

August 2007

Ward 43 Report

Issue 8

Dear Ward 43 Residents:

The summer has proved to be a hot one

My submission for garden awards continues to grow. Ward 43 has so many lovely communities where residents have shown pride and enormous amount of work on their private gardens.

Cost containments are on all our minds at the moment with the real work beginning in September with the commencement of the Budget and City Council Meetings. I will continue to be fiscally responsible by introducing cost saving measures to my colleagues as well possibly reintroducing my small token motions which I tried to push through last spring's budget process. I was satisfied to see that the Mayor did take my advice and opted out of the renovations to his office and the hiring of new staff: two motions I introduced last March which were voted down.

The City is experiencing a major hurdle which will take good governing to handle. I will serve the community to see that our Ward and Scarborough is represented throughout this process and will work with my Scarborough Council Colleagues.

With a few more weeks left in the summer enjoy the weather and your family and friends.

All the best

Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

August 2 - Volunteer Day at Habitat for Humanity

August 2 - Tam Heather Board Meeting

August 3 - Library Board Budget Containment Meeting

August 3 – 6 - Rib Fest - Thompson Park

August 7 - Guild Renaissance Group

August 9 - Unveiling Ceremony of the Peacekeeping Inscription on the Scarborough Cenotaph

August 10 - Announcement by Shirley Hoy, City Manager: Recommended service-level reductions

August 14 - Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

August 15 - Community Market St. Margarets in the Pines Anglican Church 4130 Lawrence - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

August 19 - Habitat for Humanity dedication event - 4200 Kingston Rd 3:00 pm

August 22 - Community Market St. Margarets in the Pines Anglican Church 4130 Lawrence - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

August 23 - Town Hall Meeting - East View Park 7:00 pm

August 24 - Rouge Park Alliance meeting

August 25 - Meet & Greet Valu-Mart, Guildwood Pkwy 10:00 am

August 25 - GVCA Plaque Unveiling - Rosa and Spencer Clark Parkette - 12 Noon

August 28 - Tam Heather Board meeting

August 29 - Community Market St. Margarets in the Pines Anglican Church 4130 Lawrence - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

2. Seven Oaks

Gates of Scarborough Community

I have visited the community over the last few weeks and have noted that the developer has begun the work on the parkette and the Boulevard tree planting. The Grading for the park is underway. The trees, the design and benches are scheduled to be in place by the second week of August. The Developer's contractor has ordered the playground equipment which is to be in place by the end of September. Our office commented that we would prefer that the furniture be placed sooner.

Staff previously stated that the top asphalt was to be put in place by August 2007 - in my last conversation with staff I was advised that the asphalt would be put in this construction season after the park is installed as the park equipment is heavy and could damage the road. I have noted the crumbled cement boulevards as well as the stripped roads and have addressed this with staff.

Residents have also brought to my attention the issue of trees which homeowners purchased from the developer. Our forestry department has advised that: the trees are planted on City property, and once planted, are protected. The Developer has submitted a financial guarantee and is responsible for the trees for two years. Any trees requiring replacement prior to the two year period will be replaced by the developer. The City will then assume responsibility for maintenance of the trees.

Developers are required to plant street trees, generally as many as the site can accommodate. The City does not require the purchasers to pay a fee, but it is standard practice for developers to add a tree planting fee into the purchase price. There is a condition in the subdivision agreement which states:

"The Owner agrees that no wording will be included in any agreement of purchase and sale that states or creates an expectation that there will be a tree in front of each property." I would urge you to read your purchasing agreement to see if this is in place or if the agreement was for a privately owned tree. Some of the boulevards contain City services where digging can not occur.

If you feel that you are entitled to a tree and have not received one, please contact the developer or our office if you are not being responded to.

Lakeview Community

There is some movement on the lands off of Cindy Nicholas Drive, where the community has requested for a pathway to be constructed to link with Morningside Rd. Some gravel has been placed on the area where pedestrians had begun using as a path. My staff is continuing to work with MTO and Hydro One to develop a path. As explained in previous reports, the lands are under the jurisdiction of all three parties, legal, ownership and liability measures are to be dealt with.

3070 Ellesmere Road

In light of the new development to be built at Ellesmere Road and Mornelle Court, there has been a request by residents to the transportation department to install a traffic light at this location. Transportation staff will conduct a traffic study and advise if the location warrants the installation of lights.

If you have any questions regarding the new development please contact Frank Stirpe, Planner at (416) 396-7658

If you have any comments regarding the traffic study please contact Mark at 416-338-6583.

3. Curran Hall

Tiffany Park Homes Brimorton and Orton Park

You may have noticed that the old plaza at this location has been demolished. Many residents including the Community Association have called my office with concerns surrounding the vacant building with the fear that it could become a location for undesirable activity as some of the vacant stores were vandalized by graffiti.

We will continue to monitor the project and work with the Community and Developer to ensure that the project runs smoothly and enhances the area. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this development please contact my office.

4. Coronation and West Hill

Water Tower

In the last few weeks we have witnessed the taking down of the water tower. The area will be cleared and a new garden bed will take its place. A media event took place to announce the demolition of the water tower located on the north side of Lawrence Ave, just west of Galloway Rd. on June 21, 2007 at 2:00pm. The event was well attended.

The Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, Mirror and Global TV all reported on the announcement.

Habitat for Humanity - 4200 Kingston Road

Ten families are scheduled to move into their homes on August 19, 2007. Please do join me in welcoming the proud new home owners to your community.

The nine remaining homes will be ready in December of this year, so there is still time to help.

If you would like to volunteer on this site, please visit the Habitat for Humanity website at <http://www.torontohabitat.on.ca/web/ShowBuild.aspx?BuildID=65> or call for details at their Canadian Head Office at (416) 755-7353 ex. 238.

New Post Office for West Hill

A new post office will be coming to West Hill near Morningside and Lawrence. Canada Post is in the process of selecting the successful candidate to be their dealer in the area.

It is anticipated that the location will be selected in January or February 2008.

5. Cedar Ridge

Residents are still being asked to provide their input into the renovation work slated for Cederbrae Library. Comment forms and details about the upcoming focus groups are available at the Cederbrae Branch, 545 Markham Road, (416) 396-8850, or at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca Once the design process is complete, more details about the project schedule and plans for alternate service while Cederbrae branch is closed will be available. As a Board member I will be ensuring we see regular bookmobile service at this location, as it is one of the busier District branches.

The project will span three to four years commencing this year with public consultation which started with a meeting held on January 23. This will be followed by focus groups for further community input and design development. Construction is scheduled to start sometime in 2008. For a project of this magnitude work generally takes a minimum of a year from the time the branch closes until it re-opens again. Once the design concept has been developed, there will be an opportunity to see what is proposed and provide further comments.

All aspects of the existing facility will be reviewed to determine the most effective and efficient ways to address the various needs identified. The project will address structural and state of good repair issues, making the branch more

energy efficient and also fully accessible. We want to ensure that Cederbrae branch will be better able to deliver library services in this community.

6. Guildwood

July 26 Town Hall Meeting

Thank you to all residents who attended the July 26th Town Hall meeting many of the questions focused as they did at my last Town Hall meeting on the proposed new taxes and the new garbage program passed by Council during the June session.

As I had indicated in my "Special Report" and in the media I am not in support of the proposed land transfer tax or the vehicle registration tax. I've concluded that neither of the options are practical for residents and thus voted against a deferral at last months Council meeting, I will stand by my decision and will oppose the measures when they are back on the agenda this fall. The residents at the meeting were quite expressive on their views and were content to hear that I will keep my stand in not supporting the proposals.

The garbage bin issue was addressed I explained that when a resident orders a small container the personal out of pocket cost to the resident would be \$0. Although \$209 is added to your residential property tax bill it is reimbursed through your water bill. You will be out of pocket only if you order a larger container. If your water use is low not reaching the \$209 mark for the year then it will continue to be deducted from your water use until the funds are absorbed.

Residents also commented on the Guild Inn and expressed a desire to have the old Inn Building and Tower demolished as they are seen to be a safety hazard. I have since then consulted with several different departments at the City regarding this issue of the process of declaring it to be a hazard and which department would absorb the costs. This issue will be addressed and a conclusion will have to be found in the 2008 budget formula.

It was also expressed that the area where the Inn now stands be part of the existing parkland leaving the Studio building as a separate project.

The grounds continue to be lovely to visit - my office is contacted by several interested parties who have their wedding pictures taken on site or who walk the grounds and admire the flowers and artifacts.

This week-ends Story Telling Festival I am sure will prove to be a success and hopefully an annual one.

Graffiti

The past week has brought undesirable attention to the Guildwood area. Some residential homes were targeted by graffiti vandals and many public locations were also defaced.

This is a serious issue which costs the tax payers a substantial amount of money through clean up and police presence as well as antagonizes good citizens who were trying to keep their community clean. I would urge all to call the police if you see any persons of suspicion and to not approach them as the vandals do not seem to be fearful of the community and we don't want further residents personal property being vandalized.

I would like to thank all community members for continuing to participate in making their homes a good environment to live in and would encourage all parents to speak to their children of the reasons why defacing the community is wrong and that it is a crime. We have to instill inclusion for all our community members so that they can be made to feel proud of their community.

I have spoken to Superintendent Gottschalk on a number of occasions in the last few days and I have asked if additional officers could be assigned to the area. I was assured that in light of the recent events that 43 Division has sent out an increased number of plain clothes officers as well as visible presence.

The City Parks Department, have been advised by my office of the situation in the parks and they will be addressing the areas as soon as possible. The utility companies have also been advised of the urgency and have advised that they will be addressing the issue and have their boxes cleaned.

In September I will be contacting the Principals of the local area schools to request that a forum with police be scheduled to address the students on the topic of graffiti.

Section 13 of this report lists departments and phone numbers to report graffiti.

Early this week Lesley Chitra, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator (www.cptoronto.org, 416-225-1102) sent out an email to area residents regarding the graffiti in the area:

"Many residents of Guildwood have expressed concerns about graffiti in the area and are interested in what they can do to help reduce vandalism. Several Canada Post and Hydro boxes along with local schools have been tagged with material which is rude, hateful and offensive recently. This should not be tolerated!

Combating graffiti can be costly however residents can all do their part to contribute to a nicer community. Beautification projects such as garbage pickups, landscaping and community gardens all help increase pride and ownership amongst community members. Residents are encouraged to work in partnership with the police, city works departments, business owners and community organizations to help clean up public areas and neglected spaces within the community. Also residents can help by supporting local recreational programming for youth and by getting involved in vandalism prevention and clean up programs.

If you are witness any suspicious behaviour or graffiti crime, call the police immediately at 416-808-2222. To anonymously report graffiti crime one can call Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477). It is also important that Canada Post, Hydro, City of Toronto, Go Transit, TTC, TDSB and TDCSB be notified as this occurs on their properties, please take the time to call and report these activities to the appropriate officials.

According to the Toronto Police Services, the quick removal of graffiti is the most effective means to prevent further acts of vandalism, so ensure that it is removed in a timely manner in your community."

7. Cost Containment Measures – Shirley Hoys address on August 10, 2007

Toronto reduces services now to lower next year's operating budget shortfall

The City of Toronto today confirmed cost-containment measures and service-level adjustments that will reduce the 2008 operating budget shortfall by \$83 million. Toronto Mayor David Miller directed the City Manager to implement cost-containment measures on July 20 to reduce the forecasted \$575 million 2008 operating budget shortfall.

City officials have identified more than \$34 million in operating budget reductions that will be in place for the remaining five months of the year (August to December 2007). The budget reductions identified are being recommended for 2008 and will therefore reduce the operating budget shortfall by \$83 million in 2008.

The following information outlines the major service-level adjustments to be implemented between August 1 and December 31, 2007. Additional budget reductions may also be recommended for consideration in the 2008 budget, depending on any additional funds that are generated through new taxation and uploading of provincial government social service programs currently funded by the City. All City programs and services, agencies, boards and commissions were requested to identify cost-containment measures.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation – Beginning mid-September to the end of December, 2007, all of the City's Community Centres will be closed on Mondays. All programming held on Mondays will be cancelled. Outdoor artificial ice rinks scheduled to open in December will not open until January and the City's golf courses will close one week early. Residents will see reduced park maintenance and a reduction in the residential tree planting program.

Garbage and recycling (Solid Waste Management Services) – Releasing seasonal litter staff two weeks earlier than normal and a reduction in the number of litter vacuums will result in more litter on the streets. The December yard waste pick-up will be cancelled and the scheduled introduction of curb-side pick-up at townhouses is cancelled. The

night shift at the Disco Transfer Station will be cancelled, requiring contractors and residents to drop waste at that location during daytime hours.

Transportation – To further reduce costs, there will be less street cleaning, fewer pothole repairs and a reduction in the number of times grass is cut on City streets and expressways. Sidewalk snow plowing and clearing of snow left in driveways (windrow) by City plows will only occur when there is a minimum of 15 cm. of snow, the current service standard is 8 cm. Automated leaf pick-up in areas that have this service, will be reduced from two pick-ups to one.

Toronto Public Library – Access to 16 library branches will be restricted due to Sunday closures. The Storyteller in Residence and the Teen Fine Forgiveness programs have been cancelled.

Toronto Public Health – As a result of the hiring freeze, there will be a reduction in health promotion programs and community outreach services such as tobacco use prevention, parenting programs and workplace health. In addition, Toronto Public Health will reduce environmental reporting, production of printed materials to support tobacco use prevention, the new Food Guide, Trans-fat education, and translation of various materials into languages other than English.

Municipal Licensing and Standards – As a result of the hiring freeze, there will be significant delays in issuing licenses and responding to requests for inspections and bylaw enforcement, particularly for graffiti eradication.

Emergency Medical Services – The bicycle paramedic program in the Entertainment District will be reduced from four days a week to two days a week.

Fire Services – There will be a decrease in proactive inspections and public education programs.

Toronto Building – Due to the hiring freeze, there will be reduced bylaw enforcement, particularly the Sign bylaw. The public submitting development applications will also experience delays at building application counters. The Green Roof Initiative will be delayed. The adoption of a bylaw regulating construction related vibration will also be delayed.

Court Services – By redeploying 50 per cent of the staff who work in the customer phone service office, there will be as long as 20-minute wait-times for telephone inquiries. Clients may be referred to the internet or be required to visit court offices in person.

Children's Services – Funding for new services at community run family resource centres in under serviced areas has been cancelled until the end of the year. Funding to make City-operated daycares accessible to clients with disabilities has been deferred.

Mayor's Office – Renovations to the Mayor's office and the second floor of City Hall have been cancelled. Additional staff needed to meet requirements of the City of Toronto Act will not be hired. The Mayor's initiative on Economic Development Opportunities for Toronto to promote investment has been deferred, resulting in cancellation of the economic mission to China and Los Angeles.

Administrative Divisions – As a result of the hiring freeze and other cost containment measures, service provided in administrative areas of the City which directly support day-to-day operations will be reduced. Reduced service will be in effect at parking tag counters, tax and water counters, and vendors will experience delays in the payment of invoices. In addition, services that support front line staff, such as Information Technology, will be reduced resulting in longer system down times and impact public service.

Budget reductions will also be attained through a hiring freeze in all City divisions, with the exception of those positions that are deemed essential under legislated requirements, needed for health and safety reasons or are 100 per cent funded by other orders of government or external agencies. A position by position review of the City's current 677 full time vacancies was completed and it has been determined that 376 jobs will not be filled. All staffing requirements must first be approved directly by the City Manager or Deputy City Managers.

Unless mandatory, staff training, development, education and attendance at conferences has been cancelled. A significant amount of advertising and promotional materials has also been cancelled. Required purchases of new vehicles and other equipment have been cancelled. In addition, all discretionary travel has also been cancelled. This

has an impact on public education activities and key programs and services, as well as the City's ability to attract economic investment and tourists from abroad.

8. Volunteers' Corner

Seven Oaks Home for the Aged is Recruiting Volunteers!

If you have some time and love to work with Seniors please volunteer your time at the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged. There are Day time, evening and weekend opportunities available. Some areas of volunteer service include, meal time assistance, Bingo, gift shop, worship Services, rehab programs and friendly visiting. The Seven Oaks volunteer group contributes approximately 12,000 hours of service each year. Experience is not needed. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Tyrone Bernardo at 416-392-3515 or tbernar@toronto.ca

If your organization is seeking volunteers please do advise me so I can include it in my monthly report.

9. Around Ward 43

Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Lesley Chitra - Crime Prevention Coordinator for Toronto East if you are interested being a Street Captain or if you would like to learn more about the Neighbourhood Watch Program at lesley@cpatoronto.org or 416-225-1102. Essentially street captains are to act as a liaison between the community, the police and Neighbourhood Watch.

They are responsible for canvassing their street to sign up neighbours. As crime alerts and safety notices are posted, Street Captains are to pass the information onto their neighbours. Most information is circulated via email to help reduce the amount of volunteer time required.

The Toronto Police Traffic Services

Child Seat Safety: This free service is offered on an appointment only basis. Please contact 416-808-4366 to book your appointment

Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday

Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday to Morningside Heights on the 133 Neilson bus route: this improves service by reducing the distance that customers using this route would need to walk to the nearest bus stop. Currently, service is provided until approximately 10:00 pm, seven days a week.

Splash Pad For Your Enjoyment

Just around the corner from our Ward are two Splash Pads for your convenience, with the hot weather this is a great way to cool off the kids. Splash pads are located at: Heron Park (Manse Rd & Lawrence Ave) and Port Union Commons (Port Union Rd. South of Lawrence Ave. E.).

10. East Scarborough Community Market

The East Scarborough Storefront continues to do good work in our community. Commencing August 15 they will introduce a community market every Wednesday from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm August 15th to September 19th at St. Margaret In The Pines Anglican Church -4130 Lawrence Ave East . There will be Fresh fruits & vegetables, snacks, Children's Activities, Music & Entertainment, Crafts, jewelry & artwork for sale. For more information call Afshan @ 416 847-4144.

11. Community Meetings and Events

Sunday, August 12, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m - Voices of the Guild: A Storytelling Festival "The Guild - Alive with Culture - Voices of the Guild: A Storytelling Festival" at the Guild Inn Gardens, 201 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough.

Thursday August 23 7:00 pm - August Town Hall Meeting: East View Park 33 Coronation Dr. These Town Hall meetings are casual gathering with residents to discuss their local issues. The meeting takes place in the park. Your welcome to bring your lawn chair.

Saturday August 25 12:00 pm - Guildwood Village Association Plaque Unveiling - Rosa and Spencer Clark Parkette

Saturday September 29, 2007 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Paul Ainslie Fall Corn Roast at Curran Hall Community Centre. Fun for all.

12. Environment Day

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Saturday September 15, 2007

Morningside Yard

891 Morningside Avenue (south of Highway 401)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

13. The Scarborough Bluffs Shoreline Clean Up in Guildwood

Join the Volunteer Group on September 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Guild Inn parking lot as part of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and The International Coastal Cleanup.

Coordinator: Gisela H. Bach. Please sign up: <http://www.vanaqua.org/cleanup/>

14. Graffiti information

Graffiti is an act of vandalism, defined as writing, drawing, or symbolism applied to any surface without the consent of the property owners, authorized agent or designate.

REMOVAL

City's road allowance, medians, boulevards, culverts (the cement embankment along a creek)

(R.O.W. Management - Transportation Services): **338-9999**

On Private Property (by a third party)

Refer to the district MLS office. (Section 629-27C of the Municipal Code).

Note: If the property owner does not comply within the specified time, the City will remove the **graffiti** and the cost will be added to the tax roll and collected in the same manner as property taxes.

In City Parks

Call my office with the park, location and item that has been vandalized

On City Trees

Report to Forestry: 338-TREE (8733)

On City Bridges

Refer to Transportation Services - 338-9999 #1 (followed by the option for the appropriate district)

On Rail Bridges

Refer to CNR: 1-888-888-5909 or CPR: 1-888-333-6370

On Hydro Poles or Transformer Boxes

Report to Toronto Hydro: 416-542-8000

On Bus Shelters:

CBS Outdoor Pride Line: 1-800- 387-1333

On Mailboxes

Report to Canada Post: 1-800-267-1177

Toronto Catholic District School Board

Report to Ronald Hearn 416-222-8282

Toronto Public District School Board

Contact the school directly or alternately call my office with the school and location description of graffiti

Toronto Police 43 Division

Report to 416-808-2222

15. 2007 Community Service Volunteer Award

Each year the City of Toronto celebrates people who invest in their communities, inspire others through their volunteer work and by contributing to the improvement of communities, prove that they are an invaluable resource in supporting the vibrancy and strength of our City.

If you would like to nominate such an individual please contact my office.

16. New index measures health risk from air pollution in Toronto

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A new index that measures the health risk from air pollution in Toronto was launched in partnership with the federal and provincial governments and the City of Toronto.

The Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is a pilot project that measures the daily health risk from local air pollution, and gives those who are most vulnerable the information they need to protect themselves.

"Air pollution is responsible for 1,700 premature deaths and 6,000 hospital admissions in Toronto each year," said Toronto Medical Officer of Health Dr. David McKeown. "This new index will provide timely and accurate information on air pollution health risks and how to minimize them. The index will be particularly useful to vulnerable individuals, such as seniors and those with asthma."

Toronto is the first Ontario city to pilot the index. The Toronto pilot will run for approximately 18 months, with the intent of expanding to the Greater Toronto Area in 2008.

The AQHI will provide Torontonians with information on:

- Health risk from current air pollution levels, based on a number from 1 to 10+
- Forecasts of health risk from air - today, tonight and tomorrow
- Level of health risk - low, moderate, high, or very high
- Who is at greatest risk from air pollution
- Actions individuals can take to minimize their health risks
- Information on how to reduce air pollution

The AQHI supports many of the City of Toronto's initiatives to reduce air pollution.

17. Scarborough Arts Council

Calls for Artists

SAC Call for artists, Savour

For more information and to request an application form please email: programs@scarborougharts.com

Second Base Documentary Film Project

This summer the Scarborough Arts Council is working with the Second Base Youth Shelter to provide homeless youth living in the shelter with the support, expert guidance, training and tools they need to plan, write, produce and show a documentary about the reality of shelter life. Watch for more information about this exciting new project on the SAC website, www.scarborougharts.com.

18. Outdoor food safety tips

Everyone loves a barbeque; unfortunately, so do bacteria that can make people sick. With the free and easy feel of outdoor cooking and eating, it's easy to forget that the rules of safe food we use indoors still apply outdoors. Cases of food borne illness increase significantly during the summer months and outdoor picnics and barbeques are suspected of being a major cause.

"We are currently following up on an outbreak of E. coli that happened at a picnic in July. We know of 54 people who were sick," said Dr. Herveen Sachdeva, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health. "Food poisoning can cause very serious health problems, including kidney failure from certain types of E. coli infections."

E. coli, salmonella, and campylobacter are some of the bacteria that can affect people through the food they eat. Symptoms of food poisoning include diarrhea, bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting. Anyone experiencing symptoms should seek medical attention immediately. The earlier the diagnosis and treatment, the better are the chances of a full recovery. In addition, some bacteria like E. coli can be contagious, especially among family members and people who live in the same household.

The top food safety tips for picnics and barbeques:

- Cook ground beef and chicken thoroughly until the juices run clear and the meat is no longer pink.
- Transport food in chilled containers and separate raw and cooked foods.
- Do not reuse marinade unless it is cooked and brought to a full boil first to destroy any harmful bacteria.
- When taking food off the grill, use a clean platter. Don't put cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat or poultry.
- Wash your hands regularly to reduce the potential spread of illness to others.

19. Solid waste collection schedule to changes

Solid waste collection schedule to change starting August 7

To make garbage, recycling, green bin and yard waste collection more efficient, the City is making changes to its waste collection boundaries starting of August 7. This means, some residents may have a change in their collection day and the schedule of their garbage, recycling, green bin and yard waste collection.

All collection schedule changes are outlined in the new 2007-2008 Garbage, Recycling and Green Bin Collection Calendar delivered door-to-door to residents receiving City curbside collection. One-page collection schedule summaries are also available online at www.toronto.ca/recycle.

Residents can check their collection schedules by turning to August 2007 (page two) in the new collection calendar and looking to the week of August 7 to confirm the correct collection day and the items to set out. A collection schedule will not change unless a change is shown starting August 7.

For more information about the garbage, recycling, green bin and yard waste programs, visit www.toronto.ca/recycle.

20. CTC Region Call for Sectoral and General SPC Member Applications

CTC Source Protection Region, Toronto and Region Source Protection Authority has released a call for applicants for the sectoral and general membership of the CTC Source Protection Committee (SPC) and an invitation to comment on the proposed membership composition.

If your interested in applying for membership as a sectoral or general representative. The Toronto and Region Source Protection Authority is required by O. Reg. 288/07 under the Clean Water Act , 2006 to establish the SPC, including appointing 7 members representing the economic sectors within the CTC who may impact or depend upon current and future municipal drinking water sources, and appointing 7 members who represent other interests.

The deadline for comment on the composition of the SPC is Aug. 20, 2007 and the deadline for applications as a general or sectoral member is Sept. 28, 2007. Nominations are also possible, as long as the nominee at a minimum signs the application form as required to indicate their agreement to be considered as a member & sharing their information, confirming they meet the minimum qualifications and their willingness & ability to undertake the work on the SPC if appointed.

Visit the website at www.ctcswp.ca for copies of the notice, information on where to send comments, the mandatory application form and more information on the Act, roles and responsibilities and other background information.

21. Residents invited to serve on Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The City of Toronto is looking for volunteers interested in serving on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (TPC).

The TPC is a special committee of Toronto City Council. Its mandate is to promote improved pedestrian safety, pedestrian access and initiate programs that enhance walking in Toronto.

Citizen members are appointed for a four-year term or until their successors are appointed or City Council terminates an appointment. Membership on the committee is limited to a maximum of two terms. Reappointment to the committee requires a minimum of one year off after two consecutive terms.

Anyone interested in a position on the committee must complete an application form in order to be considered. Forms can be filled out online at <http://www.toronto.ca/tpc> or picked up from Access Toronto locations at City Hall or the Civic Centres. Forms must be completely filled out and returned by Wednesday, August 22 before 4 p.m. to Natalie Bogues, Transportation Services, City of Toronto, City Hall, 100 Queen St. W., East Tower, 22nd Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2 or by fax: 416-392-4808.

or more information, call or e-mail Natalie Bogues at 416-392-5341, nbogues@toronto.ca or visit <http://www.toronto.ca/tpc>.

22. Around the City of Toronto

Taste of The Danforth

Friday to Sunday closure:

Danforth Ave., from Broadview Ave. to Jones Ave., will be closed in both directions from Friday, August 10 at 11 a.m. to Sunday, August 12 at 11:59 p.m.

The Chinatown Festival

Saturday to Sunday closure:

The southbound lanes of Spadina Ave., from St. Andrew's St. to Sullivan St., will be closed from Saturday, August 11 at 7 a.m. to Sunday, August 12 at 10 p.m.

Public Celebration of the Life of Honest Ed Mirvish

Sunday closure:

Bloor St., from Bathurst St. to Markham St., will be closed on Sunday, August 12 from 2:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. to accommodate this event.

23. Scarborough Summer Serenades

Come out and have some fun at the Scarborough Civic Centre main stage located in Albert Campbell Square. Taking place every Wednesday afternoon between 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm:

Dates:

August 15 - Here goes nothing

August 22 - David Hutchinson

August 29 - Abenna Samm & Her Marketplace Ensemble.

24. Quote du Mois

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." Dereke Bruce

25. Websites of the Month

What follows below is a list of community groups and resources from here in Scarborough. Of course we would be remiss if we didn't include websites from myself and MP John McKay (we couldn't find MPP Mary-Ann Chambers' homepage).

www.paulainslie.com - A new customer survey and lots of community information

www.johnmckaymp.on.ca - From John McKay, Member of Parliament

www.west-hill.com - A tribute to the West Hill area

www.guildwood.on.ca - The Guildwood Village Community Association

www.scarboroughhistorical.ca - Scarborough Historical Society

www.westrouge.org - The West Rouge Community Association

www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm -East

Scarborough Boys' & Girls' Club

www.spo.ca - Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra

www.mirror-guardian.com - The Scarborough Mirror

www.scar.utoronto.ca - University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

www.westhill.ntsweb.com - West Hill Public School

www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html - Pope John Paul II Catholic
Secondary School

www.scarbcccac.org - Scarborough Community Care Access Centre

www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm - The Toronto Transit Commission

www.gotransit.com - GO Transit

www.torontopolice.on.ca/d43 - 43 Division- Toronto Police Services

www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm - The Guild Renaissance Group

www.torontocaer.com - The Toronto East Community Awareness & Emergency Response

www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm - The Seven Oaks Softball League

www.rougevalley.ca - The Rouge Valley Health Care System (Centenary Hospital)

www.bluffsmonitor.com - Bluffs Monitor

26. Recipe of the Month

Grilled Peaches

4 ripe medium peaches
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1/4 cup dark brown sugar
1 to 2 pints frozen vanilla yogurt

Suggested toppings: toasted sliced almonds

Cut the peaches in half and remove the pit. Slice each half in half and toss them in a bowl with the vanilla extract, almond extract, and brown sugar. Set aside for 15 minutes while you preheat a grill with a medium-high heat. Grill skin side down until skin is slightly charred, about 3 minutes. Turn and grill on the other 2 sides until you get nice grill marks, about 1 minute on each side.

Divide the peaches among 4 bowls and serve with the frozen yogurt and toasted almonds, if desired.

27. Reprint of the Special Issue Report on Proposed Taxes

Dear Residents,

I'm sending out this special edition of my eNews to clarify what took place at City Council yesterday with regards the proposed Land Transfer Tax.

Firstly - I am opposed to both the proposed Land Transfer Tax and the Vehicle Registration Tax.

A "deferral motion" was passed which held any decision on this matter off until after the upcoming provincial election. This was done by a majority of Councillors who hope they can get one of the successful provincial parties to give us enough financial support to avoid a Land Transfer Tax.

I haven't changed my position. I do not support the concept of a Land Transfer Tax or a Vehicle Registration Tax. All a deferral does is bring this matter back to Council later this Fall. Allowing the Mayor to regroup, refocus, continuing to lobby Councillors and get them to support these measures.

By deferring these proposals until after the Fall provincial election, it is grasping at straws the winning party when it forms a government will do something to help our financial situation. All we have done is be traditional politicians and put the matter off hoping "the skies will open" and money will flow from the province which I don't think will happen.

I voted against the deferral because I don't want to put this off. It was not a vote in support of David Miller. I do not support his financial management of this City. His ability to spend our hard earned money which we give to the City of Toronto as tax dollars is irresponsible, and doesn't do much to help the people of our area in particular.

People on both side of the debate will agree that property taxes and handouts from the other two levels of government are the basis for City of Toronto finances in the long haul. In my opinion charging residents for services they enjoy and the costs they create is smarter and fairer than raising money from taxes or other levels of government.

The new City of Toronto Act gave the City options to impose new taxes on alcohol, tobacco, parking, and land transfer, vehicle registration and roads. So far under David Miller's regime yield and convenience, not fairness and logic are shaping the use of these powers.

Our City relies too heavily on property taxes and provincial transfers, and needs new revenues that will promote better services, place costs of those services more squarely on those who enjoy them, and lower property taxes. We need to take a mature approach to our financial challenges. The deferral does nothing to accomplish this in fact it will hinder the budget process which the Budget Committee will begin to work on this September. As Vice Chair of the Budget committee I fully understand the importance of transparency when dealing with the needs of the departments and the resources they need to run the City. Deferring this vote does nothing to help with the budget process it only stalls decisions.

Please contact my office if you would like to discuss this further, or make your concerns known to me.

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