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Dear Ward 43 Resident,

INDULGE at Metro Square begins Thursday

The City's weekly Indulge market at Metro Square begins this Thursday (May 27), with fresh food and produce from local restaurateurs and farmers, and a performance by roots/blues singer Suzie Vinnick. Indulge at Metro Square (Metro Hall) will be held each Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Details and performer schedule: <http://www.toronto.ca/indulge/>

Weekly Indulge markets and entertainment at Albert Campbell Square (Scarborough Civic Centre) will begin Tuesday, June 15. Details: <http://www.toronto.ca/indulge/>

Dinner cruise aboard the Trillium

The City's Heritage Toronto is inviting local history buffs to join in a celebration of the Trillium ferry boat's centenary of service. The history-theme dinner cruise of the Toronto Harbour area will take place July 2.

Details: www.heritagetoronto.org

Also, consider video iTours online: <http://www.heritagetoronto.org/discover-toronto/itours>

Joyce Trimmer Park

in honour of the contributions of the late Joyce Trimmer,
former Mayor of Scarborough

Thursday, July 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. Arrival

10:10 a.m. Speeches

8450 Sheppard Avenue East
(Sheppard Avenue and Conlins Road)

Light refreshments to follow

Please respond by July 2nd to 416-392-7667 or by e-mail to protocol@toronto.ca

City to celebrate naming of Joyce Trimmer Park

Mayor David Miller, Councillor Raymond Cho (Ward 42 Scarborough-Rouge River), members of the Trimmer family and local residents will celebrate the official park naming in honour of the late Joyce Trimmer, former Mayor of Scarborough. Mrs. Trimmer was the first female mayor to be elected in the former City of Scarborough, in 1988.

The park, formerly known as McAsphalt Park, includes a mid-sized soccer field, a weather shelter, a splash pad and a basketball half court. The ceremony will include a sign unveiling and light refreshments. Karen Trimmer, daughter of Joyce Trimmer, will be the special guest speaker.

Your Councillor

Paul Ainslie

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

- May 1, 2010 – Curran Hall Community Clean Up
May 1, 2010 - 12th Annual Spring Planting/Rehabilitation Day in Morningside Park
May 1, 2010 - Heather Heights Junior PS 50th Anniversary Celebration
May 2, 2010 - Scarborough Guildwood Provincial Progressive Conservative Association
May 5, 2010 - McHappy Day
May 5, 2010 – Community Association Meeting
May 6, 2010 - Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
May 7, 2010 – Kingston Galloway Neighbourhood Action Partnership Space Committee Meeting
May 7, 2010 - Residents Rising Meeting

May 7, 2010 - Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough Annual General Meeting
 May 8, 2010 – Seven Oaks Community Clean Up
 May 8, 2010 - 22nd Annual M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ
 May 8, 2010 - Mornelle Ballet to Celebrate the Final Class
 May 8, 2010 - Holy mother Easwaramma Mother's day Celebration
 May 9, 2010 – Mother's Day
 May 10, 2010 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
 May 10, 2010 – Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
 May 10, 2010 - Curran Hall Community Association Meeting
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 May 11, 2010 - St. Margaret's Community Fair
 May 11, 2010 – Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
 May 12, 2010 – Toronto City Council
 May 13, 2010 – Neighbourhood Action Partnership Meeting
 May 13, 2010- Citizen Police Liaison Committee Meeting
 May 13, 2010 - Jumblies Theatre
 May 13, 2010 - Cornell Community Events Planing Meeting
 May 15, 2010 - Mornelle Court Safety Audit METRAC/City of Toronto
 May 16, 2010 - 4th Annual Plant Exchange – Guildwood Village
 May 17, 2010 - All Presidents Meeting – Community Association Presidents 4th meeting
 May 18, 2010 - Appetite for Awareness' Day
 May 18, 2010 – Monthly Town Hall Meeting. May meeting took place at 4175 Lawrence. Ave.
 May 19, 2010 - 1st Century Scouts planting at Seven Oaks Nursing Home.
 May 20, 2010 – Zoo Board Meeting
 May 20, 2010 - Buy a Bed Committee Meeting
 May 21, 2010 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
 May 22, 2010 - Environment Day
 May 23, 2010 - Scarborough-Florina Fraternalization Festival
 May 24, 2010 – Happy Victoria Day
 May 25, 2010 - Scarborough Community Council
 May 25, 2010 - South East Scarborough Pow Wow Planning Meeting
 May 25, 2010 - Community Greening Meeting
 May 26, 2010 - Community Development and Recreation Committee
 May 26, 2010 - Safety Audit Planning Meeting
 May 26, 2010 – Neighbourhood Action Partnership - Safety Audit Planning Meeting
 May 27, 2010 - Guild Alive Meeting
 May 27, 2010 – Anti-Wind Turbine Event
 May 28, 2010 - Rouge Park Alliance Working Session
 May 28, 2010 - Budget Committee Meeting
 May 28, 2010 - Morningside Park Reference Group
 May 29, 2010 – Annual Compost Day 9:00 am – Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club 730 Military Trail
 May 29, 2010 – Annual Compost Day 1:00 pm – Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI 145 Guildwood Pkwy
 May 29, 2010 - Mornelle Court Clean – Up Day – 110 Mornelle Court
 May 29, 2010 - Progress Church Community BBQ - 4242 Kingston Road
 May 29, 2010 - South Asian Heritage Month Celebration - 4175 Lawrence Ave East
 May 31, 2010 - Sir Wilfrid Students Grade 10 Visit to City Hall

2. Seven Oaks

Community Clean Up: On May 8, 2010 I and the 1st Century Scout Group participated in a community clean up along

the Military Trail Ravine. We collected many bags of litter and worked together to retrieve some larger items out of the ravine as well. Dumping in our ravines continues to be an issue. Please be vigilant in your community and speak to your neighbours about the importance of keeping the community clean. Our children have become wonderful spokespersons for the no-littering campaign. We need to ensure everyone at all ages also become champions in this quest.

Neilson Road water main work: The work on this section of Neilson Rd is continuing. I have been advised by our Roads Division that the restoration of the south section of Neilson Road is scheduled to take place between the last week in May and first week in June. This will restore the full use of the lanes for motorists. Thank you for your patience.

Sidewalk Request: During one of my monthly meetings a request was made to install a sidewalk on Bonspiel Drive from Tams Road to Military Trail. The request was submitted to staff and placed on the request list for the 2011 program. The Division plans are to investigate all requests with the focus to fund missing sidewalks which would accompany major road reconstruction projects.

The remainder of the funds will be focused on a number of other pedestrian safety initiatives such as the enhanced zebra crossings program. The Bonspiel Drive request has been for review and planning in 2011, and scheduled for construction in 2012-2014.

Community Meeting: Was held at Tam Heather Tennis & Curling Club to discuss parking issues on Bonspiel Drive. A follow up meeting will take place after Transportation staff reviews the issues to suggest some possible solutions.

3. Curran Hall Community

website: <http://www.curranhall.ca/>

Off lease Dog Park: Is scheduled for construction this August 2010 to be completed by September 2010. The off leash area will. The site details are: **Hours of Operation:** 7am – 10pm Monday through Sunday. Fencing: Post and Paddle Fence with Hardware Cloth. Signage: Code of conduct, Conditions of use and site map. Benches and litter receptacles will be provided. **Signage: Code of Conduct & Conditions of Use:** Comply with all signs & boundaries & carry a leash at all times. The City of Toronto requires that all dogs must have a municipal dog license. Dogs must remain in off-leash area so as not to trample or endanger plant material and other park resources. Dogs excluded from use of off leash areas: dogs identified under the Dog Owners Liability Act: Pit bulls; Female dogs in heat; Any dog that has been issued a muzzle order by the Medical Officer of Health. Discourage your dog(s) from chasing wildlife. Pick up after the dog(s) and carry the dog(s) waste home to the Green Bin or use the receptacle provided. Dog(s) must be under voice or signal control and in sight at all times. If your dog does not respond immediately retrieve your dog and leash it. Leash your dog(s) immediately, if aggressive behaviour is demonstrated. Respect other park users. Be respectful of the neighbours and deter your dog's barking. Dogs that dig holes must have their owners fill them in immediately. Holes create safety hazards for other users especially after dark. Always carry a bag, a spare and one to share.

Questions and Answers from the February 8th, 2010 Meeting with the Curran Hall Community.

Q: What is the height of the fence? Does the City use dog waste scoopers?

A: The fence is 4 feet high. The City has piloted scoopers at sites that have organic materials bins (green bins). The area Supervisor will consider installing a green bin at this location, but there are no current plans to provide waste scoopers at City expense currently.

Q: Where can people park?

A: There is street parking along Orton Park Rd. There is also a parking lot in the adjacent community centre.

Q: What amenities are provided at the off-leash area? i.e. agility equipment, etc.

A: Our off-leash funding is allocated to basic functional amenities such as fencing, gates, benches, parks litter bins and signage. The City welcomes the dog owners' association offer to fundraise for other specific amenities in the future.

Q: What is the general proximity that's looked at when developing an off-leash area?

A: The goal is to distribute off-leash areas to provide neighbourhood with an off-leash area within 1.5 – 2 km (10-15 minute walk) when and as appropriate according to need and being sensitive to other uses.

Q: The City has 140 neighbourhoods and 36 off-leash areas. How does that work?

A: We are in the process of establishing new sites. There is a request process that residents can follow in order to request an off-leash area in their neighbourhood. The existing sites and potential new PUI Minutes - Botany Hill Park 5 sites are listed: www.toronto.ca/parks/dogs.

Q: Can Hydro Lands be used as off-leash areas?

A: Hydro Fields are not operated by the City of Toronto and are not designated off-leash areas. In order for the City to lease these lands, we would have to reimburse the cost of property taxes to Hydro which can become very costly.

Q: How do we apply for an area? In the past our informal requests have not been looked into.

A: There is a formal request process that can be found on our website: www.toronto.ca/parks/dogs All formal requests will be reviewed Can the fence be 6 feet high?

Q: There is a concern with respect to Coyotes

A: The fence cannot be higher than 4 feet as it will create a confinement problem. The coyote concern is valid as there is a ravine adjacent to this park, however there are ways to manage this risk. Park staff will look into involving a coyote specialist for our future meetings where coyotes may be a concern and will provide public information on managing the risks related to coyotes. More information can be found at http://www.toronto.ca/animal_services/coyote.htm

Q: Some dogs may jump the 4 foot fence?

A: It is the responsibility of the dog owner to supervise their dog. The fence is a visual guideline and is there to provide containment not confinement.

Q: Is there an established capacity for dogs off-leash areas?

A: No. However it is a good question and will be researched and considered by our design team.

Q: Scarborough needs more off-leash areas

A: Please visit our website for the request process. Once a request is received, staff will review and keep the residents apprised of the progress. To clarify the new process, requests are made by expressing interest and a need for a dogs off-leash area in a neighbourhood. There is no need to request a specific park or location. When interest and need is expressed, City staff will consider appropriate location options in the area that will meet the need.

Q: When will the DOL area be implemented and ready to use?

A: Construction of the off-leash area fencing and amenities will be scheduled for Summer 2010.

4. Coronation and West Hill Community

Website: <http://www.coronationca.com/>

Clean Up Day has been scheduled for Coronation and West Hill Community: The Clean up days were very well attended and produced a wonderful way for the community to collectively volunteer some time in their neighbourhoods.

Thank you to the Coronation of West Hill Community Association and the East Scarborough Storefront for organizing the clean up events.

Coronation Community Garage Sale: Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 29, 2010 from 8 m- 4 pm Sat. Tables will be set up along streets in the community. The community association has also advertised this event in the Scarborough Mirror.

Community BBQ and Festival: Heron Park Community Centre: Saturday August 21, 11:00 to 2:30. One of West Hill's major Community Event, to be held in Cooperation with local community groups and TPF&R will be held on the baseball diamond. Last year saw about 700+ people attend. BBQ, games, live concerts, inflatables, face painting, Zoo display, henna, police, fire etc

5. Cedar Ridge Community

Town Hall Meeting: Was held on April 22, 2010 at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre. The meeting was well attended. Residents and I discussed areas in the community which could be improved. Residents also

Signalized Intersection lights: City Council approved the conversion of the existing Pedestrian Crossover to Traffic Control Signals at Scarborough Golf Club Road and Marcella Street. The speeds along Scarborough Golf Club Road were too fast for the PXO to be safe. The actual conversion is occurring this year and these new signals should be up and running later this spring.

Cedar Ridge Gallery: , the gallery features the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre Students Exhibit. Please contact Joy at 416.396.4112 for more information.

Summer programming: Summer Session begins July 5, 2010. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre and Art Gallery 225 Confederation Dr, 416-396-4026 e-mail: crcc@toronto.ca, toronto.ca/culture/cedar_ridge.htm. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre is a vibrant arts and cultural hub housed in a historic mansion surrounded by lush gardens, scenic woods and walking trails. Cedar Ridge offers a variety of studio art programs and special interest workshops for adults, youth and children in a range of arts disciplines. Curriculum-linked education programs are offered for school children. The centre is home to the Cedar Ridge Gallery, which is programmed with a diverse roster of exhibitions from September to June Seasonally, Cedar Ridge Creative Centre is available to rent for your special occasion, our historic charm and gardens are the perfect backdrop for any event. The gallery features watercolour paintings by Shirley DeLang, May 30-June 4. Opening reception: May 30, 1-4 pm Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery Members Exhibit Enjoy Celebration of the Arts, an annual event in the gardens that features an exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts, performances, demonstrations and more. June 8-17 Opening reception: June 13, 12-5 pm Boutique and Strawberry Teas June 15, 16 & 17, 1-4 pm Call 416-396-4026 to reserve. Cedar Ridge Gallery exhibits works by Jay Dampf. June 20-25 Opening reception: June 20, 1-4 pm

Jumblied Theatre for Like An Old Tale: Were at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre on May 3-13, 2010. The event was very well attended. The Community Arts Guild is Jumblied artists and local residents, whether transient and settled, making art in East Scarborough over a 4-year period. As artists-in-residence, in collaboration with Toronto Cultural Services and Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, Jumblied has spent the past year it taking inspiration from Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale - with its themes of seasonal and life cycles, jealousy, betrayal, courage to defy authority, loss, atonement, redemption and - as a springboard for generating new poetry, imagery and stories, and expressing it all through theatre, dance, music, writing, visual arts and storytelling.

For more information about Jumblied Theatre and this event, go to www.jumbliedtheatre.org or contact info@jumbliedtheatre.org, 416 203 8428.

6. Cornell Community

Cedarbrae Library Update: The library renovation is coming together quite nicely. Residents can now see the transformation taking place as the glass walls are visible from Markham Road. It is evident that the building will be a beautiful addition to our community. The building renovations are on schedule for a late Summer opening. The library re-opening will be a highly anticipated event which will be open to the public. The completed library will be 26,200 square feet and will include a redesign all interior spaces. All the details may be viewed at: http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/hou_loc_bra_ced_renovation.jsp.

Special Events Committee: Has continued to meet in the planning of our June 17, 2010 community event at Cornell Park. I hope to see you all there to enjoy a summer night in the park with your neighbours. The event will be held from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and will feature children's crafts and games.

7. Guildwood Village

Website: www.guildwood.on.ca

Garage Sale in the Guildwood Village: The annual Guildwood Village garage sale is scheduled to take place on Saturday May 29th, 2010. The sale starts early in the morning.

Guildwood Village Planters on Guildwood Parkway & Livingston Road: The planting for the community's new boulevard feature will be planted within the next two weeks. This feature will significantly enhance the entrance into the community. These planters are one of many projects which I worked to have implemented in the Ward through the City's Clean and Beautiful funds. These funds are given to each Ward, if a Councillor chooses not to utilize the fund the monies are redirected to another Ward.

Free Concert Series at Guild Inn Gardens: 201 Guildwood Parkway at the Greek Theatre. All concerts 7-8:30pm Weather Permitting Bring the family, a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music! **May 27th** ° Sir Oliver Mowat CI: Concert and Stage Bands **June 3rd** ° Two for the Show, **June 10th** ° Jeffrey Moulton

City of Toronto Motion: On May 11, 2010 at Toronto City Council, the Speaker Sandra Bussin quashed my motion by ruling it out of order. The motion which sought to protect the City of Toronto's waterfront which includes the Scarborough Bluffs was successful at the Scarborough Community Council meeting of April 27, 2010, where residents appeared to speak in support of my motion.

I and a number of my colleagues were disappointed in the Speakers ruling, as it did not provide the opportunity for City Council to debate the issue. The City's waterfront includes projects where millions of dollars have been dedicated. I brought this motion forward to speak on the waterfronts protection and to protect the City's investment.

The motion requested that Toronto Councillors protect Toronto's waterfront by requesting that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario not be permitted to industrialize any crown lands or waterways along the Scarborough Bluffs, Toronto waterfront or escarpment.

By 2011 the City will spend \$29 million to complete the Port Union Waterfront Park for 3.6 kilometres of trails, shoreline and wetlands from the Rouge River to Highland Creek on Lake Ontario. Protecting this investment would have been the right thing to do. As a City we can invest in our Waterfront to attract visitors, beautify and meet our resident's needs, but if we don't have any regulations on what the Federal or Provincial governments can do with the adjacent areas that we run the risk of wasting our resources.

The City is spending millions to revitalize and showcase the waterfront with new infrastructure as well as initiating an environmental study to remove the Gardner. All members of Council should have had an opportunity to speak on this motion. The Speakers decision to rule it out of order did not uphold the waterfront community's right to have this matter heard as their Council representatives had already given direction for it to be heard at City Council.

I would like to thank residents who took time out of their busy schedules to write the City Clerk and to appear at Scarborough Community Council to address the Scarborough Councillors.

8. The Residents Rising Community Association

Residents Rising Community Association: If you would like to get involved and help create a new vision for the Kingston/Galloway/Lawrence & Morningside Community, the Residents Rising Community Association is looking for new team members. Meeting monthly, the RR team helps to plan events, brainstorm ideas and works with local partners to improve the neighbourhood. Members represent many cultures, ages, economic levels and abilities. They are looking for local residents who care about the community and are willing to volunteer and participate. The office is located at 4117 Lawrence Avenue East, unit 100A or call 647-347-2342.

9. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition

Community Update: Congratulations to the Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition along with all of the parents who are participating in the "SafeWalk" program. On March 25th we made a splash by inviting the media to take a look at what is happening in the Mornelle community specifically the "Safewalk" program. It made first page in the Toronto Star GTA section for the March 26th edition, received a great article in Ming Pao, and also the Scarborough Bluffs. This was a great event which shone a positive light on our community. The program has gained momentum with 40 registered children. Principal Ken Morden of Military School Public Elementary School writes: *"In addition to the feeling of increased safety and support, we are able to report an increase in academic success of our students. Students who had difficulty getting to school with consistency or in a timely fashion have had a marked increase in success. They arrive on time, in good spirits, and are excited to learn. This has direct impact on their levels of success in the classroom. Teachers are delighted with the added success that this brings to their programs"*.

Community Clean-up: I am looking forward to seeing the community out on May 29, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Mornelle Court Clean up. We are meeting at 110 Mornelle.

Roads are one of the top priorities for the City this year with more than \$300 million being allocated to improve the quality of the city's roads and bridges. Many projects are taking place in Ward 43 from major and minor watermain repairs and replacements as well as road resurfacing.

I do make it a habit to drive through the entire Ward on a weekly basis to report road repairs and graffiti along with any other municipal matters which needs to be addressed. If you would like to report graffiti or road repair please contact my office.

Parking at TCHC properties: I am circulating a petition in regards to the new visitor parking regulations as I do not support Toronto Community Housing Corporation's decision to install meters. I have asked TCHC to terminate the new pay Visitor Parking meters. I take this position as in residential neighbourhoods visitors/residents are permitted to park on city streets for a three hour period. Residents who reside in TCHC buildings are not being given this same privilege. I

have outlined that organizations such as the Boy's and Girls Club of East Scarborough are faced with parking fees when they attend TCHC properties to deliver programming. You may send me an email to support my petition at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca.

The Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition: Association meetings take place the first Thursday of each month with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday May 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. @ 110 Mornelle Court in the community room. New members are encouraged as there are many events planned for the upcoming months.

10. Tenant Information

Municipal Standard issues? Dial 311 to be put forward to the Inspections - Apartment Standards Division. You may also email at 311@toronto.ca. You may also visit the [apartment Standards webpage](http://www.toronto.ca/apartmentstandards/faq.htm):
<http://www.toronto.ca/apartmentstandards/faq.htm>

ML&S Apartment Standards Web Disclosure?: The City of Toronto has developed a Web site to facilitate public access to information pertaining to property standards orders issued by the Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) Division. This disclosure also includes by-law and inspection information as well as deficiency details and order status with respect to multi-residential rental apartment buildings within the City of Toronto. However, no personal information about individuals (owners, tenants or complainants) will be disclosed.

11. Community Meetings and Events

May 22, 2010 - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Environment Day – Morningside Yard located at 891 Morningside Ave.

May 27, 2010 - Councillor Ainslie & Live Green Event: Curran Hall Community Centre located at 277 Orton Park Rd.

May 28, 2010 - 8:00 pm Livingston Lodge Pub Night located at 65 Livingston Road

May 29, 2010 - 9:00 am Compost Day at Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club located at 730 Military Trail.

May 29, 2010 - 1:00 pm Compost Day Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate located at 145 Guildwood Parkway.

May 29, 2010 - 3:00 pm South Asian Heritage Month Celebration located at 4175 Lawrence Ave East

May 29, 2010 - 10:30 am Mornelle Court Community Clean-up Day located at 100 Mornelle Court

May 29, 2010 - 11:00 am Progress Church Community BBQ located at 4242 Kingston Road

June 1, 2010 - 7:00 pm Town Hall Meeting with Councillor Ainslie: St. Martin de Porres Catholic School

June 3, 2010 - 2:00 pm Market Festival Opening Day located at 4040 Lawrence Avenue East

June 5, 2010 - 10:00 am Guildwood Day Parade - theme of "Guildwood: LOUD and Proud!" on Guildwood Parkway

June 7, 2010 - 4:00 pm Buy a Bed Race: Centennial College at the corner of Ellesmere and Morningside Avenue.

June 10, 2010 - 2:00 pm Markets By the Bluffs Opening Day at the corner of Livingston Rd & Guildwood Pkwy

June 15, 2010 - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Councillor Ainslie Annual BBQ: Seven Oaks Park 372 Military Trail Toronto

June 17, 2010 - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Councillor Ainslie Annual BBQ in Cornell Park located on Holmfirth Terrace.

Livingston Lodge Retirement Residence: 65 Livingston rd, 416-264-4348

Foot Care Clinic, Second Wednesday of every month - \$20 - Call for appointment.

Community Bingo, Every Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 pm - 25¢ per card
Tune Up For a Toonie – PhysioFitness, Every Monday 1:30 - 2:30 pm - \$2 per class

Albert Campbell Square: Scarborough Civic Centre Performances from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

June 16 -Jordan John

June 23 -Two For The Show

July 7 - Louise Kent

July 14 - CASSAVA

July 21 - Uptown Swing Band

July 28 - Reggae Cowboys

12. City of Toronto Council Highlights March 31 and April 1, 2010

Council Highlights

City Council meeting of March 31 and April 1, 2010

Plans for Yonge-Eglinton Centre

Council approved a rezoning application from the owner of the site at the northwest corner of Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, setting the stage for redevelopment of the site. The proposal, unpopular with some area residents because it will reduce open space at that location, includes creating a rooftop garden that will be accessible to the public. The Yonge and Eglinton intersection is one of the City's four centres designated for commercial growth. Council's decision on the rezoning application stipulates several requirements before issuance of a building permit.

Beach volleyball contract

Council gave City officials authority to enter into a contract with the Ontario Volleyball Association to run the beach volleyball activities at Ashbridge's Bay and Woodbine Beach parks starting this May. Under the five-year contract, the City will receive \$150,000 a year as well as five per cent of projected gross revenue for 2011 and 7.5 per cent for the remaining years of the contract. The association has also agreed to make capital improvements. The licence agreement with the previous operator of the beach volleyball program expired last fall.

Support for newcomers to Toronto

Council authorized the City to use up to \$4 million in funding that Citizenship and Immigration Canada has made available for services to support newcomers to Toronto. The funding will be applied to pilot programs designed to provide additional supports to newcomers. The Canadian government and Toronto share the objective of wanting to make sure newcomers are making use of City and community services available to support successful settlement.

Job training program for young people

Council authorized renewing an agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps program - a cost-shared program that provides pre-employment preparation and subsidized job placements to unemployed, out-of-school youth and young adults. Since its inception in the 1980s, the Toronto Youth Job Corps has operated as a partnership between Service Canada, the City and community-based organizations that deliver the program.

Fees for utility cuts in Toronto's roads

Council approved fee schedules for utility cuts to City of Toronto roads, taking effect June 1, 2010. The fees for "pavement degradation" will help the City recover the costs of fixing and maintaining roads that are damaged by cuts made by utility companies and are therefore in need of repair sooner than usual. The money collected - estimated to amount to about \$4 million a year - will go directly into a reserve fund used to pay for construction, resurfacing and maintenance of the roads.

Heritage office buildings

Council approved designating the office buildings at 19 and 21 Dundas Square - the Hermant Buildings - for preservation under the Ontario Heritage Act. Located on the southwest corner of Dundas Square, the Hermant Buildings are considered fine examples of early 20th-century office architecture. The owners have agreed to restore important heritage features of both buildings. Council has approved a rezoning application allowing for construction of a new 35-storey building nearby that will involve demolishing the Hermant Annex building at 258 Victoria St.

Home games of the Toronto Nationals

Council endorsed the sale of alcoholic beverages at home games of the Toronto Nationals lacrosse team this season. The six home games will be played at Lamport Stadium. Council agreed to advise the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario that the City has no objection to the issuance of liquor licences for designated areas at the newly renovated Lamport Stadium. The Toronto Nationals, Canada's first ever professional field lacrosse team, played its home games at BMO Field last season.

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Council Highlights, a summary of selected decisions made by City Council, is produced by Strategic Communications as an informal overview of Council's meetings.

13. Farmers / Festival Markets in Ward 43

Guildwood Village Farmers' Market: presented by: Farmers' Markets By The Bluffs Association starts: June 10, 2010 2:00 PM Guildwood Parkway and Livingston Road Ends: October 7, 2010 06:30 PM. The farmers' market is held every week in a lovely green space under beautiful tall trees. A bounty awaits you. There is organic produce, fruits, seafood, meats, cheese, fresh bread, baked goods, jams, soups, and more. We also feature artisans and musical talent. Make the market your weekly stop! See you there! For more information contact: Phone: 416-694-4024
www.marketsbythebluffs.com TTC: Guildwood GO Station.

Albert Campbell Square Scarborough Civic Centre FARMERS MARKET: Every Tuesday from June 15 - October 19, 2010. Farm fresh selection of produce, baked goods and preserves International flavours of local restaurateurs, Jazz, R&B, Folk, Roots and World Music by Toronto-based musicians Free admission! Brought to you by the City's Facilities Management Division.

East Scarborough Festival Market: Located at 4040 Lawrence Ave. East. Starting June 3rd. Thursdays from 2:00pm – 5:00 pm. Fresh fruits & vegetables, Organic Produce, Delicious snacks, Children's activities, Music & entertainment, Many items for sale, Bingo at every market.

14. Wind Anemometer in Lake Ontario and Toronto Hydro

Toronto Hydro Wind Anemometer Update: On April 30, 2010, Toronto Hydro confirmed that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) issued an amendment to Toronto Hydro's Land Use Permit for the installation of a platform (anemometer) in Lake Ontario. MNR concluded that the site location change was minor and approved the amended location in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment. Additionally, MNR has concluded that the installation of the platform (anemometer) can proceed immediately. Toronto Hydro expects to have its marine contractors out in Lake Ontario as soon as possible to complete the platform (anemometer) construction.

Toronto Hydro web link to this project is :http://www.torontohydroenergy.com/generation_offshore.html.

Update I would like to thank the many residents who took the time to write letters or speak on my recent motions before the Executive Committee on April 19, 2010 and before Scarborough Community Council on April 27, 2010.

Councillor Ashton and I have been working together on this issue to have the City of Toronto demand that the Province conduct proper environmental studies and place a moratorium on wind turbine projects in Lake Ontario off the Scarborough Bluffs.

Queen's Park: On Wednesday April 28, 2010 the McGuinty Government dismissed a motion put forward by the Opposition. The Premier stated "We've taken a long time to consider the policy that we have put in place. The choices aren't all easy when it comes to electricity. We've decided that it's important to eliminate coal-fired generation. That's something that compromises the health of our children and contributes to global warming, so we want to shut that down. Gas-fired generation is not easy either. It does contribute to global warming. But when it comes to wind turbines, we now have in place the most aggressive policies in all of North America when it comes to location, noise emission levels and all those kinds of things-in fact, they're some of the strongest in the world. More than that, we're now funding a research chair devoted to putting in place a longitudinal study so we can ensure that we are in fact not compromising the health of Ontarians. I think we're doing exactly what we need to do at this point in our history."

Earth Hour: On Saturday, March 27, Torontonians lowered to the occasion by powering down to take action on climate change. This year the results were impressive. Torontonians collectively removed 296 MWs from the City's electricity grid. The official total saved - a noticeable 10 per cent! That's more than 50 per cent of the total savings achieved by the entire province (4 per cent) proving once again that Toronto leads the way on conservation in Ontario. Toronto's 10 per cent savings is the equivalent of saving enough electricity to supply power to approximately 250,000 homes. To find out how you and your constituents can help make every hour Earth Hour, find more information about our conservation programs at: torontohydro.com

15. Metrolinx Board approves the 5 in 10 Plan

On May 19, 2010, Metrolinx Board of Directors approved a revised plan for 5 transit projects with the aim to have them completed over a 10 year period. The revised project plan will be presented to the Government of Ontario for final approval.

Robert Prichard, President and CEO of Metrolinx has stated that he and the board believe that this plan is a doable plan which they want to deliver in a 10 year span. If approved projects would proceed with a month's time. These projects are worth \$7 billion of the \$9.5 billion.

In April 2009, the Province of Ontario announced \$9.5 billion for the Big 5 projects, which include York Region's VIVA Next Bus Rapid Transit, the Sheppard Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, the refurbishment of the Scarborough Rapid Transit (RT), a Finch LRT and the Eglinton Crosstown LRT.

The 2010 Ontario budget committed to fully funding all five projects including escalation costs but asked that Metrolinx develop a plan to reduce the funding requirements for these projects in the first five years by \$4 billion. The 5 in 10 plan achieves this goal - building the five projects by 2020 while saving \$4 billion in the first five years.

Metrolinx is a Crown agency of the Province of Ontario. For more information, visit our website www.metrolinx.com

16. Aboriginal Pathways to College and Apprenticeship at Centennial College

Apprenticeship Program being offered by Centennial College: For Aboriginal, Métis, or First Nations identity, who are interested in upgrading your skills to prepare for their future employment through college or apprenticeship training. Applicants who are looking for hands-on experience and are 18+ and have a minimum grade 8 literacy level, who do not have a high school diploma or who received a high school diploma sometime ago.

If you qualify TUTION FREE. This program is to improve your English/communications, math, computer skills, and more. To join a supportive environment embracing your culture and ceremonial traditions while earning an official college grade report as well as receiving job training support through Job Connect

Please call Rachel Larabee at 416-289-5000, ext 7525 Program location: 75 Ashtonbee Rd., Toronto (One block n. of Eglinton Ave., w. of Warden Ave.)

17. Toronto introduces new Sign Bylaw

Toronto introduces new Sign Bylaw and Third-Party Sign Tax

The adoption of a new City-wide Sign Bylaw for Toronto, including recommendations for administration and enforcement of the bylaw, and the introduction of a new tax on third-party signs will improve the regulation of signs in the City.

The new City-wide Sign Bylaw and the Third-Party Sign Tax came into effect on April 6, 2010. The new sign bylaw reduces the number of sign bylaws that had been in existence in Toronto since before amalgamation, from six to one. The new bylaw contains one common, updated set of definitions and regulations for the entire city.

The new bylaw and related initiatives provide a means to advance city beautification, enhance the public realm, and assist in achieving the City's environmental goals. The bylaw also creates a more accessible and transparent review and enforcement process for permanent signs.

Highlights of the new bylaw:

- The new bylaw contains regulations which protect residential and natural areas that are near illuminated signs, by restricting the maximum level of illumination of a sign, prohibiting signs from spilling light onto adjacent properties and requiring illuminated signs be shut off between the hours of 11p.m. and 7a.m.
- It contains a five-year renewal requirement for all third-party signs.
- It prohibits the construction of new roof signs.
- The approval of variances for first-party signs has been delegated to staff, and for third-party signs, the authority has been delegated to a new Sign Variance Committee.
- For all variance applications, nearby residents and businesses will be notified.

All business owners should familiarize themselves with the new bylaw, and third-party sign owners also need to be aware of the new tax they are responsible for.

All owners of third-party signs in the city were required to provide a complete inventory of their signs to the Chief Building Official by March 31, 2010. The owners of third-party signs will receive their first tax bill by July 1, 2010 and

payments are due September 1, 2010. The TPST will be payable on the issuance date of all Third-party sign permits after April 6

Customers should be aware of the following service changes throughout the transition period:

Sign Bylaw Transition provisions:

- First-party sign applications & Preliminary Project Reviews (PPRs) taken in, reviewed, issued and inspected at district offices
- Third-party sign applications & PPRs taken in, reviewed and issued at Toronto East York District Office; Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 1st Floor, West Tower
- Third-party sign permits inspected through the district offices
- Sign variances and sign bylaw amendment applications to be made at Toronto East York District Office at Toronto City Hall

For more information and updates, please visit toronto.ca/signbylawproject, email signbylawproject@toronto.ca or call 416-392-8000. www.toronto.ca/signbylawproject

18. City Golf Courses

Operated by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the courses are reasonably priced, conveniently located within city boundaries, and easily accessed by TTC. Each course has its own features that appeal to golfers at all levels of ability.

Detailed information about Toronto's municipal golf courses is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/golf> or by calling the courses at the phone numbers below.

Dentonia

Dentonia Park Golf Course is the Greater Toronto Area's finest par 3 course and a great course for a season warm-up round. Dentonia is located at 781 Victoria Park Ave., less than a one-minute walk from the Victoria Park subway station. For more information or to book a tee time, call 416-392-2558.

Don Valley

The oldest and most prestigious municipal course, Don Valley Golf Course has a classic Howard Watson design, a traditional variety of holes, and a legendary reputation for its exciting, natural setting. Don Valley is located at 4200 Yonge St., just south of Highway 401. For more information or to book a tee time, call 416-392-2465.

Humber Valley

Suitable for all ages and skill levels, Humber Valley Golf Course challenges golfers with its combination of links and valley lands so players need to focus on precision, accuracy and patience - especially on the last three holes. Humber Valley has a licensed restaurant and is located at Albion Road and Beattie Avenue. For more information or to book a tee time, call 416-392-2488.

Scarlett Woods

An executive-length course and a great way to start the season, Scarlett Woods Golf Course is a popular choice with both novice and expert golfers. Scarlett Woods is located at Eglinton Avenue West and Jane Street. For more information or to book a tee time, call 416-392-2484.

Tam O'Shanter

Nestled alongside Highland Creek in a serene setting, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course is a moderately difficult course with water hazards that require extra attention. Tam O'Shanter has a licensed restaurant and is located on Birchmount Road, north of Sheppard Avenue East. For more information or to book a tee time, call 416-392-2488.

19. Toronto Challenge Fundraiser Supports Local Seniors' Programs

Celebrate your ability and support seniors in your community! Register now for the City of Toronto's 2010 Toronto Challenge on Sunday, June 13 and you will be raising money to support seniors' programs. The local long-term care home Seven Oaks is participating too.

Race in the MonsterMortgage.ca 5k run, enjoy the Nissan Canada Foundation 5k walk or the 1k fun walk. Register now at toronto.ca/challenge or call 416-392-8911 for details.

20. Get on the Voters' List

Election Day is Monday, October 25, 2010. In order to make voting a quick and easy experience, voters are encouraged to make sure that they are included on the Voters' List. Being on the Voters' List ensures that voters receive important election messaging such as their voter information card. The voter information card details where and when to vote, and also speeds up the time spent at the voting location.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for preparing the preliminary list of electors. This is an initial list of individuals who are eligible to vote in a municipal and school board election and this list is used by the City of Toronto to create the final Voters' List. Information about property owners and tenants is included in MPAC's database and the database is kept up to date with the help of residents.

MPAC will mail Municipal Enumeration Forms later this month to specific households where it needs to confirm or update the occupant information currently on file. Residents are asked to review the information, confirm and/or make any necessary changes. Once the form has been completed, please sign and return it to MPAC in the envelope provided no later than June 1, 2010.

Residents who do not receive a Municipal Enumeration Form in the mail are asked to contact MPAC directly before June 1, 2010 to find out if they are currently in MPAC's database, to update or change their information, or to have their name added. Doing so will make voting day easy.

MPAC can be reached directly:

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Toll free: 1-866-296-MPAC (6722)
Website: <http://www.mpac.ca>

Access for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing is available by calling 1-877-TTY-MPAC (6722) or through the Bell Relay service.

21. Spring Seat Belt Campaign results, April 14, 2010 to April 26, 2010

The Toronto Police Service took part in the Provincial Seat Belt Campaign from April 14, 2010 to April 26, 2010.

The campaign was to raise awareness of the value of proper occupant restraint and to educate the public on the restraint systems for children and infants.

The Toronto Police Service conducted several child-safety-seat inspections and assisted in the launch of a new child-safety-seat awareness campaign.

During the campaign:

- 3,840 drivers were charged with various seat-belt offences
- 770 passengers were charged
- 179 child-related offences were issued

Divisions across the city conducted 682 child-safety-seat inspections.

The total number of offences issued decreased from last year's total. There were 4,789 in 2010 compared to 5,419 in 2009.

21. Glen Rouge Campground Open

Glen Rouge Campground, nestled in almost 5,000 hectares (12,000 acres) of Rouge Park's forests and meadows, opens for the 2010 season today (May 13). Glen Rouge is operated by the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division and is the City's only campground.

Glen Rouge Campground provides a unique urban wilderness experience. Nature enthusiasts can hike or paddle into the heart of the Rouge Park, an ecological treasure and Canada's largest urban park. At the same time, those looking for adventure in the city will find that the campground is just minutes away from attractions such as the Toronto Zoo, Lake Ontario beaches and two of Toronto's five public golf courses - Tam O'Shanter and Dentonia Park. Just minutes away from downtown Toronto, Glen Rouge Campground is accessible by public transit.

The 8.7 hectare campground is equipped with 125 sites, including 87 that are fully-serviced for recreational vehicles, 27 unserviced sites and 11 that are designed specifically for backpackers. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the 2010 camping season, until October 12. Amenities include washrooms, showers, coin laundry, vending machines, fire pits and barbecues, children's play area, volleyball and horseshoe courts.

Glen Rouge Campground is located off Highway 2 (Kingston Road), just north of Highway 401 and east of the Sheppard Avenue/Port Union Road interchange.

Reservations will be taken from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. To register for a campsite, call 416-338-CAMP (2267) or e-mail camping@toronto.ca. For more information about Glen Rouge Campground, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/parks>.

22. Free Concerts in the Guild Inn Gardens

Free Concert Series in Guild Inn Gardens

201 Guildwood Parkway at the Greek Theatre

All concerts 7-8:30pm Weather Permitting Bring the family, a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music!

May 27th ° Sir Oliver Mowat CI: Concert and Stage Bands

June 3rd ° Two for the Show

June 10th ° Jeffrey Moulton

23. Quote du Mois

"A good neighbour is one you can quietly count on when family is far away" Author unknown.

June is fast approaching and with it marks the celebration of Neighbours Night Out. The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch/Neighborhood Watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

Initially communities held lights-on vigils. Now, many communities hold block parties, festivals, and other events to help bring neighbors together.

24. Websites for Community Use

www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsml/ (sign up for your community reports)

www.222tips.com

www.ourkgocommunity.com

www.toronto.ca/city-update

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>

www.seetorontonow.com/

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/pro_march_break.jsp

www.sportacularevent.com/leaside-GHL_2009.php

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/marchbreak.htm

www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/ <http://www.ourkids.net/march-break-camps.php>

www.ago.net/gallery-school

www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm

www.starfall.com/

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