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Making Our Community Thrive!

Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Neighbours,

I would like to wish everyone a happy March! With Spring, appearing on March 19, our thoughts will move towards, gardening and summer activities!!

As we embrace the season of renewal and growth, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all those celebrating respective religious occasions this month. Happy Easter, Happy Purim, and Ramadan Mubarak!

On February 14, the 2024 Budget City Council supported the Mayor's Budget. The budget will protect the core services including windrow clearing, funding affordable housing, public transit, the police services budget, and community safety initiatives, this included a 9.5% property tax increase. Details on the tax-supported operating budget of \$17.1 Billion and capital budget of \$49 Billion, can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here/budget/budget/">here</a>. You may also watch the meeting recording on <a href="https://example.com/city/syouTube.channel">City/s YouTube.channel</a>.

Windrow Clearing Program Reinstated. I would like to thank all the residents who contacted my office regarding the Windrow Clearing Program. The service benefits over 262, 000 households across the city, and is well-received by residents, notably seniors and people with disabilities. I was able to garner unanimous Council support to have the service remain in place during the budget debate on February 14. Read my full media release here.

As the Chair of Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA), I am proud to share my Motion to support Black Creek Pioneer Village by providing \$200,000 toward programming for the beloved heritage museum and cultural attraction, Black Creek Pioneer Village. Read my full media release here My work TRCA has been very fulfilling, I am proud to announce that I was acclaimed to continue my services as Chair during the February 23, 2024, Annual General Meeting.

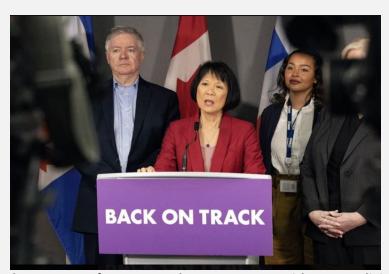
RapidTO new wayfinding and transportation signage installation. My motion recommending better directional signage along the Eglinton Avenue East/Kingston Road/Morningside Avenue RapidTO route was adopted by Council. I am confident new signs will help transit riders, cyclists and motorists navigate the 8.5-kilometre priority bus lanes running from Brimley Road to the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus. Read my full media release Also find information on RapidTO and upcoming projects here.

**City of Toronto will be 190 on March 6!** Nathan Phillips Square will be full of activities on Saturday March 9, from 3PM-10PM with live music, food and local vendors, and outdoor skating. Celebrate!



Happy 190<sup>th</sup> to City of Toronto!

On March 8, we celebrate International Women's Day under the theme of "Invest in women: Accelerate Progress," emphasizing the importance of gender equality for healthier, more prosperous, and inclusive communities.



2024 Budget press conference on February 14, 2024, with Mayor Olivia Chow, Councillor Amber Morley, and Councillor & Budget Chief Shelley Carroll.

Full schedule of City Council and Committee Meeting dates may be found on the Highlights page.

Please reach me if you have any concerns or questions at 416-396-7222 or email councillor\_ainslie@toronto.ca

I would like to hear from you! Please fill out the Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood Survey.

Have a wonderful March!



Enjoying the annual Toronto St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday. March 17 starting at noon!

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<u>Clean Toronto Together 2024</u> registration and details will be available in March.

## **Clean Toronto Together 2024**

Cleanup will be April 19-22, 2024. Last year, over 1,000 cleanups took place across the city and over 70,000 volunteers pitched in. Visit the City's <u>website</u> for safety tips, organizing a 20- Minute Makeover on Friday. April 19 or scheduling a community cleanup on Saturday. April 21 or Sunday. April 23. For location coordination to avoid duplicate cleanup at the same location and to request litter collection by the City, please <u>register</u> when it's available in March.

This year, free garbage and recycling bags are not available as Clean Toronto Together is without a major corporate sponsor. Participants are encouraged to reuse plastic bags from home for litter collection. Please contact cleantoronto@toronto.ca for more information.

Share your feedback. I would like to hear from you on <a href="IEI0.4">IEI0.4</a> Endangered Species Habitat Replacement on Public Lands, focusing on preserving endangered species habitat on public lands within our city. Staff will report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the September after examining existing policies related to the use of City property to create replacement habitats. Share your feedback at <a href="councillor\_ainslie@toronto.ca">councillor\_ainslie@toronto.ca</a>.



Congratulations to The Toronto Zoo on being awarded <u>Canoo Partner of the Year Award</u> by the Institute of Canadian Citizenship! With Toronto Zoo CEO Dolf DeJong at the Awards Gala.

## **Multi-Tenant (Rooming) Houses**

Starting March 31, 2024, registered rooming houses will be legal and regulated across the City of Toronto.

I continue to have concerns with the new regulations permitting rooming houses, specifically in the new areas of the city including Scarborough-Guildwood. The Province has not provided the City with additional powers to conduct inspections of suspected non-registered (illegal) rooming houses. Only registered properties will have annual inspections. The City will continue to request the Province for the ability to enter illegal rooming houses.

# **Key Changes**

- Permit multi-tenant houses (MTH) across the city in all zones that permit residential uses.
- Introduce enhanced licensing requirements for multi-tenant house operators.
- Updated enforcement and compliance approach.
- Preserve affordable housing and support tenants.
- Enhanced Licensing requirements for Operators.
- Ensure Zoning and Building Code Compliance.
- Ensure <u>Ontario Fire Code</u> Compliance.
- Apply for and maintain an annual multi-Tenant Houses licence.
- Repair and maintain the multi-tenant house in compliance with the bylaw and other relevant municipal and provincial legislation.
- Upkeep all relevant property maintenance and personal care plans.

- Respond to all urgent service requests within 24 hours of tenant request.
- Respond to all non-urgent service requests within 7 days of tenant request.
- Notify the City of any changes including if planning to end operations.

# **Zoning changes:**

- Multi-tenant houses will be legal in all residential zones throughout Toronto.
- Multi-tenant houses with six rooms or less will be allowed in all neighbourhoods.
- Depending on the location, multi-tenant houses may have up to 12 or 25 rooms.
- Multi-tenant houses must have a minimum of one bathroom for every four rooms.
- Minimum parking requirements for multi-tenant houses are based on transit access.
  - For areas well served by transit and the former city of Toronto, no parking spaces will be required.
  - For all other areas, a multi-tenant house with six rooms will require at least two parking spaces (the calculation is 0.34 spaces for each room)
  - These are minimum requirements, and more spaces can be provided if desired by the operator.
- There are no maximum number of multi-tenant houses permitted per neighbourhood.
- Minimum room sizes and occupancy standards are determined by the <u>Ontario Building Code</u>.

# Before one can apply for a MTH licence as a new operator:

- Undergo a zoning review.
- Must get a Zoning Applicable Law Certificate to show the house complies with zoning bylaw requirements.

## **Building Code:**

- After approved Zoning Certificate, operator will need to ensure that your property meets fire and life safety requirements as set out in the <a href="Ontario Building Code">Ontario Building Code</a>.
- Apply for a Building Permit which will confirm that your property has the appropriate zoning, and all the construction and/or renovations meet the Ontario Building Code.

# **Fire Safety Plan:**

- Under the Ontario Fire Code, if a multi-tenant house has more than 5 tenants, the operator must submit a Fire Safety Plan to the City.
- Once the Plan is complete, Toronto Fire Services (TFS) will inspect the property.

#### **Compliance and Enforcement:**

- The city will collaborate with operators to bring them into the new licensing regulatory framework unless an immediate risk to life and safety has been found.
- Municipal Licensing will allow existing and future operators a grace period to comply with new bylaw requirements with a focus on educating operators on these new bylaw requirements.
- The key focus in the compliance phase will be specific to service complaints received for illegal rooming houses and ensure compliance with property maintenance requirements.



**BE AWARE!** 

The City NEVER sends a text message or email asking you to pay for a parking ticket!

Delete it immediately when you see it! More on the <u>City's website</u>.

# City's Improving Community Consultation in the Development Review Process

Community consultation plays a critical role in supporting City Planning's work. The City's Planning division is looking to improve community consultation in the development review process and would like to invite residents to in-person and virtual meetings as well as a feedback survey. In Scarborough, the in-person meeting is on Tuesday. March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at the Scarborough Civic Centre's ground floor rotunda.

Virtual meetings have been scheduled for the following dates and registration will be available on Wednesday. March 6<sup>th</sup> through here. Virtual meeting dates are:

Thursday. March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-1PM Tuesday. April 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-1PM Wednesday. April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8PM

For inquiries, contact Michelle Drylie (Project Director, City Planning) at <a href="Michelle.Drylie@toronto.ca">Michelle.Drylie@toronto.ca</a> or Kathryn Moore (Manager, Community Planning) at <a href="Kathryn.Moore@toronto.ca">Kathryn.Moore@toronto.ca</a>.

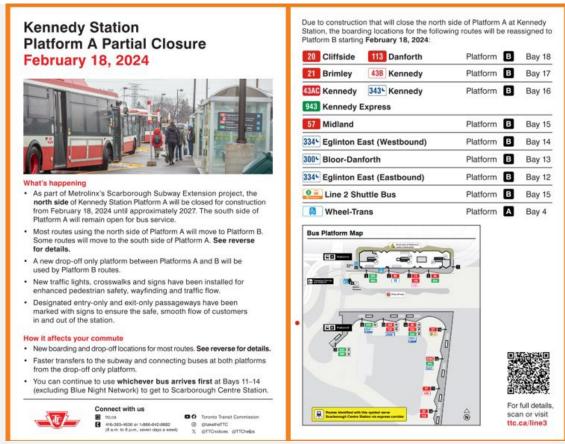
Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) - Read the latest TTC news media releases <u>here</u>.

TTC Service Adjustments: <u>website</u> for details on all the bus and streetcar adjustments.

Plan Ahead <u>TTC Trip Planner</u>.

# Line 3 Busway information, at <a href="ITC website">ITC website</a>.

You may also e-mail arjun.sahota@ttc.ca with the subject line "Subscribe – Line 3".



Further details on the Kennedy Station Platform A Partial Closure is available here.

## **Ontario's One Fare Program**

Customers paying with a Presto card, Presto in Google Wallet, debit or credit card, are now able to transfer for free between the TTC and Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region transit within the two-hour transfer window. Learn more about the program <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

For further inquiries, email arjun.sahota@ttc.ca.

# Metrolinx

Plan Ahead GO Transit.

For complaints and inquiries, contact the Toronto East Community Engagement Team by calling 416-202-3900 (available 24/7) or emailing <u>Torontoeast@metrolinx.com</u>. Residents can also contact MPP Andrea Hazell's office at 416-281-2787 / AHazell.mpp.co@Liberal.ola.org.



City's spring recreation program listings now <u>online!</u>
For Scarborough, registration opens March 6.

## **Bendale Community**

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# School Safety Zone at North Bendale Junior Public School and St. Richard Catholic School

Creation of the School Safety Zone by Vision Zero at North Bendale JPS and St. Richard Catholic is nearing completion. Signage has been installed along with zebra markings. During the 2024 road painting season, the road school stencils will be installed. Residents may read more about School Safety Zones <a href="here">here</a>.

## Resident request for Traffic Lights at McCowan Road and Huronia Gate

My office received a request from a resident for traffic lights to be installed on McCowan Road at Huronia Gate/Hurley Crescent to provide a safe pedestrian crossing environment. Transportation Services conducted their feasibility study of and found the request not warranted due to the pedestrian volumes being well below warrant requirements.



Thank you everyone for joining the public meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential for a <u>Business Improvement Area (BIA)</u> in the Cedarbrae Markham Lawrence (CML) area along Markham Road between Painted Post and Greencedar/Greencrest Court & Lawrence Ave East between Bellamy Road and Greenholm Court.

# **Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

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## **Cornell Park Lighting Update**

Staff have advised that work on the electrical panel is scheduled to be completed by mid-March. Once completed an Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) inspection will be done. Upon ESA approval, Toronto Hydro will be asked to turn on the lights. Unfortunately, electrification has been delayed due to the late arrival of parts. My office is continuing to monitor this project, understanding the importance need to illuminate the park.

# Cedarbrae Markham Lawrence Village Business Improvement Area (BIA)

A public meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> with a presentation from the City on <u>Business Improvement Area (BIA)</u> and a vote with a majority in favour of proceeding with the proposal. As a next step, the City will mail out ballots to commercial property owners and business tenants within the proposed area along Markham Road between Painted Post Drive and Greencedar/Greencrest Courts, and Lawrence Avenue East between Bellamy Road and Greenholm Court. that need to be returned within 60 days.

For inquiries, please email Sandi Koitsis-Zigmoanis from City's Toronto BIA Office at <a href="mailto:sandi.koitsis-zigomanis@toronto.ca">sandi.koitsis-zigomanis@toronto.ca</a>.

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My Community Mobile office visit for 4000 & 4010 Lawrence Avenue East held at East Scarborough Storefront

## **Resident request for Traffic Calming on Danzig Street**

My office has received a request for Traffic Calming on Danzig Street from Poplar Road to Morningside Avenue with concerns of speeding, increased traffic volume and heavy trucks using the street. The intention of traffic calming is to slow motor vehicles and increase safety for all road users. For a traffic study to be done. I require further input from the community. Please send me your comments and concerns at councillor\_ainslie\_co@toronto.ca.

## **Traffic Lights at Morningside and Warnsworth Update**

The design phase of this project is anticipated to be completed Spring of 2024. I will continue to keep the community

updated regarding the installation.

## **Pedestrian Crossing on Coronation Update**

The design phase of this project is anticipated to be completed Spring of 2024. I will continue to keep the community updated regarding the installation.

# Kingston Road and Falaise Road - Intersection Safety Concerns

I have heard from some residents that they have safety concerns for drivers and pedestrians at this intersection. I am working with Traffic Operations to review concerns and determine what changes could be implemented to enhance the safety for all road users at this intersection. Should you have any concerns with this intersection, please reach out to my office to advise at councillor ainslie co@toronto.ca. I will continue to update you on the review's findings.

## **Curran Hall Community**

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## Pedestrian Crossing at Orton Park Road and Slan Update

The design phase of this project is anticipated to be completed in Spring of 2024. I will continue to keep the community updated regarding the installation.

## Resident Request for Traffic Lights at Scarborough Golf Club Road and Newark Road

My office had received a request from a resident for traffic lights to be installed on Scarborough Golf Club Road at Newark Road to provide pedestrians a safer crossing environment. Transportation Services conducted their feasibility study of this request and advised that the request is not warranted due to the location not meeting the criteria.

As part of the Road Safety Improvement project on Scarborough Golf Club Road, there will be a pedestrian crossing installed north of this intersection at the Meadoway crossing after the road has been reconstructed. To read more about this project, please visit <a href="here">here</a>.



Volunteer for the Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival happening at Guild Park & Gardens (201 Guildwood Parkway) this July.

Go here to sign-up!

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# **Toynbee Trail Parking Prohibitions**

At the request of residents, Transportation Services conducted a review of the parking regulations on Toynbee Trail adjacent to the St. Ursula Catholic School. Recommending prohibited parking Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the south side of Toynbee Trail starting from Livingston Road (south intersection) until the end of school property going east. The suggestions were shared with residents who supported the change.

The new parking regulations were approved at Scarborough Community Council on February 16, 2024, new signs will be installed shortly. The item can be reviewed <a href="here">here</a>.

# Traffic Lights at Guildwood Parkway and Rowatson Road Update

The design phase of this project is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2024. I will continue to keep the community updated regarding the installation.

# School Safety Zone at George P Mackie Junior Public School/Guildwood Junior Public School/St. Ursula Catholic School/Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute.

Installation of School Safety Zone features by Vision Zero at the above listed schools is nearing completion. Signage has been installed, with the road school stencils to be completed during the 2024 road painting season. Residents can read more about School Safety Zones here.

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# Resident Request for Curb Cut to access Lee Centre Park form the North Side

Transportation Services is examining the request for a curb cut on the north side of Lee Centre Park to make accessibility into the park easier for residents with strollers, walking aids and wheelchairs. My office will update the community once the review is complete.

# **Graffiti on the Progress Bridge Pedestrian Cover (over McCowan Road)**

It was brought to my attention that the pedestrian cover over the sidewalk on the Progress Bridge had been littered with graffiti. I reached out to Transportation Services to request to have this removed and it was completed earlier this year. Should you see any further graffiti here, please contact my office at <a href="mailto:commonte.ca">commonte.ca</a>. Residents can also report graffiti at any location by calling 311.



Celebrating the Lunar New Year at Scarborough Town Centre with Mayor Olivia Chow, Councillor Michael Thompson, Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, and Councillor Jamaal Myers.

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# Scarborough Village Park Playground Improvements and new Splash Pad

Recent update from staff is that the project is moving into the Construction Documentation phase and permit applications are being advanced. The project timeline remains the same with construction commencing Fall, 2024.

# **Pedestrian Crossing on Beachell Street**

The pedestrian crossing has been installed and is functional. Thank you again to everyone who supported this installation.

# **NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION** THE MEADOWAY TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION — SECTION 6, PHASE 1 MILITARY TRAIL TO MORNINGSIDE AVENUE Start Date: February 2024 Completion Date: September 2024 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is preparing to commence trail implementation construction work. The Meadoway is transforming a hydro corridor in Scarborough into a vibrant 16-kilometre stretch of urban greenspace and meadowlands that will become one of Canada's largest linear urban parks. This work will establish a new section of multi-use trail, from Military Trail east to Morningside Avenue, enhancing access and connectivity. Construction Related Information: Work Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Traffic Management: For your safety, please spect all posted construction signs & stay clear of the work area. Construction Noise: There may be temporary construction related noise during working hours. LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION? Visit the project website: themeadoway.ca Email:info.themeadoway@trca.ca (Publication date: February 2024) The !!! Conservation

Notice of construction for the Meadoway Trail implementation from Military Trail to Morningside Ave. Starting at the end of February/early March and until September 2024. For inquiries, email info.themeadoway@trca.ca

# **Seven Oaks Community**

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# **Turn Restrictions at Military Trail and Ellesmere Road**

Meadoway

At Scarborough Community Council on February 16<sup>th</sup>, the following recommendations were adopted:

- 1. City Council prohibit westbound right turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays (bicycles excepted), on Ellesmere Road and Military Trail (west intersection)/Orton Park Road.
- 2. City Council amend the existing eastbound left turn prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on Ellesmere Road and Military Trail (west intersection)/Orton Park Road to exempt bicycles.
- 3. City Council amend the existing compulsory turn in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on Ellesmere Road from Orton Park Road to Military Trail to exempt bicycles.

As The TTC operates a transit service on Ellesmere Road, City Council approval is required and will be heard at the March meeting. The agenda will be available closer to the date <a href="here">here</a>.

## Military Trail Road Reconstruction Update

Final inspections will occur in the spring. The inspections conducted in December, after the contractor had completed their work, identified certain items the contractor will need to address to meet contract requirements:

- Complete permanent installation of subdrain connection to swale at Ellesmere Road.
- Complete curb work at termination points and remediate curb cracks in five locations.
- Install the remaining horizontal handrail bars at the existing gap that occurred due to the installation of a hydro pole near Highcastle Road.
- Address the condition of top asphalt.
- Staff is monitoring areas of localized ponding.

The road remains safe for use. A limited amount of this remediation work will be completed over the winter, however much of this work requires warmer temperatures and will be completed in the spring when the contractor will also be on site for final restoration.

# **Update on Keeler Boulevard Speed Bump installation**

The speed bumps will be installed between May and September of 2024. Further details on the installation timeline will be provided closer to the beginning of the installation.

# City's Watermain Cleaning and relining at Mornelle Court

The work will take place in a section of Mornelle Court west of Morningside Ave to renew aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks. The work will be completed end of May. For inquiries, please contact the Field Ambassador by quoting **23TW-CTS-03CWD** at 416-508-3164 and <a href="mailto:torontoWMRehab@wsp.com">torontoWMRehab@wsp.com</a>.

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## **Update on Elevator repair at Cedarbrook Community Centre**

We are awaiting the installation of cabling work for the elevator emergency phone lines. This work will be completed by early March. Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) will then complete an inspection to approval the opening of the elevator for public use. My office will continue to update the community as further details are provided.



MyToronto Pay offers a straightforward method for residents and businesses to pay their property taxes, utility bills and parking violations online. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.



Thank you, Woburn residents and Neighbourhood Officers for joining me on February 27 at Centennial Recreation Centre!

# "Coffee with Paul" was held on Tuesday February 27 at Centennial Recreation Centre

I would like to thank you everyone for joining me and my staff. I enjoyed meeting with you to discuss the community and City projects. I would also like to thank you Toronto Police Services for attending and speaking with residents.

## **Q&A from February 27th community meeting**

## 1. What happened to the Guns and Gangs Task Force?

Toronto Police are still working with community partners, doing seminars and workshops in schools to engage youth. The integrated Gun and Gang Task Force is comprised of investigative units that include the Gun and Gang Task Force, Firearms Enforcement Unit, Major Project Section and Biker Enforcement Unit. Residents are asked to become involved in their communities and report gun and gang related criminal activity by speaking to neighbourhood officers or calling Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-8477.

# 2. What can be done to address the issue of people parking on either side of the Pedestrian Crossing on Brimorton Drive in front of the school?

My office will reach out to both Parking Enforcement and Toronto Police requesting they provide some parking and traffic enforcement. There is no stopping, no standing, no parking within 18.5 metre prior to a crosswalk (in direction of travel) and 30.5 m beyond the crosswalk (in opposite direction of travel).

## 3. How can residents become more aware of what is going on in the neighbourhood?

Residents can subscribe to my monthly e-newsletter, get to know your neighbours and engage in community activities.

## 4. There is an issue with speeding on Gander Drive, what can be done to address this?

My office will contact Toronto Police to request speed enforcement. Transportation Services has recently conducted a study on the feasibility of installing speed bumps and it was found, based on the collected data, speed bumps were not warranted. In fall, speed on all local streets will be reduced to 30km/h. Residents can read more about this here.

# 5. Centennial Recreation Centre seems to be due for some upgrades, are there any plans?

- Year 2024
- Ceiling repair in the pools change rooms (my office will update the community when timeline is available)
- Year 2028-2029
  - Centennial Recreation Centre, Ice Galaxy Arena, and Pool roofs' work: Scope of work and timelines will be reviewed during 2028-2029 budget.

#### - Year 2029-2033

- The Centennial Recreation Centre project will involve significant revitalization or replacement of various components of the facility.
- Project scope will be determined in year-one of the project's budget years (2029-2033)
- Priority is the addition of a gymnasium to fill a service gap in the Woburn area.

There is also a new skatepark coming to Confederation Park. Project website will be initiated in Spring and signage will be installed in the park to inform the public of this project.

- Design development and community engagement including indigenous engagement, internal approvals will happen in Winter 2024 Summer 2025
- Construction and skatepark opening will happen in 2026
- Additionally, Basketball Courts will be receiving some upgrades through the Jumpstart Program. Timelines for this work are still yet to be determined.

## Helpful links:

- <u>Multi-Tenant Houses</u>, comes into effect March 31, 2024
- Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods (EHON)
- Garden Suites
- For reporting illegal parking, damage to property, damage to vehicle, local traffic issues/concerns, driving complaints, graffiti, fraud and theft. Go here.
- Reporting parking complaints-416-808-6600 / TPS Non-Emergency Number 416-808-2222
- Neighbourhood Community Officer Program



Traffic implementation (marked in yellow) at Markham Road and Pandora Circle

# Markham Road and Pandora Circle Traffic Implementation – Traffic Control Signal

My office received a request for a Traffic Control Signal at Markham Road and Pandora Circle. Traffic Operations conducted a feasibility study, and it was determined the request did not meet the legislated requirements. As an alternative to traffic control signals, Traffic Operations will create a receiving lane for motorists exiting Pandora Circle onto Markham Road northbound (eastbound left turn) through the modification of pavement markings at the north approach of the intersection. The delineation of a receiving lane would provide space clear of northbound traffic for motorists to turn into and provide additional guidance on how to maneuver the intersection. My office will provide details on the timeline when available.

Resident Request for Traffic Lights at Bellamy Road North and Bridlington Street

My office received a request for traffic lights at Bellamy Road North and Bridlington Street. Traffic Operations conducted a feasibility study, and it was determined the request did not meet the legislated requirements, commenting that pedestrian counts show there was no specific pattern of crossing at this location due to pedestrians crossing at Brimorton Drive.

Please contact my office to share your comments at councillor ainslie co@toronto.ca.

# Resident Request for Traffic Lights at Brimorton Drive and Painted Post Drive

My office received a resident request for Traffic Lights at the intersection of Brimorton Drive and Painted Post Drive. Traffic Operations is undertaking a review of the intersection for either a pedestrian crosswalk, an all-way stop or a traffic light to enhance pedestrian crossing protection at this intersection. My office will share staff's recommendations and next steps, if any, once the review is complete. Please contact my office to share your comments at councillor ainslie co@toronto.ca.

# Resident Request for a Pedestrian Crosswalk on Brimorton Drive at the Meadoway Crossing

My office received a resident request for a pedestrian crosswalk on Brimorton Drive at the Meadoway Crossing. Traffic Operations is undertaking a review of the intersection a pedestrian crosswalk to improve pedestrian and driver safety at this location. My office will share staff's recommendations and next steps, if any, once the review is complete. Please contact my office to share your comments at councillor ainslie co@toronto.ca.



The Art Guild of Scarborough's Spring Art Show and Sale

From Saturday. April 6 – Sunday. April 7 from 10AM-5PM at Centennial Recreation Centre (1967 Ellesmere Road).

# **High-Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods**

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#### **Rent Safe TO for Tenants**

"Apartment Building Standards" is a bylaw enforcement program that ensures apartment building owners comply with building maintenance standards. The program applies to apartment buildings with three or more storeys and ten or more units. Residents need to contact their property owner first and submit service requests for issues such as pests, low or no

heat, plumbing problems, leaky ceilings, or problems in the shared areas of the building.

Property owners need to respond to urgent service requests, such as no heat or water, within 24 hours. Non-urgent service requests need to be dealt within seven days. If you get no action from your property owner and problems persist, you can contact 311 for the RentSafeTO team. For more information, please see the RentSafeTO for Tenants webpage and this brochure.

# **Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Support Resources**

Below are resources that may help with finding out about Tenant Rights:

- 1. City-funded Housing Help Centres to help with avoiding evictions and keeping housing here.
- City-funded Financial Support (including RentBank, a one-time interest-free loan to help with making rent) here.
- 3. FMTA Tenant Hotline (advice, referrals, frequent questions): 416-921-9494

"The Guide to Tenants' Rights" (is available in 12 languages) here.

# Get on the list - Report it!

If you have an issue with your TCHC unit or building, it must be reported to the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 right away. (You may send an email to <a href="https://example.ca">help@torontohousing.ca</a> if it's not an emergency) When repairs are needed, especially to your unit, please make sure you get an EasyTrac number from the call representative.

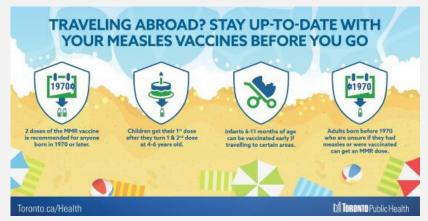
\*\*\* It is particularly important to remember not to finish the call unless you have your EasyTrac number\*\*\*

Get on the list! See the maintenance and repair site here.

Then track it on EasyTrac: see more information.

## **Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)**

Concerned constituents may call the TCHC's **Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323** to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing, or other safety-related issues. This will ensure concerns are dealt with promptly.



If you are planning to travel this March Break, stay up to date with your Measles vaccine before you go!

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## **Link to List of My Motions**

## **City of Toronto Media Room**

Check out the latest City news releases, media advisories, backgrounders, and fact sheets online here.

- <u>City of Toronto exceeds housing targets by 51% and receives \$114 million from the Government of Ontario's Building Faster Fund</u> (issued February 22)
- <u>City of Toronto concluding temporary respite program at Better Living Centre and adjusts services at two other sites</u> (issued February 20)
- Toronto Public Health is investigating a confirmed case of measles (issued February 16)

#### **Province of Ontario announcements**

All provincial news releases can be found <u>here</u>.

## **Child Care Fee Subsidy available to eligible families**

The City of Toronto offers childcare subsidies to eligible families with children under the age of 12 to help with the cost of licensed childcare.

# Q: Am I eligible for a childcare fee subsidy?

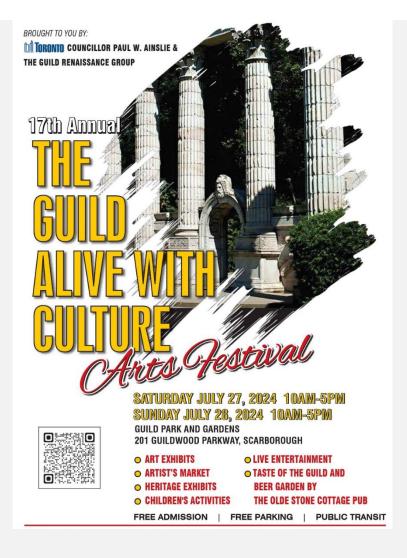
**A:** Families or caregivers can check the childcare fee subsidy calculator to see if they are eligible. The calculator will also estimate how much you will have to pay, per day, for licensed childcare. The calculator can be accessed on the <a href="City's Child">City's Child</a> <a href="Care Fee Subsidy Calculator webpage">Care Fee Subsidy Calculator webpage</a>.

# Q: Where can I find more information about the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding program, also known as \$10-a-day childcare?

**A:** More information about the CWELCC funding program is available on the <u>City's Canada-Wide Early Learning & Child Care – Information for Families webpage.</u>

#### Q: Where can I find licenced childcare?

**A:** The <u>City's Child Care Services webpage</u> has a list of licensed child care centres, including before and after school programs.



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# The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival is back this summer!

Date: July 28 – 29 Time: 10AM – 5PM

Location: Guild Park & Gardens (201 Guildwood Parkway)

The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival is back this summer from July 27-Sunday. July 28 for 17<sup>th</sup> year at Guild Park and Gardens (201 Guildwood Parkway) from 10AM-5PM! Artisan vendors have until June 21 to <u>apply</u>. Need volunteer hours? Sign-up to volunteer <u>here</u>. Cannot wait to see everyone again!

# The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Virtual Events

The TRCA hosts exciting webinars and e-learning activities, guided hikes, festivals and other seasonal events, educational workshops, and public consultations. Explore nature, culture, and the environment in Toronto and the GTA. Visit <u>TRCA's Events Calendar</u> for more information and how to join!

## TRCA's Maple Syrup Festival at Kortright and Bruce's Mill

Visit the Maple Syrup Festival any day from Saturday March 9 – Sunday April 7, 2024!

Kortright (9550 Pine Valley Drive): Go here for details and tickets.

Bruce's Mill (3291 Stouffville Road): Go here for details and tickets.

## The Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra's 2023/2024 Concert Season

Location: P.C. Ho Theatre, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (5183 Sheppard Ave East)

#### **Guild Festival Theatre's 2024 Season**

From a hilariously ill-fated cycling trip through Germany to a true story of survival in the Canadian wilderness, GFT's 2024 season is all about adventure. Go to their website for more details.

## Scarborough Theatre Guild's Trap for a lonely man

A play running in April about a man in a remote chalet in the French Alps who reported his wife's disappearance to the police only to have a young priest advising his wife alive and well. What is happening? Show times and tickets can be found here.

#### **Sistema Toronto Honours Orchestra**

Join Sistema Toronto, the University of Toronto String Orchestra, and Sir Oliver Mowat Senior Orchestra for an afternoon celebrating the work of women composers on Saturday. March 2.

#### FREE ADMISSON

Location: Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute Auditorium (5400 Lawrence Ave East)
Time: Open Rehearsal: 11am-1:30pm and 30-Minute Post-Rehearsal Showcase: 3-3:30pm

# Guild Festival Theatre's in Conversation With Classics - New Play Readings

Immerse yourself in the world of classics as talented playwrights highlight their fresh and innovative works at The Friends House Meeting Room (60 Lowther Avenue). <u>Tickets</u> by donation (\$10 suggested).

Date: Wednesday. March 6

Time: Doors open at 6:30PM, readings begin at 7PM

## The Bluff's DINNER and a SONG

An exciting music series, presenting world-class live performers in an intimate setting with the goal to make Scarborough a more interesting place to live and do business. Trying to accomplish this by building grass roots support for a singer songwriter & recording artist music scene in Scarborough, and at the same time supporting local restaurateurs! <u>Ticket</u> costs \$60 and it includes prix fixe dinner.

Date: Friday March 15

Time: Dinner at 5:30PM, show at 7:30PM

Location: The Olde Stone Cottage Pub (3750 Kingston Road)

# **Toronto St. Patrick's Parade 2024**

The parade kicks off at noon on March 17 at the <u>corner of St. George and Bloor (near St. George Subway Station)</u> and this year's Grand Marshal is hockey executive Brian Burke. The event is free and fun for all ages!

## **Easter Craft and Bake Sale & Tearoom**

On Saturday. March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM-1PM at Curran Hall Community Centre (277 Orton Park Road). Kids' Easter Egg Hunt is at 11AM!

# Scarborough Business Association (SBA) Mayor's Lunch 2024

Join the SBA for Scarborough's biggest business event with Mayor Olivia Chow on Wednesday. April 3 from 10AM-3PM at University of Toronto Scarborough Highland Hall (1265 Military Trail). Register and buy tickets <a href="https://example.com/herealth/person-new-mailto:herealth-new-mailt

## The Art Guild of Scarborough's Spring Art Show and Sale

Featuring over four hundred original, juried works of art by member artists, many of whom will be attendance. Free

parking, admission, and refreshments. Saturday. April 6 – Sunday. April 7 from 10AM-5PM, at Centennial Recreation Centre (1967 Ellesmere Road)

## Scarborough Walk of Fame "Celebration Day"

Happening on Wednesday. April 10 at Scarborough Town Centre to celebrate their 2024 inductees! More details will be provided soon on their website



Congratulations to 2024 Scarborough Walk of Fame Inductees. Read more on the remarkable nine individuals <a href="https://example.com/here/">here!</a>

# <u>Services in the Community</u> Back to Index

## 5n2 Food for All

A volunteer-run non-profit organization with a mission to fight food inadequacy in our community since by creating equitable access to food support since 2013. Visit their website to learn more about 5n2 and how to volunteer or donate.

# **BusinessTO Webinars & Events**

- <u>Business Webinars</u> The City of Toronto and its partners offer year-round learning opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners.
- Business Support supports and resources available to Small Businesses in Toronto
- Business Learning Hub Courses <u>Register</u> (Pay what you can)
- Small Business Centres in Ontario
   On-going Online Events and e-Learning Register (Free to \$35)



The <u>Toronto Community Crisis Service</u> is recruiting mental health workers!

In-person March 6 information & recruitment event at Metro Hall (55 John St) from 1-4PM.

Learn more <u>here</u>.

# **City of Toronto Programs and Resources**

- Business licensing and permit application portal
- Support for New businesses and Startups
- Digital Main Street: Provides support for businesses interested in adopting technologies.
- COVID-19: Guidelines for Businesses & Community Organizations
  - o Mandatory mask-wearing guidelines
  - o Printable posters
- <u>Preventing COVID-19 in the Workplace</u>: Requirements of Employers to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace
- ShopHERE powered by Google: Get help to set up and launch an online store quickly, easily, and at no cost.



City of Toronto scores six matches as a FIFA World Cup 26™ Host City.

Go here for details.

# Scarborough-Guildwood has many food security locations:

- Please click here for a list of food banks and soup kitchens.
- Please click here for a list of food banks in East Scarborough
- Please click here for a list of food banks in Scarborough

Call ahead to ensure they are properly stocked. Many of the locations are also in need of Volunteers.

## **BGC East Scarborough**

100 Galloway Road, Scarborough 416-281 - 0262 ext. 208

# **EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

- Galloway EarlyON Child and Family Centre (100 Galloway Road)
- Morningside EarlyON Child and Family Centre (Unit 15 4218 Lawrence Ave East)
- Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre (110 Mornelle Court the main floor)
- Scarborough East EarlyON Child and Family Centre (62 Orchard Park Dr)

## **Ontario Early Years Programs - OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

# The East Scarborough Storefront's KGO Updates: Community e-newsletter for Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park

The East Scarborough Storefront's KGO Updates is a crowd-sourced email newsletter keeping people in Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park (KGO) informed about what is going on in our neighbourhood.

# **The Reading Partnership**

100 Galloway Rd, Scarborough 647-576-7844 info@readingpartnership.com

#### **Toronto Police Service**

## **Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints**

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600.

## **Reporting Fraud**

If you are a victim of fraud, report the incident to your <u>local police</u> and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's <u>online</u> <u>reporting system</u> or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. Members of the public can also find further information or file a complaint with our partners at the Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD) and <u>Competition</u> <u>Bureau Canada</u>.

Consumers can learn more at about the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 <u>here</u> or by calling the Ministry at 416-326-8800 or toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. Consumers can file a complaint <u>here</u>.

## **Crime Stoppers**

The Toronto Police Service is asking anyone with information to contact them at <u>416-808-2222</u>, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

## **Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS)**

If you or someone you know is 16+ and experiencing a mental health crisis, <u>TCCS</u> is a 24/7 service that sends trained crisis teams to support mental health crisis calls.

#### **East End Arts**

Sign up for the East End Arts' monthly eNewsletter, or their youth monthly eNewsletter.

# **Parents Engaged in Education**

Features several educational services for students across the City by supporting low-income families with learning resources/materials, a technology hub, Canada's first Education Bank, and a family service centre located at 857 Milner Ave. Unit 104, in Scarborough.

## **Connect with Probus-Guildwood!**

Probus-Guildwood is a social club for retirees of various backgrounds and is now accepting new members. \$25 Initiation fee and \$25 for an annual membership. **Join every second Wednesday of each month to listen to diverse speakers at 1:30PM**. Contact Alan at alanburt@rogers.com or call 416-266-4682 for further details.

## **Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC)**

A multi service community health organization in Scarborough. Sign up for their newsletter here.

## **Scarborough Community Renewal Organization**

The Scarborough Community Renewal Organization (SCRO) is committed to creating and realising bold visions to Renew Scarborough.

# **Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility (SCEA)**

The Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility is a fully accessible, drop-in employment resource centre to assist job-ready individuals in preparing for employment or self-employment.

## **Scarborough Women's Centre**

The Scarborough Women's Centre delivers programs and services to promote positive change for women in a safe,

inclusive, and welcoming environment. Check out the variety of webinars and workshops they provide here!

# **Get Involved in Your Community.**

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## Feed Scarborough needs volunteers at their Rouge Park location!

If you or someone you know wishes to get more involved, <u>please visit their website here</u> and fill out the volunteer form today! When filling out the form, please indicate you wish to volunteer at the Rouge Park location.

# **Volunteer Opportunities with Councillor Ainslie**

Are you interested in volunteering for community events, meetings, and more? Please let me know how you would like to help by completing this short survey! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my office at councillor ainslie co@toronto.ca or 416-396-7222.

# **Public Service Information, Grants & Projects**

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# **City of Toronto Public Appointments: Get Involved!**

Residents are needed to sit on a range of City boards and committees. Bring your skills and experience to the table and have influence in your community. View the list of opportunities <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Upcoming deadlines to apply are:

- Heritage Toronto Board March 5
- Toronto Preservation Board April 10

## **Toronto Outdoor Art Fair: 2024 Call for artists**

<u>Applications</u> are open for the Toronto Outdoor Art Fair in July 2024 at Nathan Phillips Square and the deadline to apply is on March 7, 2024.

## Tax reduction for live music venues

In support of the sustainability and growth of creative enterprises and live music venues in Toronto and the deadline to apply is on March 14, 2024. To learn more on what it entails, on eligibility, and to apply, please visit here.

## Public art summer mentorship program for emerging artists

A new opportunity for emerging public space artists who need training and experience to transition from studio practice to public art. Three Toronto-based artists will be chosen to participate in an exhibition at the Toronto Sculpture Garden, including funding, and mentorship from established arts professionals between June and August 2024. The deadline to apply is April 3. Find details.

# Registration for free tickets to the Women's Entrepreneurship Forum

Hosted by the City of Toronto, this dynamic event is designed to inspire and empower women entrepreneurs by enhancing their skills, sharing experiences, and forging connections to excel. The forum will be held in-person at City Hall. May 9, check-in at 9:30AM. Space is limited, <u>register now</u>.

# Accelerator program now starting sessions for women entrepreneurs.

The hybrid program (in-person/virtual) by the YMCA of Greater Toronto and DMZ provides women entrepreneurs with

invaluable resources and a vibrant community to launch and grow successful ventures. Learn more and register.

## **Save on Energy Small Business Program**

The program is designed to help small businesses across Ontario, with fifty or fewer employees, make equipment improvements to reduce their energy consumption at no cost. <u>Learn more and apply</u> for direct-install incentives on a range of equipment, both lighting and non-lighting.

# **De-Escalation training for street-front retailers**

These free webinars explore using supportive communication and de-escalation skills with individuals who may be displaying agitated behaviours in your business or who may be street-involved. Note that it is required to have taken Level 1 before proceeding to Level 2. <u>Learn more and register</u>.

# **Home Energy Loan Program (HELP)**

Through the program, Toronto homeowners can borrow up to \$125,000 to cover the cost of home energy improvements for a more energy efficient homes. For further details, check out the <a href="Home Energy Loan Program webpage">Home Energy Loan Program webpage</a>.



Do you have experience in fundraising, IT, data analysis or heritage development?

Apply for the Heritage Toronto Board by March 5. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Assaulted Women Helpline (AWHL)**

The Assaulted Women's Helpline (AWHL) is a free, anonymous, and confidential 24-hour telephone and TTY crisis telephone line for all women in the province of Ontario who have experienced any form of abuse. They provide crisis counselling, safety planning, emotional support, and information and referrals. The Helpline also operates the Seniors Safety Line, which provides the same services to seniors of any gender in Ontario who have experienced any type of abuse or neglect. The Assaulted Women's Helpline is a 24/7 telephone crisis line that can help you look at your situation and explore the options that address your needs. Connect with **AWHL today at 1-866-863-0511**, online, or follow on social media.

## **Suicide Crisis Helpline**

Call/text 9-8-8.

**Toronto Hydro - Interactive Streetlighting Portal** 

Toronto Hydro has launched a new interactive Streetlighting Portal where residents can now report light outages and track the status of their reports. More details can be found online here. To report downed power lines, exposed wires, and hanging light fixtures, please call Toronto Hydro immediately at 416-542-8000 and press one. If you are reporting a problem with traffic lights, lights in a park, lights on a bike path, or trees blocking a streetlight, please contact 311.

## **City of Toronto Waste Wizard and Drop-Off Depots**

The City of Toronto's Waste Wizard helps you find out what waste items go where! You can visit the Waste Wizard online or download the TOwaste app.

The City of Toronto operates seven Transfer Stations which have drop-off depots used to collect, sort, and transfer all the City's waste. Residents can also use these depots to dispose of their unwanted items, such as Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste. Find more information on Drop-Off Depot locations, hours of service, and a list of accepted items HERE.

I hope you have found my monthly E-Newsletter useful and informative. If you have any suggestions on information, you would like included.... please let me know!

All my Best,

Paul



Reach me by telephone at 416-396-7222, email me at councillor ainslie@toronto.ca, or follow me on social media:

## **Toronto City Hall**

100 Queen Street West, Suite C52 Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2 Tel: 416-392-4008

# **Scarborough Civic Centre**

150 Borough Drive Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4N7 Tel: 416-396-7222

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