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Making Our Community Thrive!

Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Neighbours,

I would like to wish everyone a joyous, rejuvenating April, and extend my warmest wishes to all those celebrating their respective religious occasions this month: Eid al-Fitr and Passover!

The roll-out of the Vacant Home Tax (VHT) invoices has caused confusion, and anger by residents, including me. During last month's City Council meeting, I asked questions of staff, as I was genuinely concerned on the process used to send the VHT invoices to residents. In my opinion, which was validated by all the problems this week, there was no communication to everyone in easily understandable language. There was also not enough consideration given for seniors, those who do not have access to computers, and people whose first language is not English. Staff have been asked to rectify these issues immediately by myself, Mayor Chow, and my colleagues on City Council to ensure this situation does not occur again.

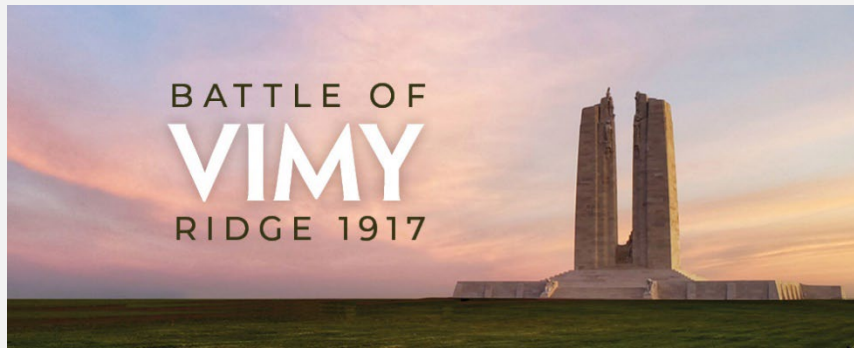
My office is working diligently with the Finance Department to address this miscommunication. Financial Services have stationed staff in all the Civic Centres, including the Scarborough Civic Centre, to assist residents with their VHT declarations.

I have also spoken with the General Manager of Toronto's 311 Centre to have measures put in place to reduce the wait time and get people the information they need as quickly as possible. Please read my full correspondence to residents with further information [here](#).

If your property is occupied, DO NOT PAY. Visit the [City's VHT website](#) and click the large blue button that says, "Submit Complaint/Appeal or Respond to Audit" to file a Notice of Complaint (NOC). You may also call 311 or my office at councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca / 416-396-7222.

Call for Review of Cannabis Control Act, 2017. Considering the persistent challenges posed by illegal cannabis dispensaries, I am pleased to share I was able to garner Council support for my [Motion](#) to City Council requesting the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive review of the [Cannabis Control Act 2017](#). [Read my full media release here](#).

Advocate for Canada's Music Industry. As the City's Night Economy Champion, I put forward a [Motion](#) supporting the [Canadian Independent Music Association \(CIMA\)](#) and the [Canadian Live Music Association's](#) request to the Government of Canada to increase its annual contribution to the [Canada Music Fund](#) to \$50 Million by 2024-2025, as pledged during the 2021 Federal election. [Read my full media release here](#).



I would like to remind everyone to remember National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Commemorating the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which took place April 9-12, 1917, during the First World War, is considered Canada's more notable military victory and is often thought to symbolize the birth of Canadian national pride and identity. Read more on the history [here](#).

Have a wonderful April!

Paul

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Please see the Frequently Asked Questions we have received for the Vacant Home Tax invoices (VHT)

Q: Do I have to pay the Vacant Home Tax?

You only must pay the VHT on your property if it was unoccupied (by you, other occupants, or tenants) for more than six (6) months in the calendar year. You do not have to pay if your property is your principal residence.

Q: I received a notice in the mail saying I must pay the Vacant Home Tax, but I don't think I should have to. What do I do?

You may have received a Vacant Home Tax charge even if your property is occupied. This could have happened if the City had not received an updated declaration this year, or if a declaration was received after the property tax bills were issued.

If your property was occupied for more than six (6) months in 2023, do not pay the Vacant Home Tax charge. Instead, please file a Notice of Complaint and upon receiving and confirming your occupancy, the City will reverse the Vacant Home Tax charge along with any interest that may have been incurred after the May 15, 2024 initial payment due date.

Q: Where do I go to complete the Notice of Complaint/Appeal?

You can do this online or via mail.

Online:

- Go to [City's Vacant Home Tax page](#).
- Click on the large blue button that says, "Submit Complaint/Appeal or Respond to Audit".

Mail:

- Please ensure your complaint in writing includes:
 - ❖ assessment roll number and customer number
 - ❖ complainant's full name and contact details (telephone number or email)
 - ❖ information that specifies your authority to act on the behalf of the owner, if this applies and you are a complainant acting on someone's behalf.
 - ❖ reason(s) for the complaint and why the residential property should not be subject to the tax.
 - ❖ If you are declaring an exemption, supporting documentation and evidence to substantiate the reason(s) for the complaint.
- Mail to:
City of Toronto, Revenue Services
Vacant Home Tax Complaints/Appeals
5100 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON M2N 5V7

Q: Can someone complete the Notice of Complaint/Appeal on my behalf?

Yes. The form can be done by the owner or someone acting on your behalf.

Q: What happens after I submit the Notice of Complaint/Appeal?

Once your complaint is reviewed and the grounds of the complaint are found to be valid, your property tax account will show that the Vacant Home Tax does not apply.

Q: Do I owe the late fee of \$21.40?

DO NOT PAY THE LATE FEE. City Council will be waiving the \$21.24 late fee for everyone impacted this year during the next Toronto City Council meeting on April 17th.

Q: If I do owe the Vacant Home Tax, when is it due?

The first instalment of Vacant Home Tax is due by May 15, 2024.

City of Toronto Benefits, Supports and Subsidies: Discover a new webpage and interactive digital tool for residents looking for information on benefits, subsidies and supports to assist with the cost of living. The [City's Financial & Social Support For Me webpage](#) provides simplified information about financial aid, housing support, transit discounts, recreation and childcare fee subsidies, and more.



Register for the webinar [here](#).

Public Webinar on City of Toronto's role in the Independent Electricity System Operators (IESO)'s Integrated Regional Resource Plan for the Toronto Region. Planning is underway for the Toronto Region to ensure a reliable supply of electricity to support local growth and economic development. To provide an overview of the regional electricity planning process, a public webinar has been scheduled for Friday, April 26th 10AM-12PM. Learn more [here](#). Register [here](#).



[Protect yourself and loved ones by staying up to date with your measles vaccine](#)

Introducing the Good Neighbour Guide for Late-Night Businesses: A comprehensive resource for live music venues, nightclubs, bars, restaurants, retailers, service providers and other businesses operating between the hours of 6PM- 6AM. This guide features relevant information and links and aims to support operators in running a safe establishment benefitting the surrounding community, nearby residents, and other businesses. [Read the guide](#) and learn more about [Toronto's Night Economy](#).



Learn more about the Single-Use and Takeaway Items bylaw [here](#).

Disposal of home healthcare waste: Should never go in your Blue Bin recycling. This includes needles, sharps, dialysis waste, catheters and soiled dressings, sponges, gauze, and incontinence products (e.g., disposable briefs). Some of these items are considered hazardous waste because they are dangerous or toxic, while other items should be put inside a plastic bag and placed in your Garbage Bin or in a garbage bag with a city-issued garbage tag. Learn more [here](#).



Join University of Toronto Scarborough for their Spring 2024 series of academic discussions. Learn more and register through [here](#).

As part of the City's [Housing Action Plan](#), the city is reviewing and updating the default height permissions and performance standards that regulate the development of mid-rise buildings on Avenues where the city and community have not completed an Avenue Study. The proposed revisions will:

- Introduce new Development Standard Sets for the Commercial Residential (CR) Zone,
- Update how mid-rise buildings transition towards neighbouring buildings and open spaces by replacing the current rear angular plane requirements with building setbacks.
- Updates to height and density permissions for these areas will be aligned with Official Plan and Urban Design Guidelines criteria for mid-rise buildings.

Please join the Virtual webinar consultation to discuss the project on Wednesday April 17th 6:30 - 8pm. Register [here](#) more information can be found [here](#).

Present Ward 24 Avenue Designations: Kingston Road, Lawrence Avenue East (West of Scarborough Golf Club Road) and Eglinton Avenue East. Planning staff will be also looking at Major and Minor arterial roads to become Avenues (not all Major Streets will be recommended to become Avenues.)

Major Streets Study Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods (EHON)

The Major Street Study is one component of the City's [Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods \(EHON\)](#) initiative. **The project is in the consultation phase, item has not been brought to committee for approval yet scheduled for first quarter of 2024.**

This study proposes to permit gentle intensification of residential units in form of townhouses and small-scale/low rise apartment, along major streets, which are designated as **major and minor arterial roads**, by allow extra building types in the residential zones along those streets.

To allow up to **27 meters right of way width on minor arterials and mainly 36 meters on major arterials in Ward 24** to permit: to permit townhouses and small-scale apartment buildings on all properties. Along **major and minor arterial roads**, designated Neighbourhoods across the city and set out built form criteria in policy and zoning.

Streets which are affected by allowing wider lots to accommodate maximum height of 4-storeys townhouses and maximum height of 6-toreys low rise apartment buildings in Ward 24 are:

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| Bellamy Road North Eglinton Ave East Ellesmere Road Guildwood Parkway | Scarborough Golf Club Road Kingston Road Lawrence Avenue East Markham Road |
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Committee of Adjustment Third Party Review Recommendations - Implementation Update

City Planning staff have initiated a multi-year, transformational work program aimed at enhancing stakeholder participation in the Committee of Adjustment process and public hearings. This program, [Item 2023.PH2.5](#), includes regular updates on progress. Staff are [implementing recommendations outlined by KPMG](#) to improve participation in hearings while prioritizing customer service excellence, fairness, and upholding statutory obligations. View the most recent update [here PH11.11](#).

Toronto Police Auto Theft Investigation, Project supported by the Preventing Auto Theft (PAT) Grant: In April 2023, the Toronto Police Service's Integrated Gun and Gang Task Force - Firearms Enforcement Unit, launched an investigation into a network of individuals involved in the trafficking of firearms and narcotics. Undercover officers, during Project Spectre, successfully purchased six firearms and more than 200 grams of cocaine.

Subsequently, in August 2023, due to information obtained the Organized Crime Investigative Support (OCIS) Unit began an investigation called Project Paranoid, focused on the trafficking, shipping and Re-Vinning of stolen vehicles. Project results included the arrest of seven individuals and the laying of 150 charges. News conference - March 27, 2024, [here](#).



Scarborough Community Iftar on March 25th at Scarborough Civic Centre
Along side Mayor Olivia Chow, Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik,
Councillor Jamaal Myers, and Councillor Parthi Kandavel.

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) - Read the latest TTC news media releases [here](#).

TTC Service Adjustments: [website](#) for details on all the bus and streetcar adjustments.

Plan Ahead [TTC Trip Planner](#).

Line 3 Busway information, at [TTC website](#).

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



[TTC's Wheel-Trans Community Feedback until April 30th](#)

Wheel-Trans Community Feedback

TTC is seeking input from the community to improve their Wheel-Trans Service & Family of Services. They want to hear from all persons with disabilities who use TTC, including Wheel-Trans, support persons and members of community-based organizations that support or advocate for people with disabilities. The deadline to participate is April 30th.

Share your feedback by [participating in this survey](#) or attending one of their public meetings:

- Hybrid (in-person/online) on April 16th at the Metro Hall Rotunda (55 John Street) from 4-6PM
- Virtually on April 18th from 2-4PM

For more information and to register, please visit [Wheel-Trans Community Feedback](#).

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Plan [GO Transit](#).

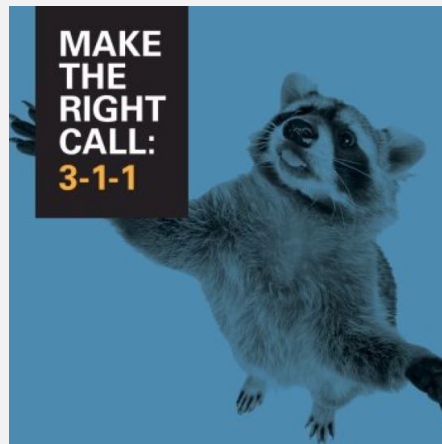
For complaints and inquiries, contact the Toronto East Community Engagement Team by calling 416-202-3900 (available 24/7) or emailing Torontoeast@metrolinx.com. Residents can also contact MPP Andrea Hazell's office at 416-281-2787 / AHazell.mpp.co@Liberal.ola.org.

Annual GO Train Track Maintenance: Scarborough GO to Galloway Road & Galloway Road to Rouge Hill GO Station Scarborough GO to Galloway Road

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Call 311 for information about City services and programs. 311 offers assistance in more than 180 languages and has a TTY service for hearing impaired. Learn more [here](#).

Bendale Community

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Environment Day at Centennial Recreation Centre (1967 Ellesmere Rd)

Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 10AM-2PM

Concern at North Bendale Park

I have received complaints of unauthorized individuals driving their cars through North Bendale Park, posing a safety hazard for park users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and children. My office has been advised by the Parks Supervisor that residents witnessing such incidents should contact the Toronto Police at their non-emergency number 416-808-2222 to report these illegal activities. Residents can also assist by taking pictures and/or videos, and noting any licence plate numbers, which can be reported to 311 for by-law enforcement investigation.



Thank you to St. Richard Catholic School's Grade 2 students for sending me letters on the importance of clean air and what they are doing to help the environment!

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Sky view of Cornell Park Pathway Lighting

Cornell Park Pathway Lighting Update

I am pleased to announce that the installation and electrification of the park pathway lights in Cornell Park is complete! These new lights will provide increased safety and enjoyment for park users in the evenings. I want to thank the community for their patience throughout the project. The Lighting Project was a joint effort with the Friends of Cornell Park and my office.

Local Community Meeting

I am looking forward to seeing you at my annual community meeting to discuss city and local issues. Please join me:

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Cedarbrook Community Centre

91 Eastpark Blvd

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Compost Day at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre (225 Confederation Dr)

Friday, May 31, 2024, from 5:30-6:30PM

Spring arts courses and Summer camp at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre

Read more and register for [summer camp](#) and find a variety of [arts courses and workshops](#) and register.



[Toronto Public Library's 2024 Design-a-Bookmark contest](#)
at North York Central Library on March 2nd.

The Coronation and West Hill Community

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Kingston Road and Falaise Road – Intersection Safety Concerns

I have heard from residents about safety concerns regarding both drivers and pedestrians at the intersection of Kingston Road and Falaise Road. My office is working with Traffic Operations to review these concerns and determine potential safety enhancements for all road users. As part of these efforts, Traffic Operations will be adjusting the height of the existing "DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION" sign for westbound traffic on Kingston Road at Falaise Road. Additionally, a second sign will be installed on the center median. Should you have any further concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 416-396-7222 or councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca

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The City of Toronto is offering the following CampTO programs in Scarborough-Guildwood Ward 24, this summer

CampTO Explore at Curran Hall Community Centre located at 277 Orton Pk Rd

CampTO Explore at Elizabeth Simcoe JES located at 166 Sylvan Ave

CampTO at Highcastle PS located at 370 Military Trail

How to Register (choose one of the following methods)

1. **Online Registration:** Go to efun.toronto.ca and follow the link to Search and Register Online.
2. **Telephone Assisted:** Call **416-396-7378** press option 1 to speak to a customer service representative between the hours of 7:00 am – 4:30 pm.
3. **In-person:** Register in person at your local recreation centre



[TORONTO.CA/CAMPS](https://toronto.ca/camps)



[City's Summer Camp programs through CampTO](#)

Compost Day at Curran Hall Community Centre (277 Orton Park Rd)

Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 10:30-11:30AM

[Public planting event at Curran Hall Ravine Park](#)

Join the City's Urban Forestry for a tree planting event at [Location] on Wednesday, June 5th from 10AM-12PM. Forestry staff will kick things off with introductory remarks, followed by a hands-on planting demonstration. While registration is not required for individuals and small groups, groups of five or more are encouraged to register in advance at greentoronto@toronto.ca to ensure there are enough materials and tools. Let's grow greener together! For inquiries and registration, please email greentoronto@toronto.ca.

Toronto Hydro upgrade – Merkley Square

Toronto Hydro is upgrading the electrical distribution system in your community to improve the reliability of your electrical service. This includes upgrading overhead electrical cables on city-owned property near your lot. The boundaries for the project include a section of Merkley Square from April 2024 - August 2024. **The project number is C-220031-E10101-LS236.** Toronto Hydro (416) 542-3366 / capitalprojects@torontohydro.com. Ensure to provide the project number you are inquiring about. Visit [website](#) for more planned outages and construction projects in your area.

Toronto Hydro Streetlight Assessment - Scarborough Golf Club Road and Newark Road

Toronto Hydro streetlighting team reviewed and confirmed improvement is needed and three new LED lights will be installed. The work is currently in the design phase and my office will provide updates as they become available.

Botany Hill Off Leash Dog Park

The annual closure of Botany Hill Off Leash Dog Park starts on Tuesday, April 2nd and the park will reopen on Saturday, June 1st at 9AM. This closure will allow for turf rehabilitation and general repairs. For questions, contact Brian at bhpdola@gmail.com.

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Guildwood Cleanup Day on Saturday. April 20th from 9:30AM-1PM

Hosted by the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) and organized & sponsored by Melissa Kitazaki from Bosley Real Estate Ltd. Brokerage. The meeting location will be at Holy Trinity Church (85 Livingston Road) with a pizza lunch provided for participants.

Spring Shoreline Clean-up on Sunday. April 21st from 9AM-12PM

Organized by Friends of Guild Park, help clear debris and plastics from Guild Park's shoreline area. Please check [website](#) for details, further dates and volunteer opportunities.

Guildwood Village Neighbourhood Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway

Courtesy of the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA), Friends of Guild Park, and the City of Toronto. All trees and shrubs must be planted on private property within the City of Toronto boundaries. Trees come in 1- 2-gallon buckets and are small enough to carry on the TTC or sit in the back of a car. For further details and to order, please go [here](#).

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Toronto Hydro upgrade – Galloway Road

Toronto Hydro is upgrading the electrical distribution system in your community to improve the reliability of your electrical service. This includes upgrading overhead electrical cables on city-owned property near your lot. The boundaries for the project include a section of Galloway Road from December 2023 - March 2025. **The project number is P-230419-ED170002 / P-230419-ED182004.**

For questions, contact Toronto Hydro (416) 542-3366 / capitalprojects@torontohydro.com and provide the project number you are inquiring about. Please visit their [website](#) to find more planned outages and construction projects in your area.

Vandalism at Guild Park and Gardens' washrooms

On March 4th, vandals set fire to the washrooms at Guild Park and Gardens under the gazebo. The resulting damage is extensive, requiring Parks to close the washrooms to the public. Parks staff are working to have repairs done as soon as possible, with work beginning on April 14th. In the interim, portable washrooms will be placed near the existing ones to ensure patrons have usable facilities on-site. A washroom trailer will be placed in the park this May.

Galloway Road Reconstruction

Transportation Services has completed detailed design drawings for the reconstruction of Galloway Road between Dearham Wood and Guildwood Parkway. The construction, planned to be delivered by Transportation Services in 2025, will include new sidewalks on both sides of Galloway Road and bike lanes.

Elizabeth Simcoe Skate Dot/Spot

The city will be installing a Skate Dot/Spot at Elizabeth Simcoe Park, providing smaller-scale skateboarding opportunities akin to those found at Skateparks. The design development and community engagement phases are anticipated to begin in Spring 2024, with construction in 2025.

Spring arts courses at Clark Centre for the Arts

Find a variety of arts courses and workshops for children and adults and [register online](#).



Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA)'s Annual General Meeting on March 26th with Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie and Robert D'Addario, GVCA President.

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SEEMA DAVID, FOUNDER



5N2 FARMS

Our story:

With a mission to support the costs of over 4,200 free meals and grocery supports to the community each week, 5N2 has launched the 5N2 FARM PROJECT.

5N2 Farms will grow 12 hour fresh, nutritious, leafy greens all year round!

Your \$15 order supports two FREE meals to an individual
Your \$50 order supports a week of groceries to a family

Order now at: [HTTPS://5N2-FARMS.LOCALLINE.CA/SHOP](https://5n2-farms.localline.ca/shop)

Email: farms@5n2.ca IG: 5n2_Farms Phone: 416-551-0910

5n2 Farm Project

5N2 is growing produce using a hydroponic farm system to be self-sustainable and now you can shop for fresh produce through their [website](https://5n2-farms.localline.ca/shop). For inquiries, please contact farms@5n2.ca.

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 improve accessibility for residents with strollers, walking aids and wheelchairs. Staff is proposing two curb cuts, which would result in the removal of two parking spots at each cut. However, staff informed they should be able to add three parking spaces along the west portion of Lee Centre Drive. They are reaching out to Toronto Parking Authority regarding this. Please note that pedestrians will still need to wait for a gap in traffic to cross, as they do not have the right of way. My office will update the community once the review is complete.

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Scarborough Village Employment & Social Services at 3660 Kingston Road, provides financial assistance through Ontario Works, employment supports and social supports to people living in Toronto. Learn more [here](#).

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Scarborough Village Recreation Centre

My office has received inquiries regarding skating times at Scarborough Village Recreation Centre. Information on program days and times, as well as drop-in session, can be found [here](#). Additionally, this community centre is also home to Theatre Scarborough. For details on productions and how to get involved, please visit the [website](#).

Scarborough Village Park Play Enhancement and New Splash Pad Update

The latest update from Parks staff is that the project is moving into the construction procurement phase. Permits are being advance, and the project timeline remains the same with constructing commencing Fall, 2024. The final design can be viewed [here](#).

Seven Oaks Community

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Compost Day at Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club (720 Military Trail)

Saturday. May 25, 2024, from 12:30-1:30PM

Environment Day at Morningside Yard (891 Morningside Ave)

Saturday. June 22, 2024, from 10AM-2PM



Thank you, Seven Oaks residents and Neighbourhood Officers for joining me on March 18th at St. Edmund Campion Catholic School!

My monthly town hall was held on Monday. March 18th at St. Edmund Campion Catholic School

Thank you to 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 Toronto Police Services for their attendance and engagement with residents.

Q&A from March 18th community meeting

- 1. At what point do we stop conducting traffic studies after they have not been found warranted in the past?**
 - a. Traffic Operations typically does not undertake a new study if a request was studied within the last three years. The only times an exception may occur is when there are significant changes in the road network or new developments in the area.
- 2. Can the speed on Military Trail from Highcastle Road to Orton Park Road be increased as it is hard to travel the road/hill at 30km/h in the winter?**
 - a. Preliminary review by Traffic Operations suggests that increasing the speed limit on Military Trail may not be supported, considering the [Vision Zero's holistic speed limit reduction approach](#). Traffic Operations also has not seen hills used as a need to increase speed limits; typically, inclement weather would suggest motorists should be proceeding with more caution. Keep in mind, motorists are also going *down* the hills with an increased speed limit. Referenced here are a number of other hilly streets that have 30 km/h speed limits that operate satisfactorily ([example](#), [example](#), [example](#)).
- 3. Can reflectors be added on Military Trail from Highcastle Road to Orton Park Road as it is hard to see at night, especially near the ravine?**
 - a. I have reached out to staff who are reviewing this request and my office will provide updates when available.
- 4. Can a speed camera be put in on Neilson Road near the Seven Oaks playground and waterpark?**
 - a. Automated speed enforcement cameras are placed in Community Safety Zones. While this area is no within such a zone, a speed camera can be installed on Military Trail by the parking lot. Please go [here](#) for further information.
 - b. My office has submitted a request for speed enforcement on Neilson Road by the playground and waterpark.
- 5. Can we have speed bumps on Highcastle Road?**
 - a. If this is supported by affected residents living on Highcastle Road, a traffic calming study on Highcastle Road can be requested to Traffic Operations to see if the technical warrants are met. Please contact my office to share your comments at councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca.
- 6. Can the current parking signs on Oakmeadow Boulevard (north end) by Neilson Road be moved further west?**
 - a. Traffic Operations is currently reviewing this request, to relocate parking signs on both north and south side of Oakmeadow Boulevard. I will continue to inform the community once updates are provided.

Toronto Hydro upgrades

Toronto Hydro is upgrading the electrical distribution system in your community to improve the reliability of your electrical service. This includes upgrading overhead electrical cables on city-owned property near your lot. The boundaries for the project include a section of:

- A. Cindy Nicholas Drive and Moeller Court, from March 2024 – October 2024. The project number is P-230407-ED161003.**
- B. Dartmoor Drive, from January 2024 – July 2024. The project number is P-230407-ED161002**
- C. Keeler Boulevard from May 2024 – October 2024. The project number is P-230407-ED161005**
- D. David Drive from May 2024 – November 2024. The project number is P-230407-ED161007**
- E. Caley Terrace and David Drive from May 2024 – November 2024. The project number is P-230407-ED161006**

For questions, contact Toronto Hydro at (416) 542-3366 or at capitalprojects@torontohydro.com and provide the project number you are inquiring about. Please visit their [website](#) to find more planned outages and construction projects in your

area.

Toronto Water – Mornelle Court

The City of Toronto will be cleaning and relining the watermain in your area starting in February 2024. This project is part of the Council-approved Capital Works Program to renew Toronto's aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks.

The work will take place in front of a section of **Mornelle Court west of Morningside Avenue (23TW-CTS-03CWD)** from Spring 2024 – Summer 2024. If you have any questions, please email torontoWMRehab@wsp.com or call 416-508-3164.

The Meadoway Multi-Use Trail

Scheduled to start in March 2024 and be completed in March 2024, The Meadoway is transforming a new 16 km stretch of multi-use trail through the Gatineau Hydro corridor between Military Trail and Morningside Avenue. Construction Notice signs will be posted at the entrances and along the trail. For more information, please visit [The Meadoway](#) or email info.themeadoway@trca.ca.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Review on Military Trail at St. John Paul II

Traffic Operations have reviewed the traffic and pedestrian safety concerns on Military Trail and a report will be presented at an upcoming Scarborough Community Council recommending the following:

1. Extending the existing stopping prohibition, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, on both sides of Military Trail, between a point 330 metres west of Morningside Avenue and a point 200 metres further west, to be in effect between a point 160 metres west of Morningside Avenue and a point 370 metres further west.
2. Prohibiting of stopping, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, on the east side of Bonspiel Drive, between Military Trail and Schmirler Terrace.
3. Rescinding the unsigned School Bus Loading Zones.

Turn Restrictions at Military Trail and Ellesmere Road

At Scarborough Community Council on February 16th, the following recommendations were adopted:

1. Prohibition of 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. Amendment of 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. Amendment of 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.

City Council approval was required due to TTC operations on Ellesmere Road, and the item was adopted for installation at the [March 20th and 21st Council meeting](#).

Ellesmere Reservoir Park Sports Field

Construction for improvements Ellesmere Reservoir Park Sports Field will start mid-Summer, with completion anticipated by the end of 2024. The scope of improvements for this project include:

- Field renovation and resodding of the cricket and soccer fields
- New cricket wickets and semi-permanent soccer goals
- Soccer field line painting
- New pathways including access route via Toronto Water property and associated work.
- Site furnishing upgrades.
- Drainage improvements

South Cedarbrae Community

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MyToronto Pay offers a straightforward method for residents and businesses to pay their property taxes, utility bills and parking violations online. [Learn more here.](#)

Cedarbrook Park Clean-up

Join [Friends of Cedarbrook and Thomson Memorial Parks](#) on their community cleanup at Cedarbrook Park on Saturday, April 20th from 10AM-12PM.

Update on Elevator Replacement at Cedarbrook Community Centre

Staff have advised that the existing fire alarm system lacks necessary relays to meet current code requirements, a component that was not included in the original scope of work for the elevator replacement. The contractor is currently addressing this unforeseen issue with the fire alarm to ensure compliance before [Technical Standards Safety Authority \(TSSA\)](#) inspection can proceed. Staff are working to escalate the TSSA inspection as soon as the fire alarm issue has been addressed. My office will continue to update the community as further information becomes available.



[Never miss your garbage or recycling day again and find out what waste items go where and more!](#)

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Environment Day at Centennial Recreation Centre (1967 Ellesmere Rd)

Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 10AM-2PM

New Park on Brimorton Drive at Meadowglen Place

The park at Brimorton Drive at Meadowglen Place is near completion. Next steps involve pouring the rubber in the coming month, as a consistent temperature is required to maintain its structure. Staff anticipates Phase 1 to be finished by May, which includes the playground, climbing wall, skate trail, shade structure, seating, planting berm, sodded open space, shade structure, and seating. Phase 2, featuring exercise equipment, is slated for later in 2025.

Centennial Recreation Centre Galaxy Arena Chair Lift

I have received concerns of the chair lift at Galaxy Arena not functioning. My office contacted the Facilities staff and have been informed that work to repair the flap on the threshold of the chair was completed. A subsequent work order was submitted for the chair lift chimes and flashing lights, which were not deactivating when the chair was not in use. Staff are developing a plan to address reliability and issues with the existing chair lift.

Centennial Recreation Centre Accessibility to pool area

Residents have also voiced concerns regarding accessibility to the pool area. The Parks Forestry and Recreation Capitol Team will conduct an in-depth technical review throughout Spring/Summer 2024 to address these concerns.

Woburn Park Playground Enhancement and Skate Dot/Spot

The City will be doing a playground enhancement and install a Skate Dot/Spot at Woburn Park. A skate dot/spot provides smaller-scale skateboarding opportunities akin to those found at Skateparks. Design development and community engagement are anticipated to begin in Spring 2024, with construction for 2025.

Permanent Automated Speed Enforcement Camera coming to Bellamy Road North

Transportation Services will convert the Automated Speed Enforcement camera on Bellamy Road North between Brimorton Drive and Bridlington Street to a permanent, pole-mounted system. Anticipated to be fully operational by January 1, 2025, further updates will be provided as information becomes available.

Request for Traffic Control Signals at Dolly Varden Boulevard and Brimorton Drive

I have received a request for traffic control signals to be installed at Dolly Varden Boulevard and Brimorton Drive to provide a safer environment for pedestrians and drivers. Please contact my office to provide your comments at councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca.


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Newsletter
 Toronto Adult Programs – April 2024

Ongoing Programs

Literacy Classes

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
1:30pm – 4:30pm

Math Classes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 1:30–4:30pm
Thursdays: 10:30am – 1:30pm

HOLIDAYS

The Literacy and math classes will be on break
 from: April 1, 2024 to: April 12, 2024
Classes will resume on
 April 15, 2024

New Directions

A program that will help you access post-secondary education opportunities.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Basic Computer Skills

Program starts May 6– June 12 2024. Registration is open. To learn more and to register, please contact us.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

What's Happening



Workshop: AI for Educators

March 26th at 11AM – 12PM (EST)
 April 2nd at 11AM – 12PM (EST)

Yuanda Zheng, Regional Coordinator, will be facilitating the workshop with ABC Life Literacy Canada.



Winner of the 2024 Learner Achievement Award at Scrabble for Literacy

Congratulations Maria Ruiz!

Maria joined Literacy Leads to Employment, an employment training program funded by Employment Ontario, to increase her computer and workplace skills. She is now employed and working towards building her career.


Contact information
 For more details and to register: pverma@unitedforliteracy.ca, 647-258-8976 x 1202
www.unitedforliteracy.ca





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or call 647-258-8976 ext. 1202.

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](#).
2. 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 help@torontohousing.ca 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.



Join the City's [3Rs Ambassador Program](#), engaging volunteers in apartments, condos, and co-ops to help promote the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)!

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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](#).

- [Toronto Public Health hosting additional mpox vaccination clinics in response to increase in local cases](#) (issued April 2)
- [City of Toronto is ready to swing into another exciting season of golf](#) (issued March 28)
- [City of Toronto will mark World Water Day with proclamation commemorating a Toronto milestone](#) (issued March 20)

Province of Ontario announcements

All provincial news releases can be found [here](#).

Read the 2024 Ontario budget released on March 26th [here](#).



Lights Out Toronto Campaign

City of Toronto kicks off “Lights Out Toronto” campaign to protect migratory birds.

The City of Toronto has launched the "Lights Out Toronto" campaign to protect migratory birds during their spring and fall migration seasons. Millions of birds pass through Toronto, making it a crucial rest stop, but urban areas pose dangers, with an estimated 25 million bird fatalities annually in Canada due to collisions with building windows.

Toronto was the first city in North America to adopt bird protection policies, such as bird-friendly design requirements in new developments under the Toronto Green Standard. **During the campaign (April 1 to May 31 and September 1 to October 31), residents and businesses are urged to:**

- Turn off interior lighting, especially on higher floors, at night.
- Close window coverings if lights need to stay on.
- Switch off exterior decorative lighting, pot lights, and floodlights when not in use.
- Consider substitutes like strobe lighting and reducing atrium lighting.
- Install automatic motion sensors and controls where feasible.

More information about the “Lights Out Toronto” campaign is available on the [City’s website](#).

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SUNDAY JULY 28, 2024 10AM-5PM
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201 GUILDWOOD PARKWAY, SCARBOROUGH



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- HERITAGE EXHIBITS
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[The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival is back this summer!](#)

Date: Saturday July 28 – Sunday July 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 17th year at Guild Park and Gardens (201 Guildwood Parkway) from 10AM-5PM! Artisan vendors have until June 21 to [apply](#). Need volunteer hours? Sign-up to volunteer [here](#). Cannot wait to see everyone again!

My Calendar and Community Events - link to My Calendar

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Councillor Paul Ainslie's Events

Please have a look at upcoming events by my office this year!

Compost Days:

Curran Hall Compost Day

Saturday. May 25, 2024, from 10:30-11:30AM

Curran Hall Community Centre (277 Orton Park Rd)

Seven Oaks Compost Day

Saturday. May 25, 2024, from 12:30-1:30PM

Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club (730 Military Trail)

Cedar Ridge/Cornell Compost Day

Friday. May 31, 2024, from 5:30-6:30PM

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre (225 Confederation Dr)

Environment Days:

1st Environment Day at Morningside Yard (891 Morningside Ave)

Saturday. June 22, 2024, from 10AM-2PM

2nd Environment Day at Centennial Recreation Centre (1967 Ellesmere Rd)

Saturday. September 21, 2024, from 10AM-2PM

Councillor Paul Ainslie Monthly Community Meeting for the Month of April

Cedar Ridge / Cornell Community

I am looking forward to seeing you at my annual community meeting to discuss city and local issues.

Please join me:

Tuesday. April 30, 2024

Cedarbrook Community Centre

91 Eastpark Blvd

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

April is Spring Clean Up Time!

Guildwood Cleanup Day on Saturday. April 20th from 9:30AM-1PM

Hosted by the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) and organized & sponsored by Melissa Kitazaki from Bosley Real Estate Ltd. Brokerage. The meeting location is at Holy Trinity Church (85 Livingston Road) and a pizza lunch will be provided for participants.

Spring Shoreline Clean-up on Sunday. April 21st from 9AM-12PM

Organized by Friends of Guild Park, help clear debris and plastics from Guild Park's shoreline area. Check their [website](#) for further details.

[The KGO Community Clean Up Day on Saturday. April 20th from 10AM-12PM](#)

Organized by [The Storefront](#), for inquiries, email info@thestorefront.org or call 416-208-9889.

Cedarbrook Park Clean-up

Join [Friends of Cedarbrook and Thomson Memorial Parks](#) on their community cleanup at Cedarbrook Park on Saturday. April 20th from 10AM-12PM.

Wine & Wellness Live Auction

Hosted by the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC), to raise vital funds to support their youth and senior programs. [Buy tickets here](#).

Date: Thursday. April 25th

Time: 6:30-9:00PM

Location: The Guild Inn Estate (201 Guildwood Parkway)

University of Toronto Scarborough's Spring 2024 Great Explorations – A virtual series of academic discussions to inspire our community.

This year's theme is "Digital Transformation & Storytelling" and an exciting line-up of academic discussions for the months of April and May is available. While it is free to attend, a donation is appreciated to fund this annual series. Learn more and register through [here](#).

[Jane's Walk at Guild Park](#)

On Saturday May 4th starting at 10AM. The walk will start at the front gates of Guild Park & Gardens at 201 Guildwood Parkway. Don't miss this engaging volunteer-led walk and talk.

[May the Fourth be with you Time & Talent Night](#)

Join Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood at 85 Livingston Road on Saturday. May 4th starting at 6PM featuring dinner, local entertainment, a time and talent auction and silent auction! Call 416-261-9503 or email office@trinityguildwood.org for inquiries and to purchase tickets.

[Public planting event at Curran Hall Ravine Park](#)

Join the City's Urban Forestry on Wednesday. June 5th from 10AM-12PM. Forestry staff will provide introductory remarks followed by a planting demonstration. Individuals and groups do not need to register but groups of 5 or more are required to register in advance to ensure there are enough materials and tools. For inquiries and to register, please email greentoronto@toronto.ca.

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 [TRCA's Events Calendar](#) for more information and how to join!

Community Tree Planting at Bruce's Mill Conservation Park

Saturday. April 27, 2024, from 8AM-2PM

Sunday. April 28, 2024, from 9AM-4PM

Join 10,000 Trees to celebrate their 35th Annual Planting Event at TRCA Bruce's Mill Conservation Park, Stouffville, ON. They are looking for 1,200+ volunteers to help plant thousands of trees and shrubs. Training and lunch is provided. To learn more and register, please visit their [website](#).

[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](#).

Services in the Community

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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

- [Business Webinars](#) - 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** - [Register](#) (Pay what you can)
- **Small Business Centres in Ontario** - Ongoing Online Events and e-Learning – [Register](#) (Free to \$35)

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[SexualHealthOntario.ca](#)

Toronto Public Health **Ontario**

[SHILO](#) is a free, anonymous & inclusive sexual health counselling service for everyone in Ontario.

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](#)
 - [Mandatory mask-wearing guidelines](#)
 - [Printable posters](#)
- [Preventing COVID-19 in the Workplace](#): 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.



[Low-Canopy Neighbourhood Greening Initiative](#), for residents in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas. To plant native trees and shrubs on their properties for FREE through [LEAF](#). For inquiries and request, please contact: info@yourleaf.org.

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 [local police](#) and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's [online reporting system](#) 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 [Competition Bureau Canada](#).

Consumers can learn more about the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 [here](#) or by calling the Ministry at 416-326-8800 or toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. Consumers can file a complaint [here](#).

Crime Stoppers

The Toronto Police Service is asking anyone with information to contact them at [416-808-2222](tel:416-808-2222), 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, [TCCS](#) 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](#)!



Protect yourself and others. You do not need to have an Ontario Health Card or health insurance to be given this vaccine at Toronto Public Health vaccination clinics.

[Book your appointment.](#)

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, [please visit their website here](#) 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 [here](#). Upcoming deadlines to apply are:

- [Toronto Hydro](#) – April 22

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, [register now](#).

Applications open for Ontario Music Investment Fund Music Creation stream.

Funding is available for eligible domestic record labels, multinational record labels and domestic music publishers to support business activities, including expanding artist rosters, investing in professional recording and production, increasing, and strengthening diversity within Ontario's music industry and more. The first application intake deadline is May 2. [Find details and apply online](#).

Two CaféTO grant programs now accepting applications.

The CaféTO Dining District Grant Program supports Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), business associations and other non-profit organizations with the expansion of outdoor dining to support restaurants and bars. The deadline to apply is May 3. Apply on the [City's CaféTO Dining District Grant Program webpage](#).

The CaféTO Property Improvement Program supports commercial tenants and property owners to improve the appearance or function of curb lane cafes, commercial patios, and sidewalk cafes. The deadline to apply is June 17. Apply on the [City's CaféTO Property Improvement Program webpage](#).

Grant for home service professionals

Jobber Grants is accepting applications for home service professionals in any stage of their business life cycle for grants worth \$10,000. This grant program is intended to support small business goals to launch, grow, or strengthening business; eligible uses of the fund include equipment purchase, marketing, hiring, professional development, and/or expansion. 15 small home service businesses will be selected and awarded the grants in August 2024. Deadline to apply is June 12. [Learn more and apply](#).

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. [Learn more and apply](#) 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. [Learn more and register](#).

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 [Home Energy Loan Program webpage](#).

CAFÉTO GRANTS



APPLY NOW



Apply by May 3rd for [CaféTO Dining District Grant](#) &
Apply by June 17th for [CaféTO Property Improvement Program](#).

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



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