



**March 2017 Edition Volume 17 Issue 78**  
Outreach - Value - Input  
Making A Community Thrive

Dear Ward 43 Neighbours,

This month at Executive Committee the proposed subway station construction at the Scarborough Town Centre was reviewed. The project budget has gone from last year's \$2 Billion project to the current estimate of \$3.5 billion...and climbing. I continue to stand by my decision not to support this project as the initial and escalating costs do not reflect a good investment for public transit for Scarborough.

The funds should be used to create a network of public transit which reaches into our communities to truly address our urgent transit needs. The increasing costs of the Scarborough subway extension is jeopardizing public transit in Scarborough East.

Most recently as a result of the increase in costing for the Scarborough Town Centre project, the TTC notified me that they would not be approving our Ward 43 community bus project. I along with many residents have been advocating for a community bus where the TTC approved a route over 5 years

ago. TTC CEO Andy Byford advised that a community bus could not be introduced at this time noting the TTC faces a very tough financial challenges preventing new additional services for now, but will keep the request under active review. I am disappointed with this development.

With the cost of the subway station increasing, it pulls monies away from the Eglinton East LRT. A project which will bring transit and much needed development along Kingston Road, Lawrence Avenue East and Morningside Avenue where it is urgently needed and to residents in our area who live in one of four designated Neighbourhood Improvement Areas.

I understand why Scarborough Centre wants the Scarborough Subway, but the cost of this one stop subway into their community far exceeds the benefits to the entire community of Scarborough which is starved for public transit.

I have tried to illustrate why the LRT should be built instead of the subway but have been quickly shot down by all my Scarborough colleagues and a number of MPPs as "not wanting to get Scarborough what it deserves." All of Scarborough deserves better public transit. This subway station is not it.

I encourage everyone to please to email Mayor John Tory [Mayor\\_Tory@toronto.ca](mailto:Mayor_Tory@toronto.ca) and advise him an 18 stop LRT better serves Scarborough. Please copy me on your emails [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca).

All My Best,

Paul W. Ainslie  
Ward 43 Scarborough East

**Looking for events during March Break? Take look at the list of free and affordable activities in the Community Calendar section**

**Summer Registration for recreation programs:** Registration for spring and some summer City of Toronto recreation programs, including summer camp. [link](#)

## **Index**

**1. Your Community News Sections**

**2. City Hall and Community Work**

**3. My Calendar and Community Events**

**4. Services and Job Opportunities in the Community**

**5. Get Involved in your Community**

**6. Projects, Grants and Public Service Information**



**Monthly February Town Hall Meeting**

**1. Your Community News Sections**

[Cedar Ridge Community](#)

[Coronation and West Hill Community](#)

[Curran Hall Community](#)

[Guildwood Village Community](#)

[Seven Oaks Community](#)

[High Rise News](#)

[Metrolinx Updates](#)

## **Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community Cedarbrae Library the list of activities**

### **Cedar Ridge Creative Centre**

225 Confederation Drive Toronto, ON, M1G 1B2  
416-396-4026 Email: crcc@toronto.ca

- Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery
- City Arts Galleries
- Permanent Art Collection

### **Contemporary Exhibitions:** [Exhibition schedule and residency information](#)

Twelve talented artists will be exhibiting in our Contemporary Stream from January to March 2017 representing a wide variety of mediums including: painting, photography, mixed-media, fibre arts, video and installation.

### **Call for Artist Residency:**

The Cedar Ridge Summer Residency program is a legacy project of the City of Toronto's Cultural Hotspot program for South Scarborough and welcomes one visual artist during centre hours for the months of July and August. The residency offers a working environment that supports the artistic process for emerging and mid-career artists.

### **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:**

**Monday, April 3, 2017 by 4:00 pm**

### **Councillor Ainslie Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:15 p.m.

Cedarbrae Library

545 Markham Rd. (2-Floor)

### **Councillor Ainslie Annual Community Movie and Barbeque**

---

Our annual tradition will continue on Thursday August 24 with the great addition of an evening movie for all families to enjoy.

A notice with all the details will be distributed closer to the event date.

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

## **The Coronation and West Hill Community**

### **Turn Prohibition Morningside Avenue at Warnsworth Street (Ward 43) Adopted at City Council**

As requested by the community, turn prohibitions will be installed to limit the number of cars utilizing Warnsworth Street during the morning rush hour:

1. No northbound left turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, from Morningside Avenue on to Warnsworth Street.
2. No southbound right turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday from Morningside Avenue on to Warnsworth Street.

By the latest numbers reviewed in a report by City Transportation staff, over 500 vehicles were turning on to Warnsworth Street during this two hour period.

### **Rehabilitation of the Morningside Avenue Bridge over Highland Creek**

This project includes the rehabilitation of the Morningside Avenue bridge with 2 x 1.8m widening of the existing bridge for future bicycle lanes, road and sidewalk improvement. (a new sidewalk construction at the east side from the north of the bridge to Ellesmere Road.) Morningside Avenue will be fully repaved from about 30 metres south of Ellesmere Road to about 30 metres north of Kingston Road.

---

A Pre- Construction Notice will be distributed two weeks in advance of the start of the work once a firm date is determined. (The construction is planned to start in 2017.) The notice will review the scope of work and other pertinent contact information specific to the project.

The bridge does not include provision for an LRT line. If an LRT is built, it will travel on a new bridge beside the existing one.

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

## **The Curran Hall Community**

I had the pleasure of hosting my monthly town hall meeting at Curran Hall on January 26<sup>th</sup> where I spoke to you on municipal issues. Residents raised the following questions:

### **What can be done to improve Public Transit on Scarborough Golf Club Road/Brimorton Drive/Orton Park Road?**

As the TTC has put "Hold" on our request for a community bus I have asked the TTC to reroute the Highland Creek 38 or the York Mills 95 bus route to travel along Scarborough Golf Club Road/Brimorton Drive/Orton Park Road.

I will also require your written support to help push this request at the TTC Board meeting for approval. A petition will be sent to residents.

You may email your support at [Councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

Subject: I Support a TTC Route on Scarborough Golf Club Rd from Ellesmere Rd to Kingston Rd and Orton Park Rd from Ellesmere Rd to Lawrence Ave East.

---

## **Request for Right Turn Lane: Orton Park Rd at Ellesmere Rd.**

My office requested a review of this corner by Transportation Services staff. 60 to 70 percent of the northbound traffic on Orton Park Road made either a left turn on to Ellesmere Road or continued north to Military Trail.

Due to the intersection Military Trail not being aligned with Orton Park Road, staff advised a dedicated right-turn lane for northbound traffic has a potential for increased collisions. They are not supporting this request.

## **Does the City consider increased traffic & congestion when developers submit a plan for new condos/other developments?**

Yes. There is a process in place to consider all impacts that new developments will have on the community. Increased motor vehicle traffic is why there is a push for better/increased public transit and in order to have improvements with public transit the City requires additional funding from the Provincial and Federal governments

## **Where do you stand on the privatization of Garbage Collection?**

I originally voted for the privatization in the west as it would be good to have both systems in place to ensure better quality of service.

The reports that have come out do not show that there is going to be much savings to privatize east of Yonge Street.

Privatizing east of Yonge would leave the City with an excess of new equipment, an increase in calls to 311 for quality of service and there will need to be re-deployment of unionized workers, which may result in some requiring to be retrained or laid off.

## **Why are not all the items in our Green Bin not being collected?**

---

The City does not have enough trucks presently with the forks to pick up the bins but the workers should be taking everything that is in the bin. If this doesn't happen you should contact my Constituency Office at 416-396-7222.

**Why is there gradual Increases of my Property Tax? This is very difficult for seniors who are on a fixed income.**

The City's portion of your Property Tax is not going up but it is MPAC, a Provincial body that sets the rate.

**What do we do if we feel it is not feasible to disconnect our downspouts?**

You can still apply for an exemption, [see this link for the application and more information:](#)

If it is feasible to disconnect your downspout you can do it yourself or hire a reputable contractor. If you have any questions that are not answered on the City website please call my Constituency Office for assistance at 416-396-7222.

**Is there is a By-Law that requires people to pick up after dogs on public property?**

Yes. Call 311 to report an incident. Residents are required to clean up after their dogs on Public Property. If excrement is not removed on private property you can may also call 311 to report as a property standards issue. Or call my Constituency Office for assistance at 416-396-7222.

**What can we do about the 3 hour Street parking by-law in Scarborough?**

This issue has been addressed at Council many times and is always rejected. There has not been a high demand for permit parking in Scarborough. In other parts of Toronto permit parking is practiced as they have limited parking space on their private property. One of the issues raised is that as no time limit is placed on permit parking that it could encourage illegal rooming houses.

---

**What can be done about a School Bus at Orton Park Drive that is not setting the flashing lights or the stop sign when operating?**

I have reported this matter and have requested that the Bus driver follow the proper protocol. If you should encounter this situation again please contact my office at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) with the bus company name, bus number, time and location of incident.

**Can we have the speed limit reduced on Orton Park Drive in front of GB Little Public School?**

My office has put in a request to have the speed limit reduced on Orton Park Drive. We are waiting for the report from Transportation Services.

**Can the Crossing Time at cross walks and intersections be increased?**

A request to review will have to be made. Please call my office with the intersection and time of day reflected for an increase in crossing time.

**When will the lights at Heather Heights Playground be working?**

The lights have now been electrified by Toronto Hydro.

**What can be done about grass damage from sidewalk snow ploughs?**

Please call my Constituency Office to report any damage at 416-396-7222. The work is contracted out and monitored by the City.

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

---



## **The Guildwood Village Community**

**Guildwood Public [Library link](#)**

**Guild Alive with Culture Returning – July 29 – 30, 2017  
[Festival Website](#)**

### **Guild Inn (Bickford) Restoration**

The restoration has been attracting media attention highlighting the progress of the restoration. [Media link](#). Dynamic Hospitality's construction plans for a grand opening are in progress, with the first wedding reception scheduled at the end of April, 2017. I had the opportunity to tour the building and was very impressed. The restoration has respected the history of the Bickford Residence, while working with the natural elements of the Guild Park and Gardens. The open concept viewing throughout the building allows the park artifacts to be viewed from everywhere in the building. I am looking forward to the work being completed.

### **Building 191 – Arts Facility Development**

A group of local groups residents have been assembled to review all the name submissions for the renaming of "Building 191" The selection will be presented at the

Toronto Economic Development & Culture will be inviting you to an open house on the arts facility development in Guild Park & Gardens. Join City staff and myself, along with the architectural team as they introduce the plans and proposed schematic design.

We would like to hear from you. To comment, or if you are unable to attend, contact: Tel: 416-396-5142  
Fax: 416-396-5121 Email: Susan.Kohler@toronto.ca

**Arts Facility Development: Guild Park & Gardens Public Open House**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Scarborough Civic Centre 150 Borough Dr. Rotunda**

**Guildwood Village Community Association 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Tuesday March 21, 2017 - 7:00pm**

Church of the Holy Trinity located at 85 Livingston Road.

Please click on the following link if you would like to review the meeting package for more details: [LINK](#)

**Summary Report for 2016 Guildwood Residents' Survey**

Guildwood Village Community Association has requested that I help them distribute their Summary Report of the responses received from the 2016 Guildwood Residents' Survey.

You can access the report directly from [GVCA's website here](#):

For any comments, questions, concerns or to get involved, please feel free to contact [GVCA directly](#):

**Chartwell Guildwood Retirement Residence will temporarily close effective July 31, 2017:** to allow for the redevelopment of a new and modern retirement home on the same location.

The new building will be built on the same site, is expected to be open in approximately 24 months and will increase suite capacity from the current 83 suites to 172 suites; with 141

---

independent supportive living suites and 31 memory care suites. There is currently no dedicated cognitive living suites in retirement living in the community, and this is a much needed service.

Chartwell Guildwood retirement home is located at 65 Livingston Road. Approximately 60 residents and 50 staff are impacted by this decision. Their notification to residents complies with the requirements of the Ontario Retirement Homes Act and the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act.

This residence, originally built in 1962, is an older building that has faced a number of structural maintenance issues in recent years, from plumbing and water pipe issues to aging electrical and ventilation systems. Chartwell advises that they know this has caused much frustration for residents and their loved ones, and that despite continued investment in repairs, they are unable to overcome the fundamental issue that the building needs to be redeveloped.

While they considered all options for the development of the new building, including a phased approach, the ongoing increased costs of construction, along with continuous challenges to maintain the present building, required rebuild in one single phase. This decision was only made recently and they regret the impact this has on the residents, their loved ones and staff. Chartwell will be working with all impacted individuals to support and assist them through this transition, and have secured a reputable seniors relocation company to assist with these efforts, including covering all moving details, from locating an alternate residence to packing and unpacking, as well as transportation of personal items at no cost to residents.

Given the GTA location, Chartwell has been able to identify a number of area retirement residences, including many Chartwell residences, in the neighbouring vicinity where residents may choose to move. They will also work in close partnership with

---

local care agencies and care providers to ensure consistency in care services.

Staff will also be supported with fair severance packages compliant with union agreements and years of service, and will be encouraged to consider roles in other local Chartwell residences.

Please do not hesitate to contact Vice President of Communications & Public Affairs, Sharon Henderson, at [647-302-6117](tel:647-302-6117) or [shenderson@chartwell.com](mailto:shenderson@chartwell.com) directly should you have any questions regarding this announcement or to provide additional information in response to any inquiries you may incur.

## **TRCA – Scarborough Waterfront Project (SWP)** [March Newsletter](#)

The Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been consulting with many people, and resident's group on the Scarborough Waterfront Project since 2014.

Since then, everyone has been invited to comment on the project through a variety of different methods. This includes a Stakeholder Committee formed with members from 20 community organizations and the TRCA lead public meetings. The purpose of these consultations is to ensure the community at large has input on projects before any plans are formalized and construction begins.

The public process for the Scarborough waterfront has been lengthy. I have received numerous comments from residents which I have passed along to the TRCA. I also have submitted comments as a resident and as your City of Toronto Councillor.

---

A constant theme from residents has been to ensure that any changes do not negatively interfere with the natural habitat, do not to add unnecessary elements to the design, and to keep it simple for residents to safely access the waterfront. Ultimately everyone will have the ability to walk on a trail and enjoy the beautiful Scarborough Bluffs and Lake Ontario.

Residents have told me that they do not support a docking facility for boaters along the Guild central section of the project. A dock is not proposed and I will not be advocating for one....or supporting one.

There has been many comments by several groups on the project submitted to the TRCA and my office. Suggestion and alternate proposals from residents have been reviewed by the Project Coastal Consultant on file and the TRCA who have met with a number of groups as well as attended resident's homes to review their suggestions.

The TRCA has also met with the Guildwood Village Community Association, The Guild Renaissance Group and the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens. Each group is also a member of the Stakeholder Committee.

The goals and objectives of the work are to ensure the natural environment is preserved. This encompasses wildlife habitat, the forest, the Scarborough Bluffs, while at the same time allowing visitors to the area safe access from above or below the Bluffs. All work must meet municipal, TRCA and provincial standards and requirements, including accessibility (AODA) while being able to withstand long-term coastal processes. Everyone has been responsibly working to open up access to the shoreline to all residents who are currently restricted from the area.

---

It is now time for the process to move forward with the work. Scarborough deserves these infrastructure funds to preserve the Scarborough Bluffs.

I will be supporting the Toronto Region Conservation Authority's final application formed through numerous public consultations input from the stakeholder groups and hundreds of comments from residents who reside along the Scarborough waterfront and visitors to our beautiful community. ([Questions & Answers from Residents on the project](#))

### [Upcoming Events](#)

**[Solitary Bee Boxes from the TRCA:](#) If you would like a bee box for your property please call my office to arrange for one at: [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) – Subject: Bee Box <http://www.feedthebees.org/>**

### **Probus-Guildwood Club**

**This message is on behalf of the Probus-Guildwood Club**  
You might be asking – “What is Probus?” It is a social club for retired and semi-retired Professional business persons, but it’s open to all. Did you know that we have a Probus Club in Guildwood Village? Probus-Guildwood was chartered in November 2011 and meets the second Wednesday of each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Parkway. For more details please review [Probus 2017 Flyer Here](#)

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

## **The Seven Oaks Community**

**New Crosswalk installed for Students**

---

I am happy to report that the crosswalk on Military Trail west of Bonspiel Drive is operational. I had the pleasure of working with the Students, Teachers and the Principal of St. Pope John Paul II to have the crosswalk installed to address the unsafe crossing for students. This is a good example of a community issue brought to my attention and carried forward for real change. The Students participated by conducting a poll, initiating a petitions and writing to me on the issue. I congratulate them.

### **My Monthly Town Hall Meeting February 23, 2017**

I enjoyed meeting with residents to discuss community and City wide issue. Residents spoke on a number of items including:

#### **Traffic in the Community**

Residents requested that a left turn signal be installed onto Sheppard West from Neilson going Northbound from Pineslope Avenue. This request has been sent to Traffic Services for review.

#### **Speeding on Highcastle and Surrounding Local Roads**

Residents have reported to our office that there is a concern with motorists speeding on Highcastle Blvd. In addition, motorists are not stopping at the stop sign at Oakmeadow and Highcastle. I have been in contact with Toronto Police Services, 43 Division and have been informed that a community complaint has been issued. Officers have been alerted of these concerns and will attend this area to patrol and monitor the situation.

#### **Bonspiel Park**

I have also received concerns about loitering and illegal activities occurring in the Bonspiel Park after dark. A community complaint has been issued for this as well and Toronto Police Services, 43 Division will be patrolling this area to address this safety concern.

Please be advised that residents can call the Toronto Police Community Response Unit with 43 Division at 416-808-4319

---

with any concerns that they have with the community that are Police related. As well, Toronto Police Services have a non-emergency number that residents can also call at 416-808-2222.

### **Sidewalk repairs in the Community**

A number of sidewalk repair work was raised at the meeting on Oakmeadow Drive and Grovenest Drive. The locations have been reported to staff to address.

### **Military Trail Water Main Project**

The watermain is being rehabilitated along Military Trail. The area from Neilson Road to Highcastle Road has the watermain within the grassed boulevard. The road will not be dug up in this area. The water main from Highcastle to Morningside Park Trail is under the road. Three pits will be dug up few hundred meters apart and to conduct the work, the holes will then be refilled. This area is 330m long on Military Trail approximately 50m past East Highland Creek.

For the School drop off access matter: Arrangements have been made with the Principal and the field ambassador Michi McCloskey. If you have any concerns related to access to the school or the water main project please contact: Michi McCloskey, the field ambassador, 647-923-3430  
[TorontoWMrehab@mmm.ca](mailto:TorontoWMrehab@mmm.ca)

### **Military Trail Sidewalk from Highcastle to Ellesmere Rd**

I have been advocating for a sidewalk along Military Trail from Highcastle to Ellesmere Road for a number of years and have also submitted a petition to City staff. With the news of the watermain work this year, I contacted staff to inquire if the sidewalk could be addressed. The watermain project we have been advised not include resurfacing the road.

I have been informed by City staff Military Trail from Highcastle to Ellesmere Road is scheduled for capital work (resurfacing) in 2021 at which time my sidewalk request will be considered for

---

installation. The work has a substantial grade difference, length (approximately 106,000 m.), trees and vegetation, the cost of constructing a sidewalk is estimated at \$150,000.00.

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)



## Highrise Communities and Neighbourhoods

### TCHC Tenant Guide

Residents may pick up your copy of the TCHC Tenant Guide and get all the information you need about your tenancy in one place. [Guide link](#)

### **4301 Kingston Rd - Free Pop Up Shop (Clothing Drive)**

Wednesday, March 8th from 5pm - 8pm (gym)

In Support of the Kingston/ Galloway/ Orton Park community, The Health Institute (THI) is proud to present Dress For Success – a free pop up shop where community members are able to pick out business outfits at no cost. Stylists and ONYX Barbers will be on site. If you or anyone you know is looking for a job and needs to look their best, mark the below information in your calendars and feel free to share with your contacts. For further

information, contact The Health Institute at 416-579-0623 or [info@thehealthinstitute.ca](mailto:info@thehealthinstitute.ca)

**Toronto Community Housing: Midnight Madness Youth Basketball program is back!** For those already familiar with the program, act quick to sign up your teams before **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registration Form link Be A Coach Enter a Team**

For those not as familiar, Midnight Madness is a **FREE** unique basketball program that provides a positive space for youth to develop their skills both on and off the court.

Launched back in 2013, the program brings together youth aged 14 to 18 from neighborhoods across Toronto Community Housing to play basketball on Friday nights. Every Friday night, youth are driven to the University of Toronto's Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport where they take part in free games and skills training. Before stepping on the court, the teams enjoy a dinner and take part in life-skills workshops to learn about themselves, their peers and how to access positive life-changing opportunities.

Take a peek at this video from OnPoint Basketball profiling the Midnight Madness program: <https://youtu.be/F84AH5lu9pk>

For any additional questions [activeliving@torontohousing.ca](mailto:activeliving@torontohousing.ca) or

### **Apply for the TCHC Youth Internship Program**

This is a 12-week program that gives you first-hand experience working in a professional environment. You will develop new skills and interests, build connections and unlock hidden potential. Staff will provide career mentoring and meaningful

For the most up to date information, please check out <https://www.torontohousing.ca/internships>.

---

**TCH: Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program up to \$4000:** Applications are due **March 24, 2017, 5pm**. Partnering with Scadding Court Community Centre, the Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship program offers up to \$4,000 to deserving young leaders across Toronto entering their first year of post-secondary or trade school. The program also provides valuable employment support and professional networks that pave the way for academic and career development. These scholarships reward students who have shown leadership in diversity and anti-racism initiatives, demonstrate financial need, and represent different neighborhoods across the city. [Flyer](#), [Application](#)

**TCH – Free** Food Handlers training for residents in the Mornelle community. If you are interested in working in a restaurant or obtaining a job *that requires handling food*, the YMCA in partnership with Toronto Public Health is offering a **FREE** food handlers certificate training. [Link to information flyer](#)

MARCH 21st 2017 | 8:30am-4:30pm

90 Mornelle Court Hub

RSVP Cheryl at [cheryl.armstrong@ymcagtra.org](mailto:cheryl.armstrong@ymcagtra.org) or (437) 333-4296 or Troy at [troy.patrick@ymcagta.org](mailto:troy.patrick@ymcagta.org) (416) 609-0218 ext: 30075 by March 10th 2017

YMCA in collaboration with Toronto Public Health are offering free **(open to all)** to participate in. It is on a first come first served basis and there are up to 25 spots available.

**REGISTER NOW!!!** (Limited 25 spots available)

**Mornelle Court Activities**

**Mornelle All- Stars & Second Chance Programs**

**Safe Walk Program**

Morning from 8:00 am - Monday to Friday

**After School Home Work Program**

3:50pm to 6:pm - Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays

---

**Art Programs** every Sunday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm

**Please call 647-769-5900 to inquire on services for:**

March Break Camp & Summer Camp

Internet safety workshops for all ages

Second Chance Rehab ( Substance abuse)

Mentor ship-Life-skills

Teen Pregnancy support

Counselling Services

Finical Solutions

ESL and continued Education

Family restoration

Victim Support, suicide intervention, anti-bullying

Housing Shelters

Clothing and food bank

Job search and re-entry support and much more

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

---

## **Metrolinx Request for Noise Barriers**

This is a follow-up to my previous update from last November. I have been advocating to have Metrolinx install noise barriers along the Lakeshore East Corridor Expansion between Guildwood GO Station and Pickering GO Station. (Especially with a goal of trains traveling each way every seven minutes) I have been advised by Metrolinx they have heard our concerns and have moved forward in conducting an additional noise review.

The noise review is to be concluded in the Fall of 2017. The review will focus on reducing the noise at the source including: exploring new technologies being developed worldwide, reviewing available technologies placed on the tracks, and trains

---

such as rail dampeners while keeping in mind the new trains will be electrified meaning they are quieter than the diesel trains currently in use.

The current noise study saw a result with the noise levels measured at 5 decimals with the diesel trains currently in use. Metrolinx advises their goal for electric trains has a noise level to be around 2 decimals.

Metrolinx further advised that although the noise review will focus on how to reduce noise at the source, it will not rule out noise barriers. Metrolinx staff stressed to myself that there is also a Ministry of Transportation (MTO) legacy noise wall program which addresses further noise protection needs after a transit line is operational. (A step I really want to avoid)

I look forward to the findings from the new noise review and will continue to update you.

I would also like to remind you to continue to address any issues with Metrolinx through Manuel Pedrosa at Metrolinx, e-mail: [manuel.pedrosa@metrolinx.com](mailto:manuel.pedrosa@metrolinx.com), Tel: 416-202-4739 and copy my office at e-mail: [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) Tel: 416-392-4008 with your correspondence.

I will continue to advocate on your behalf and need your support to ensure any and all issues are addressed properly by Metrolinx.

### **Metrolinx is Building A Community Charter**

Metrolinx is asking for help from communities across the GTHA to develop a Community Charter. The purpose is to gather meaningful comments from residents to define Metrolinx's relationship with residents and communities through a series of promises and service standards.

A online engagement form has been posted for your participation with six themes to help underpin the charter, with

---

the intention to share the draft wording in late March with specific promises based on the themes you provided Metrolinx. Sign up to participate [on this webpage](#), which is also featured on the [Metrolinx.com](#) homepage and [MetrolinxEngage.com](#).

- Public safety
- Fiscal responsibility
- Courtesy and respect
- Public input
- Timely Information
- Connecting communities

For further information please contact: Carmen Rapati, Community Relations & Issues Specialist, Strategic Communications. T: 416-202-4719

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)



Annual civic hackathon: Code Across Toronto by Civic Tech Toronto

## 2. City Hall and Community Work

### [Council Highlights](#)

[City Council at its January 31 meeting dealt with the following subjects, among others:](#)

[Back to Index](#)

Waste collection east of Yonge Street  
Support for arts and heritage spaces  
Modernizing Ontario's municipal legislation  
Appointment of Medical Officer of Health

### **City Council approves balanced budget February 16, 2017**

The 2017 tax-supported operating budget of \$10.5 billion and a 10-year capital budget and plan of \$26.5 billion. The 2017 budgets maintain current service levels and make important investments in key strategic priorities. Provides funding for \$43 million in new and enhanced services, including investments in poverty reduction, childcare and community wellness, safe transportation, environmental sustainability and city building.

### **Ensuring City Hall Accessible – From Councillor Ainslie**

On March 7, 2017, I had the Executive Committee adopt his recommendation to implement Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance measures for Committee Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Toronto City Hall. This was done to ensure all residents have the same opportunities when addressing our municipal government.

"Updating the City's Multi-year Accessibility Plan" was adopted by the Executive Committee yesterday. The plan directs City staff to proactively remove barriers to access in City services. The civil service-wide implementation, training, accountability and compliance with a completion date of 2025. The plan however does not include addressing immediate and long overdue needs in Councillor Ainslie's opinion when accessing City Hall committee meeting rooms where residents attend to speak throughout the month.

All residents have the right to address Standing Committees. I had noted for some time that residents who require additional

support to accommodate physical disabilities are not being given the support they need to make their comments to City Councillors. An immediate change is necessary to provide all speakers the ability to address committees confidently.

Residents will now see interim measures instituted to achieve access for Committee Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 at City Hall.

The updated multi-year plan spans from 2017 -2025 to include full compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Compliance measures into all City operations; along with strategic identification, prevention with removal of barriers by 2025 will be done. The plan will also include collecting data from employees to ensure all barriers are addressed.

I will also be requesting that the Scarborough Civic Centre along with all Civic Centre meeting rooms implement similar interim measures to achieve AODA compliance.



TeaBOT at Civic Innovation Office launch. one of the innovations at the Normative Inc. Designs

**City of Toronto launches Civic Innovation Office to enhance service to the public**

---

On Friday March 10, 2017 the City of Toronto has created the Civic Innovation Office, which will help solve municipal service delivery challenges by creating a bridge between City divisions and Toronto's growing innovation and technology communities.

Mayor John Tory, joined by Councillor Paul Ainslie (Ward 43 Scarborough East), Chair of the Government Management Committee; Councillor Michelle Holland (Ward 35 Scarborough Southwest), the Mayor's Advocate for the Innovation Economy; and City Manager Peter Wallace, announced the new office today at Normative Inc., an innovation company located in Toronto.

"Toronto is home to a large population of innovators, startups and tech companies who can help the City deliver better services to the public, while promoting a new approach to problem solving within government," said Mayor Tory. "I look forward to working with Bloomberg Philanthropies, City divisions and our civic technology community to launch this exciting new Civic Innovation Office."

The Civic Innovation Office will be housed within the City Manager's Office and apply technology, data analysis and design thinking to develop and test solutions to challenges faced by Toronto residents. The office is fully funded through Bloomberg Philanthropies, a collective that works to address pressing urban challenges to improve the quality of life for local residents. Recently, Bloomberg selected Toronto as the first Canadian city to join its global network of Innovation Teams.

"Innovation Teams bring 21st century problem-solving skills to City Hall," said James Anderson, head of Government Innovation programs for Bloomberg Philanthropies. "The teams implement creative solutions by breaking down silos within city halls, engaging residents to jointly understand citizen needs and testing ideas before taking them to scale."

---

The Civic Innovation Office will work with City divisions and agencies as required to identify major challenges to be solved through innovative partnerships with external teams, who will work through 16-week stints to deliver real solutions that can be procured by the City.

“Governments can learn so much from the innovation community when it comes to how they solve problems through data, design and agile development,” said Councillor Ainslie. “I look forward to seeing the solutions developed through the Civic Innovation Office and the culture shift this will produce inside Toronto City Hall.”

The Office will work closely with Bloomberg Philanthropies and actively collaborate with other Innovation Team grantee cities, including Anchorage, Alaska; Durham, North Carolina; Austin, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; Detroit, Michigan; and Be'er Sheva, Israel.

“Toronto is an emerging centre of innovation and technology and home to so much diverse talent,” said Councillor Holland. “This is a city where people can have an impact and create new solutions, building their lives and their companies, while helping us build a great city.”

The City of Toronto has begun a search for a Director, Project Manager and Design Strategist to lead the Civic Innovation Office. More information about the postings can be found at <http://www.toronto.ca/jobs>.

The City of Toronto is an emerging global centre of technology and innovation. Technology-related jobs account for 400,000 jobs in Toronto and the sector has been growing at twice the rate of overall jobs.

---

## **About the Innovation Team**

Launched in 2012, the Innovation Teams Program is one of eight Government Innovation offerings at Bloomberg Philanthropies. Innovation teams (i-teams) function as in-house innovation consultants, helping agency leaders and staff go through a data-driven process to assess problems, generate responsive new interventions, develop partnerships, and deliver measurable results. The City of Toronto is one of more than 20 cities around the world that is participating in the program. Starting in May, Toronto's i-team will begin to work closely and supportively with their colleagues across city government – offering them a different set of tools and techniques to innovate more effectively. In partnership with these colleagues, the Toronto i-team will aim to deeply understand the problem they are trying to solve by building empathy for the people impacted by it and then work quickly and creatively to co-create and test solutions that deliver meaningful results for residents.

### **Toronto Zoo**

I am pleased to have been named Chair of the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo. I will work towards making our Toronto Zoo the best in the world.

Minutes for the March 2, 2017 meeting of the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo are [now available](#)

### **City of Toronto Agenda Items**

#### **2017.EX23.11 - Updating the City's Multi-year Accessibility Plan**

*1 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Paul Ainslie (**Carried**)*

That City Council direct the Chief Corporate Officer to institute interim measures with a view to achieving AODA compliance for Committee Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 at City Hall.

#### **SC20.8 - Through Prohibition Bicycle Exemption - Guildwood Parkway at Kingston Road (Ward 43)**

---

## **Adopted**

To allow cyclist to cross over along Kingston Road from Guildwood Parkway to Cromwell Road

## **SC20.9 - Turn Prohibition Review - Morningside Avenue at Warnsworth Street (Ward 43) Adopted**

1. City Council not allow northbound left turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on Morningside Avenue at Warnsworth Street.
2. City Council not allow southbound right turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday on Morningside Avenue at Warnsworth Street.

## **Announcement of City's new Aboriginal/Indigenous Affairs Consultant**

Lindsay Kretschmer has been announced as the City's new Aboriginal/Indigenous Affairs Consultant. Lindsay identifies as Mohawk, Wolf Clan. Her spirit name is Swooping Hawk.

Lindsay has worked in the non-profit sector for nearly 20 years, most recently as a program manager at the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres. Her areas of expertise include Indigenous issues, provincial and federal negotiations, program and training development, research and evaluation. She is passionate about Indigenous issues and reconciliation, with a strong commitment to developing sustainable and measurable solutions for lasting impact.

Lindsay holds a Women's Studies certificate from York University, an Advanced Diploma in Advertising, an Executive-Level Conflict Management and ADR certificate from University of Windsor Law School, and a Diversity Leadership certificate from the Schulich School of Business at York University. Lindsay won the 2003

---

YWCA Young Women of Distinction Award and has been featured frequently in the media.

[Back to Index](#)



### **3. My Calendar - [link to My Calendar](#)**

[Back to Index](#)

#### **Mobile Office**

Councillor Ainslie's office will be having their Mobile Office at 110 Mornelle Court on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am-11:30am.

3947 Lawrence Ave. E. on Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-11:30am.

Come out and speak Councillor Ainslie's Constituency Assistant, share your thoughts, questions and concerns.

#### **Councillor Ainslie Monthly Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Cedarbrae Library - 545 Markham Rd. (2-Floor)

## **Spring Solstice Event**

Join Native Child and Family Services of Toronto: Waabannong Aboriginal Head Start for a celebration of Spring.

**Maplewood High School, 120 Galloway Rd.**

**March 23, 2017**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

- Pat Green and Drum (Big Train)
- Gift Giveaways
- Traditional Feast
- Hand Drumming
- Dancing

Please feel free to bring friends and family to this all age event

## **City of Toronto offers free and affordable activities for March Break**

Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17 is March Break for elementary and high school students in the City of Toronto.

### **Camps**

March Break camps are a great opportunity for children and youth to enjoy a range of activities such as arts, crafts, music, drama, sports and games. Details are available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/camps> or by calling 311.

### **Drop-in programs**

City of Toronto community centres offer free or low-cost programs for all ages. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks> and by calling 311.

### **Skating**

Thirty-six outdoor artificial ice rinks are open until the end of the day on March 19, weather permitting. Locations, hours and program details are available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/skating/dropin/marchbreak/index.htm>.

Indoor leisure skating programs, including caregiver and tot, family skate and shinny, are free for all ages. CSA-approved hockey helmets are mandatory for children under six years of age and all shinny hockey participants, and are recommended for skaters of all ages. Schedules and locations are available at <http://www.toronto.ca/skate>.

### **Swimming**

City of Toronto pools are offering free swimming during March Break. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/swimming/dropin/marchbreak/index.htm>.

### **Riverdale Farm**

Visitors can tour Riverdale Farm's scenic grounds to see domestic farm animals such as pigs, horses and sheep. The farm is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is accessible to all. Admission is free. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/riverdalefarm>.

### **High Park Zoo**

Established 120 years ago, the High Park Zoo is home to domestic and exotic animals, including bison, llamas, peacocks, reindeer, highland cattle and yaks. Admission to the zoo is free and it's open daily from dawn to dusk. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/zoo/>.

### **Toronto Island Park**

Just minutes away from downtown by ferry, Toronto Island Park offers March break fun for everyone. It's a great place to walk, roll, cycle, explore and enjoy the city skyline. Ferry schedule and fees are available at <http://www.toronto.ca/ferry>.

**Playground Paradise**, Flemingdon Park Community Centre Playground Paradise offers fun for children aged 12 and under. Kids can play on a two-storey play structure, go down the spiral

slide, swing on the track ride, and play in the ball pit. Admission fee is \$2.50 per child. More information is available by calling 416-395-6014.

#### March break schedule

- March 13, 15 and 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- March 14 and 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

#### **Conservatories**

The spring flower shows are in full bloom at Centennial Park Conservatory, 151 Elmcrest Rd. and Allan Gardens Conservatory, 19 Horticultural Ave. Both shows feature various spring flowering plants, including tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. The conservatories are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and admission is free. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/conservatories>.

#### **Historic sites**

Nine of the City's 10 historic sites are open during March Break for tours and events. The sites highlighted below will offer drop-in family activities such as crafts, games and tasty treats from historic kitchens. Fort York National Historic Site will also be offering music workshops. Regular admission fees apply. Times and activity details vary by location. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/museum-events>.

#### Sites with drop-in activities:

- Fort York National Historic Site – March 13 to 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Mackenzie House (82 Bond St.) – March 11 to 19, noon to 5 p.m.
  - Scarborough Museum (1007 Brimley Rd.) – weekends only, noon to 4 p.m.
  - Spadina Museum (285 Spadina Rd.) – March 11 to 19, noon to 5 p.m.
-

- Todmorden Mills Heritage Site (67 Pottery Rd.) – March 11 to 19, noon to 4 p.m.

Some sites will also feature special historic exhibitions and tours including:

- "Unearthing Toronto's Oldest Marketplace: The Archaeology of the North St. Lawrence Market", at the Market Gallery through March 18.
- "Gibson House: A Centennial Legacy", runs to May 28 and has special hours during March break (please check the museum's event link for more details).
- Mackenzie House will offer a walking tour on March 18 called "From Riots to Respectability: The Irish Experience in Toronto" from 10 a.m. to noon (\$10 per person, including tax).

Five of the historic sites (Colborne Lodge, Gibson House, Montgomery's Inn, Scarborough Museum and Spadina Museum) are offering day camps (pre-registration is required). More camp information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/museum-events>.

### **Alzheimer Society of Toronto Open House**

The Alzheimer Society of Toronto (AST) is thrilled to join The Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SHCH). Join us for information on AST and SHCH programs and services for seniors and people living with dementia, meet and learn from other community partners in Scarborough, and take part in a session Q&A with AST CEO, Cathy Barrick. Refreshments will be provided.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 22 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Address:** Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities. 629 Markham Rd., Unit 2 (Entrance located on Greenholm Circuit - off Lawrence Avenue East)

---

For more information, please contact: Romina Oliverio, Community Programs Coordinator, at [roliverio@alz.to](mailto:roliverio@alz.to) or 416-640-6330 [www.alzheimertoronto.org](http://www.alzheimertoronto.org)

## **Arts Facility Development: Guild Park & Gardens Public Open House**

Councillor Paul Ainslie & Toronto Economic Development & Culture invite you to an open house on the arts facility development in Guild Park & Gardens. Join City staff and the architectural team as they introduce the plans and proposed schematic design.

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Scarborough Civic Centre**  
**150 Borough Dr. Rotunda**

We would like to hear from you. To comment, or if you are unable to attend, contact: Tel: 416-396-5142  
Fax: 416-396-5121 Email: [Susan.Kohler@toronto.ca](mailto:Susan.Kohler@toronto.ca)

## **Scarborough Business Association**

The Scarborough Business Association is focused on prosperity for local businesses in Scarborough by providing educational and networking opportunities. [Link to events April](#)

## **U of T Scarborough: Great Explorations Scarborough**

The University has created [Great Explorations](#), a four-part speaker series in April/May of academic discussions with our seasoned faculty to engage and inspire the Scarborough community. The series is generally targeting seniors and was created in partnership with local alumni who have expressed interest in being more engaged with the University. We also expect attendance from academics from other universities, graduate students and those simply looking to explore new

---

perspectives from the world-class University that exists right here in Scarborough.

You can learn more about the speakers:

[uoft.me/GreatExplorations](http://uoft.me/GreatExplorations)

### **The Scarborough Seedy Saturday & Green Fair (SSSGF)**

Popular heirloom seed exchange/sale, gardening and environmental event

Saturday April 1

11 am to 4 pm

Blessed Cardinal Newman High School, 100 Brimley Rd  
(south of Kingston Rd.)

This year the SSSGF Fair will focus on Bio/Diversity and Saving Our Bees.

Come out and learn how to live more sustainably, exchange seeds with other seed savers, buy heirloom and organic seeds or attend our great workshops on seeds, gardening, biodiversity and more. New to gardening or have a gardening dilemma? Then stop by one of our local garden clubs' or gardening vendors' booths and ask an expert.

This day is fun for everyone. Over 60 tables will include heirloom seed vendors, world crop seeds, green exhibits, bee products, worm composting, backyard gardening, garden associations and regional organizations such as the TRCA and World Wildlife Foundation!. Be a steward and bring in your used electronics for recycling! And there will be KIDS events too.

Entry is \$2.00 or pay what you can.

Follow us (and please like us) on Facebook to get the latest updates <https://www.facebook.com/SSSGFair/>

---

## **Open Dialogue on Vulnerability in Toronto Series**

A Specialized Program for Interdivisional Enhanced Response (SPIDER) - Friday, March 17, 2017 (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)  
Open Dialogue on Vulnerability event on Complex Care Coordination. Free to all – register. Details [viewed here](#)

## **Doors Open Toronto announces 2017 theme honouring Canada's sesquicentennial**

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Doors Open Toronto presented by Great Gulf returns on May 27 and 26. In honour of Canada's 150th birthday, the theme is "15 Decades of Canadian Architecture."

A complete list of this year's buildings, walking tours and talks, will be available in early May <http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen>.

High resolution images & background information available at [www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/media](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/media)

See more events:

[\*\*City of Toronto Events Calendar\*\*](#)

[\*\*The Toronto Zoo - calendar\*\*](#)

[\*\*City of Toronto Flag Raising\*\*](#)

[\*\*What is happening in our City\*\*](#)

[\*\*City of Toronto Festival Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*Tourism Toronto – Official website\*\*](#)

[Back to Index](#)



## 4. Services in the Community

[Back to Index](#)

### **Summer Registration for recreation programs**

Registration for spring and some summer City of Toronto recreation programs, including summer camps, begins this weekend. [link](#)

### **Hammer Heads - Great opportunity to get into Trade Unions!!**

**Do you or anyone you know want to work in the trades? Are you/they between the ages of 18 – 26?**

### **East Scarborough Storefront**

There is a lot happening at the East Scarborough Storefront. Please see a full list of activities and services open to all residents to enrich and better their lives. [view full list here](#)

**WHAT IS HAMMER HEADS?** Hammer Heads is an intense **12 week skill and employment-based training program** that links young men and women from under-resourced communities to **apprenticeship career opportunities in the construction industry**. Successful graduates are linked to registered apprenticeship careers in the construction industry.

WATCH THE VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/134975182>

East Scarborough Storefront will be **assisting youth with applying to the (Hammer Heads) pre-apprenticeship program**. The application deadline is March 20th – program starts May 2017. All applicants must be connected to an employment specialist. **Please call or email Yalini to learn more: [yaliniv@thestorefront.org](mailto:yaliniv@thestorefront.org) or [416-208-7197](tel:416-208-7197) ext. 46**

---

## **Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough**

100 Galloway Road, Scarborough -- [Calendar of Events and Programs](#)

## **Ontario Early Years Programing**

4218 Lawrence Ave., E., Unit 15

Scarborough ON M1E 4X9

**Tel: (416) 282-7284 Fax: (416) 282-9586**

**[www.earlyyears.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.earlyyears.edu.gov.on.ca)**

**110 Mornelle Court** Scarborough, ON

Telephone: (416) 287 - 3578 Main Floor Buzz Code: 248

**100 Galloway Road** Scarborough, ON M1E 1W7

Telephone: (416) 281 - 0262 ext. 208

[www.esbgc.org](http://www.esbgc.org)

## **Toronto Public Library Events in Ward 43**

[View events and programs](#)

You can also stay up-to-date with the latest library news and upcoming programs by signing up for our What's On at the Library newsletter: <http://tpl.ca/e-news>.

## **Toronto Building New Website to Track Construction in Existing Residential Communities**

2016 Council-adopted [strategy](#) to minimize the negative impacts of residential infill construction.

To encourage good construction practices, Toronto Building has implemented:

- a new **introductory inspection** to clarify the City's expectations with the owner/builder,
  - a policy and procedure for expanding the use of **tickets** as an enforcement tool, and
  - additional **training** for building inspectors to strengthen their zoning-related knowledge.
-

To improve communication with residents, Toronto Building has developed:

- a **Residential Infill website** that provides easy-to-follow resources, such as the *Good Neighbour Guide for Residential Infill Construction*. The Guide was produced in collaboration with other City divisions, residents' associations, and the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD). Sample hard copies will be forwarded to your offices soon.

### **Scarborough & Rouge Hospital 100-day plan**

Patients, families, and community to provide input into integration activities. Scarborough and Rouge Hospital (SRH) is well-positioned to meet the deliverables of its 100-day plan, which outlines the initial integration activities for the organization following the merger of The Scarborough Hospital's Birchmount and General sites and Rouge Valley Health System's Centenary site on December 1, 2016. The plan is available on the hospital's TSH and Rougevalley.

Guided by the 100-day plan, SRH's integration efforts are proceeding at many levels, including integrated leadership teams, committees, human resource policies, financial planning, information systems, and communication tools.

### **Toronto Police Service**

#### **Critical incident – Stabbing – February 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 ~ 9:40PM Neilson Road & Military Trail ~ Toronto Police 43 Division**

Toronto Police responded to reports of an altercation in the area of Neilson Road and Military Trail near Stonefield Crescent. When officers arrived on scene they discovered a single victim suffering from an apparent stab wound. The victim was transported to hospital. A single arrest has been made.

---

**CCRP Staff: Nathan Stern – Email: [Nathan.stern@toronto.ca](mailto:Nathan.stern@toronto.ca)  
– Phone: 647.209.9873**

### **Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints:**

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600 or email at [parkingenforcementeast@torontopolice.ca](mailto:parkingenforcementeast@torontopolice.ca).

For other traffic complaints, including concerns with speeding, residents are encouraged to report these concerns by contacting 43 Division at [416-808-4319](tel:416-808-4319). This allows for the complaints to be filed in the Toronto Police Tracking System.

### **Crime Stoppers**

Toronto Police Service is asking that anyone with information 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).

### **Scouts Canada Testimonials**

----  
I have two children in Scouts Canada with the 1st Centenary, my daughter age 11 and son age 7. They both love it! We as a family have enjoyed the many outings and community events that Scouts have planned or helped in some way. We look forward to many more years with Scouts Canada.

-----  
My four kids are in the Scouts program with 1st Centenary and we have found it very rewarding. What is notable is the dedication to and knowledge of the program. My older two are in Scouts and recently came home full of pride after making catapults. I thought it was amazing.

I encourage all parents if they have an opportunity to check out their local area Scout troupe for their kids, it's a great opportunity for learning and forming friendships.

---

-----

Our family has been involved in Scouting with 1st Centenary for the past 7 years. We know that all the experiences they have gone through with Scouting have enabled our children to discover feelings confidence, skills to become leaders of tomorrow and an appreciation and connection for the outdoors.

We meet Wednesdays at St Edmund Campion and Highcastle PS. Times and age groups vary so give us a call at [416-724-9215](tel:416-724-9215) and explore what Scouts can do for your boy or girl, ages 5 to 26!!

**What's around your community Brochure:** [Please see the inside to view](#)

**List of Agencies that Offer Employment Assistance to Persons with Disabilities** [Please see list](#)

**Please see the list of helpful Government and Community Services - [link](#)**

[Back to Index](#)



**5. Get Involved in your Community**

[Back to Index](#)

## **Get your 6 Words In to Support MY City My Six- [link](#)**

Based on the six word story concept popularized by Smith Magazine, this project invites Torontonians to write and contribute six words that best tells their story. My City My Six will culminate in a city-wide exhibition in the public realm in the fall of 2017, showing the diverse lives that collectively make up this great city at this moment in time.

## **Volunteering for major events in Toronto**

The City is partnering with the North American Indigenous Games and the Invictus Games, both to be held Toronto next year. Volunteers will be vital the success of the two events and organizers have begun their volunteer recruitment efforts. [How to get involved](#)

## **Tony Stacey Centre for Veterans Care (TSC) Roof Needs Immediate Repair**

Located at 59 Lawson Road, Scarborough.

The roof repairs needed to repair the north wing of the building where water is leaking into units. Please visit <http://www.tonystaceycentre.ca/donate.php> to donate.

---

## **6. Projects, Grants and Public Service Information**

[Back to Index](#)

**TCH: Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program up to \$4000**: Applications are due **March 24, 2017, 5pm**. Partnering with Scadding Court Community Centre, the Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship program offers up to \$4,000 to deserving young leaders across Toronto entering their first year of post-secondary or trade school. The program also provides valuable employment support and professional networks that pave the

---

---

way for academic and career development. These scholarships reward students who have shown leadership in diversity and anti-racism initiatives, demonstrate financial need, and represent different neighborhoods across the city. [Flyer](#), [Application](#)

### **Stormwater Charge: Residential public consultations**

Residential public consultation ([full list of public consultation dates and locations](#)).

The formal presentations will allow staff to share detailed information on the proposal and will be followed by a Q&A with subject matter experts. The pop-up sessions are direct community outreach that will create further awareness of the stormwater charge and encourage the public to visit the website to learn more and provide feedback. Input received from the public will help inform the staff recommendations to be delivered to Council this spring. [More information is available link](#)

### **Housing Allowances**

The City of Toronto is pleased to announce a new wave of housing allowances under the Toronto Transitional Housing Allowance Program (TTHAP). There are 400 housing allowances available for households on the centralized waiting list where a senior (59 or older) is the primary applicant. The planned start date for these allowances is early 2017.

A housing allowance is a subsidy that helps qualified, participating Toronto households to make their rent more affordable.

TTHAP has a fixed monthly rate of \$250 available until March 31, 2024, subject to annual review. Recipients can use the allowance to remain in their existing homes or to move to another Toronto location. Those receiving allowances maintain their position on the centralized waiting list for a fully subsidized unit.

[Back to Index](#)

---

---

**TORONTO CITY HALL OFFICE**

---

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

**SCARBOROUGH WARD 43 CONSTITUENCY OFFICE**

Scarborough Civic Centre  
150 Borough Drive  
Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4N7  
Tel: 416-396-7222  
Fax: 416-392-4006

Email: [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)  
Website: [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com)



**SUBSCRIBE / UNSUBSCRIBE**