

The Ward 43 Report

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Issue 1

Welcome to the first issue of The Ward 43 Report. I am continuing the tradition of keeping our residents informed on the goings on at City Hall in our Community of Scarborough East. Please do take note of the Scarborough East Calendar so that you and your family may plan to enjoy events taking place in Scarborough. Also take note of the Community Association meetings, the associations are always welcoming new membership.

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----- 1. New Municipal Term -----

I would like to thank you, the residents of Ward 43 for the opportunity to act as your representative for the next four years. Your support and trust in my ability to serve the Ward will be held in the highest esteem by myself and my office.

The next four years will be an exciting time for Toronto and our beloved Ward of Scarborough East. The Toronto Act as well as new committees I will serve on will act as a solid foundation to get things done for our community.

On December 6, 2006 the City Committee memberships were finalized and I have been given a variety of committee responsibilities including: Striking Committee, Budget Committee, General Government, Library and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund. Memberships for the TRCA will be announced in January 2007, and I have petitioned to be placed on the committee.

Please feel free to contact my office with any municipal issues, Joan Bannister, Constituency Assistant, has been with Scarborough for a number of years, having most recently worked for Councillor David Soknacki as well as former Mayors of the former City of Scarborough. Peter Sinclair, Administrative Assistant has remained in our office from David Soknacki's office, and Antonette DiNovo, Executive Assistant has joined our Ward 43 team.

I look forward to serving the community and to seeing you at my New Year's Levee on Saturday January 6, 2007, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Curran Hall Community Centre (277 Orton Park)

----- 2. Scarborough East Community Calendar -----

31 December – Scarborough Civic Centre rings in the New Year festivities commence at 6:30 p.m. and will feature live music, skating, face painting, hayrides, a bonfire, the feature film, Disney's Cars, and much more! The event is free for everyone and a great way to ring in the New Year.

6 January – Councillor Ainslie's New Year's Levee – Curran Hall Community Centre 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

7 January – Scarborough Community Council Levee, Scarborough Civic Centre 12:30 pm

9 January - Opening of new Storefront location 1pm Recognizing our super heroes, 2pm March to New Storefront Location, 2:30pm - 4 pm Food , Fun & Friends (located at 4040 Lawrence Ave East, the location of the former Police Sub-Station)

For further information on events please contact Peter Sinclair at psinclair@toronto.ca

----- 3. Seven Oaks -----

Lakeview Community

I am continuing to work with the community, staff and the developer to finalize access for a pedestrian walkway to Morningside Avenue.

4. Curran Hall

Community Association meeting will take place on January 15 2007.

5. Coronation and West Hill

Community Association meeting will take place on January 9, 2007. For further information you may visit <http://www.coronationca.com>

Water Tower

Funding for the demolition of the Tower was approved by Council as mentioned in Councillor Soknacki's previous correspondence, City staff continues to work on issuing tender documents to have the demolition take place.

4200 Kingston Road

The Habitat for Humanity ground breaking took place on the morning of December 5, 2006. Further details and volunteer application forms can be found at <http://www.torontohabitat.on.ca/web/ShowBuild.aspx?BuildID=65>

French Avenue Severance

The Ontario Municipal Board's (OMB) decision went in favour of the developer for the French Ave extension. The Board has allowed the consent with conditions and has also authorized the minor variances requested. The Board determined that the application met the applicable planning policies and statutory requirements and that the shape and size of the proposed lots would fit into the character of this neighbourhood.

As you are aware, after the Community of Adjustments ruled against severing the property, I supported Councillor Soknacki in directing the City Solicitors to go to the OMB and I will continue to fight for my constituents. I will work with the community through Barry Fraser, President Coronation West Hill Association and our Solicitors to do whatever is legally possible to overturn the OMB's decision.

The City Solicitors are reading the decision to determine if there are any grounds for a review. The Solicitors have informed me that section 43 of the Municipal Act, OMB reviews are quite rare and are only allowed in very specific circumstances. The City has 30 days to analyze the decision and decide whether or not a review is warranted. I will keep the community updated.

6. Cedar Ridge

Pathway at Cornell Park

Pathway through Cornell Park has been paved and is ready for use by the community.

Cedar brae Library Renovations

1st public consultation meeting for Cedar brae Library will take place on Jan 29 at 7:00pm at the Cedar brae library

Cedar Ridge Gallery

Please do visit the Gallery this January as there are exhibits on display. For further information regarding the exhibits please visit

general information and history
http://cedarridgegallery.tripod.com/info_intro.html
for exhibitions
<http://www.slateartguide.com/listing.php?lid=203764404077904487>
and for programs and workshops
<http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/2006/SpringSummer/South/TorEYFUN>

7. Guildwood Village

Please visit the Guildwood Village Community association website for information regarding meetings and events at www.guildwood.on.ca

8. The Ward 43 Report Policy and Contact Information

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I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. You may contact me via email at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca, phone at 416 396 7222, or send a fax to 416 392 4006. Alternately you may visit Joan Bannister, my Constituency Assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre.