, Keri-Lee Stone, Kevin Keane, Marabelle McTavish, Mariangeles Najajlis, Mike Mattos, Simon Chamberlain, Siobhan Delaney, Terence Reynolds & Wayne Chislett. Also Brandon, who spent nearly two hours chipping away ice to make the pathway safe.

The on-ice teachers and coaches: Anne Mather, Gloria Braymore, James Keane, Kevin Keane, Lance Alexander, Luke Yorkden-Chamberlain, Megan Keane, Robyn Hoogendam and Wilton Hall.

Simon and the Skatekeepers including Amanda Hannah, Barb Stone, Brenda Goncales, Claudine Penny, Cory Estacio, Josie Mullins, Manuel, Marabelle McTavish, Melisa Chieto, Michael & Mikela Sampson, Shantay Simmonds, Sianna St.Claire, Siobhan Delaney and Wayne Chislett, who provided more than 500 loans of skates and other equipment, as well as fitting, tightening and caring for the skates.

The many people who donated skates, cash, or other items including Newsoms (who also gave us free sharpening last year), Mayssan Shuja-Uddin and the Dufferin Grove Rink team (who provided encouragement and web exposure as well as sharpening and three bags of great skates), Barb & Gary Stone, and Josie Mullins who came up with the net and the learn-to-skate frame as well as skates and helmets.

Bala and Our Lady of Victory Schools, which printed up flyers and distributed them to students. Extra thanks to Bala for lending us chairs.

The U of T student team led by Rachel Cheung, including Bethany, Cihang, Cindy, both Nicoles, Omar, Pratik, and Thao, who came to help out during their reading week (plus thanks to organizers Roxanne Wright at UofT and Effie Andricopoulos at LEF).

The Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) which provided skate drop-off, free poster-printing, and coordination as well as program space for the U of T team.

All the Moms (and Dads) who let their kids come to the rink after school and made sure they had the warm clothing they needed.

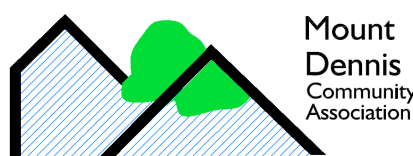
Residents on Pearen and Glenvalley, who have been amazingly supportive throughout (with special thanks to Glory Ruggieri for keeping an eye on things).

The York Guardian, for New Years’ weekend photo feature, and Adam Norman of **WestonWeb** whose blog interview was a real boost.

Marabelle McTavish, who had the original vision for the rink, and **City of Toronto Councillor Frances Nunziata**, who made it possible - with lots of practical help from the Parks Department’s Diane Czaplá, Stewart, Mark and others.

And **Simon Chamberlain**, who created and distributed all the signs and posters and coordinated volunteer activities (and who apologizes to anyone whose name was missed from this list).

Thank you ALL



“Working Together to Strengthen Mount Dennis”