

June 2007  
Ward 43 Report  
Issue 6

Dear Ward 43 Residents:

I have been meeting with many constituents at their community events and at my scheduled meetings.

My first Town Hall Meeting was held on May 31 in the Seven Oaks community. Residents received tips first hand from Constable Dave Grey on how to safe guard their homes. Two measures which were deemed most important were proper lighting and knowing your neighbours. Constable Grey also noted that sensor lights in your home which operate when you are home or away do act as a deterrent.

Several meetings have been held since my last report which dealt with traffic calming measures on Falaise Road and Dearham Wood, Restoration issues at the Guild Inn, a Meet and Greet and a Town Hall meeting. I encourage residents to approach my office with community concerns – my office will arrange for a community meeting if it is needed.

Residents have been mailing back my “information cards” which have been helpful in advising what residents find most important. The results are listed on my webpage [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com) on the community page.

I will be looking out for recipients for the Front Yard Beautiful Garden Award. If you want to nominate your neighbours please contact my office with the submission.

I hope your enjoying the hot weather. Please do keep the smog day warnings in mind and always have your hat, sunscreen and water at hand!

All the best,

Paul

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## 1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

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- June 1 – TRCA
- June 1 – Meeting with Transportation Staff regarding traffic issues in the Ward
- June 2 – Guildwood Day and BBQ
- June 2 – Curran Hall Community BBQ
- June 4 - tour and briefing on the Green Lane Landfill
- June 4 – Falaise Traffic Calming Meeting – 43 Division - Brigadier room
- June 4 – Leash Free Dog Park Discussion at Scarborough Civic Centre
- June 5 – Volunteer work at Habitat for Humanity
- June 6 – Babies Best Start annual BBQ – Thompson Park
- June 6 – Dearham Wood Crosswalk Meeting – Poplar Road Public School
- June 7 – Neighbourhood Action Meeting
- June 7 – Guild Inn Community Action Committee Meeting
- June 7 – Concert in the Park Guild Park Greek Theatre
- June 8 – Youth Strategy Meeting
- June 9 – Meet and Greet
- June 9 - Community BBQ 1-3pm Part of the Neighbours night out program 11+ 21 Livonia Place
- June 9 – Community BBQ Part of the Neighbours night out program 30 Earswick Drive
- June 11 – Special City Council
- June 11 – Library Board Meeting
- June 11 – Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
- June 12 – Government Management Committee Meeting
- June 12 – Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
- June 13 – Budget Committee Meeting
- June 14 - Affordable Housing - Habitat for Humanity Item
- June 14 - 4th annual Cnadian Urban Institiute's Urban Leadership Awards
- June 14 - Community Policing Liaison Committee
- June 14 - Concert in the Park – Guild Park Greek Theatre "Sothern Fried"
- June 15 - Rouge Valley Alliance
- June 16 - This Amazing Place Storefront event – registered participants to visit monuments in Scarborough
- June 18 - Curran Hall Community Association Meeting
- June 19 - City Council
- June 19 – Neighbours night out 4 Tivoli Court
- June 19 – Neighbours night out 63 & 59 Somerdale Square
- June 20 – City Council
- June 20 - 2007 ProAction Programs & Events George B. Little School and 43 Division

June 21 - Job Fair St. Boniface Parish Hall, 21 Markanna Drive  
June 21 - Councillor Ainslie's Community BBQ Seven Oaks Park - 372 Military Trail  
June 21 - Concert in the park "Syncona" Guild Park Greek Theatre  
June 22 – Toronto Atmospheric Fund  
June 22 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority  
June 23 – Masaryk Town Canada Day Celebrations  
June 24 – Heron Park Family Fun Day  
June 26 - Scarborough Community Council  
June 27 - Community Living Toronto & Scarborough Regional Council "Celebrating Community Connections" Cedar Ridge Creative Centre  
June 27 - Community Advisory Committee - Guild Inn  
June 28 - A tale of three cities - affordable housing best practices Session

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2. Seven Oaks  
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**Centenary Plaza/ Bookmobile service continues**

Centenary Plaza (Neilson & Ellesmere on June 14 and June 28. Residents can borrow most items for three weeks as well as return books and other materials at the Bookmobile and branches of the Library.

**Lakeview Community - Just south of Hwy 401 Highway & Morningside Ave.**

My staff did meet with Ontario Hydro and City Staff on May 30, 2007 to discuss the right of way issue for the proper construction of a pedestrian walkway from the Lakeview community out to Morningside Ave. As mentioned in previous reports the City of Toronto is seeking ownership of a only the needed area to make the pathway possible. Ontario Hydro advised that they do not see an issue with the request and will instruct their property planners and solicitors to address the request. MTO is reviewing our request and is in discussions with City Staff. My office will continue to pursue the issue with MTO to ensure that the file is dealt with. I will continue to update you on this project.

**Town Hall Meeting May 31, 2007**

First Town Hall meeting took place on May 31 at the Seven Oaks Park. Although it looked like the rain would prevail, the sun did come out. A very big thank you for Constable Dave Grey who addressed everyone on home security and how to prevent theft, he also advised that we should be vigilant with our vehicles specifically Honda CRV's as there is a market for them to be shipped out in containers headed for Africa. One of your neighbours vehicle was stolen and found several weeks later in this circumstance.

**3070 Ellesmere Road**

Berkley Homes (Ellesmere) Inc. the developer at 3070 Ellesmere Road will be on the Scarborough Community Council agenda on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 1:30 p.m at the Scarborough Civic Centre, Meeting Hall 150 Borough Drive, Toronto. The application proposes to amend the Zoning By-law for the 0.53 hectare (1.3 acre) property on the north side of Ellesmere Road and the east side of Mornelle Court to permit and regulate a mixed-use development. The amendment would permit a 24 storey development that includes ground floor retail with 23 storeys of residential units above. The residential

breakdown would consist of 171 one-bedroom units, and 94 two-bedroom units, for a total of 265 apartment units. The proposed gross floor area is 23,047 square metres (248,089 square feet). The retail component is approximately 426 square metres (4,583 square feet).

Access to the development is proposed from a single driveway off of Mornelle Court. A total of 323 parking spaces are proposed with 1.0 parking space per unit for residents, 0.2 visitor spaces per unit, and 1 space per 93 square metres (1,000 square feet) of retail space. An underground parking garage with three levels is proposed. A total of 53 visitor parking spaces are proposed, which include 15 surface visitor parking spaces and 38 visitor spaces within the 1<sup>st</sup> underground parking level.

As part of the development of the lands, it is proposed that the applicant be required to provide public benefits, in exchange for the proposed increase in height and density, to be secured through an agreement with the City under Section 37 of the Planning Act. Potential public benefits may include improvements to local city parks.

The subject lands operated as a waste disposal site during the 1950's and 1960's. The applicant proposes to remediate the site for residential uses, using measures which are to be secured through the Zoning By-law Amendment and a Section 37 Agreement. A Holding provision is also proposed on the zoning to defer the land use permission until such time as a Certificate of Approval is issued by the Ministry of Environment.

Detailed information regarding the proposal, including background information may be obtained by contacting Frank Stirpe, Planner at (416) 396-7658, or by e-mail at [fstirpe@toronto.ca](mailto:fstirpe@toronto.ca).

If you wish to submit written comments or speak on the item, please contact Betty Henderson, of the City Clerks Department or by Fax: (416) 396-4301 or e-mail to [scc@toronto.ca](mailto:scc@toronto.ca).

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3. Curran Hall  
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### **Tiffany Park Homes Brimorton and Orton Park**

Staff are continuing to work with the property owner to move this project forward. Calls have been received from residents concerning the billboard advertising the sale of the town homes as it is too close to the road and is impairing motorist's visibility of the road. Municipal Standards has been requested to attend the site and have the board moved back. We continue to monitor the development as there are a number of concerns over the derelict nature of the plaza. My office has had a number of conversation with Tiffany Park Homes to address the timing for the demolition and how important it is to the community.

### **Town Hall Meeting**

Please join me on Thursday June 28, 2007 for my community Town Hall Meeting – at Curran Hall Community Centre on the covered deck.

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4. Coronation and West Hill  
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## **Water Tower**

Staff are working to have the tower taken down sooner than the August 2007 target date. On June 21, 2007 I along with a representative from the Community Association will be on site with officials to view the hoarding which is on its way up in preparation for the demolition. Hoarding will be placed over the sidewalk area making it safe for pedestrians to use.

## **Kingston Road Galloway Road Development**

4274 Kingston Road (Kingston Road and Galloway Road). Construction will soon be on its way for the building of 14 townhouses on Kingston Road, 19 townhouses on Galloway and 20 townhouses on a private road. To date the developer has been on target and no complaints have been called in from area residents. If you have any concerns please do contact Joan Bannister at my constituency office.

## **Car lots on Kingston Road**

I have at times noted that some of the car lots along Kingston Road are using the City boulevard to sell cars. This practice is utilized mainly on the week-ends. As our Municipal Standards personal are not available during the weekend and in order for parking enforcement to issue a ticket or tow the illegally parked vehicles the officer must see the car on the site.

Parking enforcement has advised that if you see a car illegally parked during the week-end to please call 416 808-2222 and ask for parking enforcement. Please have the address, make and model of the car and licence plate number (if one is available) when you place the call.

## **Habitat for Humanity – 4200 Kingston Road**

I have dedicated some time at the Habitat site and it has been very fulfilling and hot. I suggest that everyone put some time aside to volunteer at the site. It is for a wonderful cause will be an enhancement to our community. On June 14, 2007, the Affordable Housing Committee passed my motion to rebate fees paid to the City by Habitat making the homes more affordable to the purchasers. Ownership pride will be a great component to these homes and our community welcome is much needed. The first families are scheduled to move into their homes on August 2, 2007. I will be attending the ceremony.

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 (416) 755-7353 ex. 238.

## **Falaise Road – Traffic Calming**

A meeting was held on Monday June 4, 2007 with residents who reside on Falaise Road to discuss traffic calming measures. Residents voiced their concerns regarding motorists who utilize Falaise to gain access to Kingston Road and who travel at high speeds. Residents have been asked to submit to my office a petition with their requests which will be passed onto Staff.

I have directed Staff to address two matters which the residents voiced.

1) That the unsigned 50km/h speed limit be reduced to a 40km/h zone and posted on Falaise Road.

2) To erect a sign at the base of Falaise Road where it meets Kingston Road stipulating “no U turns”. Residents advised that motorists traveling east on Kingston Road turn on Falaise Road make a u turn and then travel back to make a right turn on Lawrence Avenue. This is taking place as motorists are not waiting to make the left turn from Kingston Road to Lawrence Avenue for traffic volume reasons.

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5. Cedar Ridge  
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Residents are still being asked to provide their input into the renovation work slated for Cedarbrae Library. Comment forms and details about the upcoming focus groups are available at the Cedarbrae Branch, 545 Markham Road, (416) 396-8850, or at [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca). Once the design process is complete, more details about the project schedule and plans for alternate service while Cedarbrae branch is closed will be available. As a Board member I will be ensuring at the very least 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 Cedarbrae branch will be better able to deliver library services in this community.

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6. Guildwood  
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**Concerts in the Park**

Concerts in the Guild Park Greek Theatre 7:00pm - 8:30pm

June 14, 2007 "Southern Fried" Concerts

June 21, 2007 "Syncona" Concerts"

**Dearham Wood Crosswalk**

A meeting was held on Wednesday June 6 at Poplar Road PS. A new principal will be in place at the school in September. Our office will contact the Principal at that time and work with him to address traffic issues. The area in front of the school is well signed, and does not warrant overhead crossing or speed humps. Currently the vehicle capacity is 1912 vehicles, a volume of 2500 – 8000 is required to introduce a illuminated crosswalk or speed humps. Parent council advised that they would speak to their members at the next meeting, and stated that the request for the illuminated crosswalk was not their directive but that of the community. It was resolved that the main issue was parent education of traffic rules and

practices when leaving and receiving their children at school. Cars are parking in the no stopping bus zones and making illegal turns. Residents also noted that there are some speeding vehicles, a description of the cars and the time frame of when the speeding is occurring was given and brought to police attention.

I have requested that the area be attended to by the police department more frequently to address the speeding issue. I have also asked staff to investigate the feasibility of increased fines for this area, as suggested by one of the parents.

The Watch Your Speed (WYS) trailer is scheduled to be in place on the street near Poplar Road Jr. Public School on June 18 through to June 20, 2007.

### **Guild Inn**

A Community Advisory Committee has been formed to discuss the direction residents would like to see for the Guild Inn property. At this time building 191 has been opened and is staffed by one or two City staff from the Cultural Department. Meetings will take place with the newly formed committee, staff and myself, if you would like to advise me of your suggestions please email me at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

We are continuing to work on the Guild Inn and are speaking to parties who have shown an interest in investing in the Inn.

### **Guildwood Go Station Elevator**

The elevator at the Guildwood Go Station is scheduled to be ready in Mid July and at that time certification will take place prior to the elevator being available to the public

### **Guildwood Day**

I very much enjoyed spending time in the Guild on Saturday June 2. The parade, activities and the evening BBQ were well attended and much enjoyed by all.

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**7. Volunteers' Corner**  
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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](mailto:tbernar@toronto.ca)

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

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**8. Around Ward 43**  
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## **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](mailto: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 unto 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

Saturday June 30 - 10 am - 43 Division 4331 Lawrence Ave. East

## **Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday**

Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday to Morningside Heights on the 133 Neilson bus route, this service would improve service by reducing the distance that customers using this route would need to walk to the nearest bus stop. Currently, service is provided only 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.).

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9. Leash Free Parks  
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## **Off Leash Policy Public Consultation Monday, June 4, 2007 Scarborough Civic Centre**

Approximately 80 residents were in attendance, most were supporters of Parks Off – Leash.

Presentation based on the Draft Off-Leash Policy for Public Consultation followed by focus groups. Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilitated each table. Feedback forms were prepared for each person and the groups discussed them and presented. Only one or two tables presented for each question stating what they agreed with and what they had concerns about. The Feedback forms were collected plus notes from discussion groups for review by the committee.

The report will be available on line approximately a week prior to going before the City's Parks and Environment Committee on July 4th. People were encouraged to make Deputations at that meeting

either by signing up before or coming to the meeting and signing up to speak. They will have 5 minutes to speak.

Posed Questions and some comments:

Each Question: what works and what needs improvement

1: "Location and Criteria" Agree with the exemptions Concerns:

- Overcrowding
- No water area for the dogs.

2. Application Process: Agree

- free permits
- support filing applications as a group

Concerns:

- Ensure one person could not veto the group decision
- Individuals should be able to apply for a permit
- Good in principle but concerned that there may be some small print that impacts the review process
- No need for an organization

3. Monitoring and dispute resolution

Agree:

- Community meeting,
- appeal process, you get answers back quickly
- staff monitoring
- individuals reported
- liaison with staff and Dog associations

Concerns:

- Need more staff,
- how to deal with the very vocal and difficult person who is against the majority
- need 60 days instead of 30 days for appeal process
- committee training required for groups to deal with issues
- define what is a dog community group
- more process to "pull" a permit

4. Other Suggestions or ideas

- Over enforcement of parks, bylaw officers come out from behind trees and scare people especially in the early mornings
- Reprieve especially in the morning hours
- Pay more for dog licenses and get bio degradable bags in parks
- Clear signage for dog / no dog locations

- Consider each park individually
- Keep the process simple
- Keep natural areas as is, do not fence them in

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## 10. Community Barbeques and Events

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**Saturday June 16 - "The Amazing Place** will be held on June 16th. Registered participants will meet at the Storefront at 1:00 for a scavenger hunt adventure that will lead to our community's social and historical gems. Fun, prizes and food end the Day. To register call Dip Habib 416-208-7897.

### **Neighbours Night Out**

Several groups in our Ward have registered events for their neighbourhoods.

Please visit our website for more information, including the Neighbours' Night Out flyer, game suggestions, ideas and access to the event registration form which can be completed and faxed in to our office. [http://www.cpatoronto.org/news\\_events.htm](http://www.cpatoronto.org/news_events.htm).

**Thursday June 21, 5:00 pm -7:00pm - Councillor Ainslie's Community BBQ (Seven Oaks Park on Military Trail)**

**Thursday June 28 - Town Hall Meeting at Curran Hall Community Centre**

**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.

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## 11. Environment Day

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### **Environment Day**

Saturday September 15, 2007  
Morningside Yard  
891 Morningside Avenue (south of Highway 401)  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## 12. Lawn and garden assessments

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Toronto Water is offering lawn and garden assessments to local homeowners, including City employees who live in Toronto. The free assessment involves a visit by trained horticultural staff who can advise on your yard's watering needs, new plants to consider, and more. You can register for this summer program

by calling 2-7000 or by e-mailing [savewater@toronto.ca](mailto:savewater@toronto.ca). Provide your full name, address and phone number. Toronto Water will contact you to schedule a visit.

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### 13. Getting to 70 % Waste Diversion by 2010 Report

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As you may know, Works Department Staff have released the "Proposed Initiatives and Financing Model to Get to 70% Solid Waste Diversion by 2010 Report".

This item was presented to the Executive Committee on Monday, May 28, 2007 and was passed unanimously by the members present and will be considered at the June 19/20 Council Session.

The report may be viewed at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-3799.pdf>

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### 14. City of Toronto's Glen Rouge Campground Opens for the Season

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Glen Rouge Campground, nestled in 12,000 acres of forests and meadows in Rouge Park at Kingston Rd. and Sheppard Ave., is now open for the season. Glen Rouge is operated by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and is Toronto's only campground.

Glen Rouge Campground provides a unique urban wilderness experience offering the best of both worlds for travellers and residents alike. Nature enthusiasts can hike or paddle into the heart of the Rouge Park, an ecological treasure and Canada's largest urban park. Those looking for adventure in the city will find the campground is just minutes away from attractions, including the Toronto Zoo, Lake Ontario beaches and two of the City's five public golf courses - Tam O'Shanter and Dentonia Park. Glen Rouge Campground is a short GO train ride away from downtown Toronto, including the CN Tower, Rogers Centre, Toronto Island Park, shopping, theatres and summer festivals.

The 8.7 hectare campground is equipped with 125 sites, including 87 that are fully-serviced for recreational vehicles, 27 unserviced sites and 11 that are designed specifically for backpackers. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the camping season until October 8 and is equipped with clean washrooms, showers, coin laundry, vending machines, fire pits and barbecues. Also available are a children's play area, and sites to play volleyball and horseshoes.

To register for a campsite, call 416-338-CAMP (2267) or e-mail [camping@toronto.ca](mailto:camping@toronto.ca). For more information about Glen Rouge Campground, visit [www.toronto.ca/parks](http://www.toronto.ca/parks).

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### 15. Hamilton and Toronto encourage other municipalities to green their fleets

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the cities of Hamilton and Toronto hosted the second annual Green Fleet Expo (GFX) at Liuna Station in Hamilton. The GFX was organized to provide fleet managers across Canada with an opportunity to learn about new and emerging green technology, network with peers and learn about others' experiences with incorporating environmentally-friendly technologies and practices into their management of vehicles and other motor-driven equipment.

The cities of Toronto and Hamilton have taken a lead in transitioning their fleets to greener alternatives. Both cities have developed and are in the process of implementing green fleet plans. These plans focus on replacing fossil fuel burning vehicles with environmentally-friendly alternatives.

“Since Toronto adopted the Green Fleet Transition Plan, we have reduced our CO2 emissions by 23 per cent from 2003 levels,” said Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair, Parks and Environment Committee, City of Toronto. “If all of us here today commit to do something, just one thing, to reduce our emissions, we could make a big difference.”

On display at the GFX were various green fleet technologies being applied to vehicles and equipment across the province. Fleet managers from more than 50 municipalities and other officials had the opportunity to test drive green vehicles and learn about the technology, including hybrid, biodiesel and natural gas.

“The anticipated results of Hamilton’s Green Fleet Implementation Plan are remarkable,” said Scott Stewart, General Manager of Public Works, City of Hamilton. “We expect to achieve a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and related air pollution, as well as reduced fuel consumption. We hope our successes will inspire other municipalities to consider transitioning their fleets to greener alternatives.”

Toronto is Canada’s largest city and sixth largest government, and home to a diverse population of about 2.6 million people. It is the economic engine of Canada and one of the greenest and most creative cities in North America. In the past three years Toronto has won more than 50 awards for quality and innovation in delivering public services. Toronto’s government is dedicated to prosperity, opportunity and livability for all its residents.

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## 16. Nominations for Scarborough District Trillium Garden Awards

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Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Scarborough District 2007 Trillium Garden Awards. The awards recognize Scarborough’s outstanding front gardens that contribute to the beautification of our city through creative landscaping, colourful annuals, perennial plantings and well kept grounds. The nomination submission deadline is Friday, July 13.

Gardens will be judged in late July or early August based on a variety of criteria including design, use of plant material, condition and maintenance, hard landscaping, environmental practices, community contribution and distinction. Gardens will be recognized in the following categories: Residential - Traditional, Residential - Environmental/Alternative, Commercial and Industrial.

An awards presentation will take place on Thursday, September 13.

The Trillium Garden Awards is a successful 31-year partnership between Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and volunteers from the Agincourt Garden Club and the Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society.

To submit your nomination(s) or for more information on the Trillium Garden Awards, call the nomination hotline at **416-396-4862** with the address of the home or business you wish to nominate and the closest intersection.

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17. City releases clarification on lead tests offered to residents

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To request free testing for lead in their drinking water, residents must call the Water Quality Lab at 416-392-2894.

When calling the lab, residents must provide:

- name
- full address
- closest major intersection
- phone number

Requests for testing cannot be added to the waiting list unless all information listed above is provided.

Lead contamination of drinking water is only a concern in homes built prior to 1955. If a home was built before 1955, a resident can request free water testing. If a home was built later, the water supply should not come in contact with lead pipes.

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18. Rouge Valley Health System Foundation Family Baby Reunion

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In celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> year Rouge Valley Centenary Hospital will be hosting a Baby Reunion on Saturday June 23, 2007 from 10 am – 2pm – Rouge Valley Centenary, 2867 Ellesmere Road. There will be face painting, entertainment, BBQ and much fun to be had.

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19. Toronto beaches officially open for 2007

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Toronto's 11 life guarded beaches are open for business today as the City of Toronto begins daily water quality sampling. In conjunction with the beach launch, Environmental Defence, for the third year in a row, is presenting the City with the international Blue Flag at four beaches (Cherry Beach, Hanlan's Point Beach, Ward's Island Beach and Woodbine Beaches) and new this year, Centre Island Beach and the newly created Gibraltar Point Beach received the honour.

"The awarding of two more Blue Flags to Centre Island Beach and Gibraltar Point Beach shows the significant and measurable improvements we've made to our lake water quality and serves as another example of our commitment to making Toronto the cleanest, greenest and most livable city in North America," said Mayor David Miller.

To help further improve beach water quality, the City has developed programs including a waterfowl and gull deterrent system; a public education campaign to encourage people to dispose of food scraps and to

not feed the birds; in-water and land debris clean-up; and enhanced beach grooming. These initiatives will continue during the 2007 beach season.

"The City of Toronto is committed to improving beach water quality and is devoting resources for further improvements," said Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32. "Our beach management strategy includes projects from Toronto Water; Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and Toronto Public Health working together on water quality and beach parkland improvements at the City's 11 designated beaches."

From June until the end of August, Toronto Water collects water samples from the 10 supervised beaches across the city. Water samples are taken daily and tested for E. Coli levels and must not exceed the Provincial guidelines of 100 E. Coli per 100 ml of water. When water tests show high amounts of E. Coli bacteria, Toronto Public Health warns against swimming, and signs are posted at affected beaches. Testing the samples usually takes 24 hours.

"Environmental Defence is delighted to once again present the Blue Flags to the City of Toronto," said Dr. Rick Smith, Executive Director, Environmental Defence. "Awarding Blue Flags to six of the City's beaches tells residents and visitors the City is working to improve beach water quality, and we look forward to awarding more Blue Flags as the City continues to implement new initiatives."

Environmental Defence coordinates the Blue Flag program in Canada and is responsible for monitoring the 27 criteria including water quality, environmental management and education, and safety and service.

For more information call the City's Beach Water Quality Hotline at 416-392-7161, or visit [www.toronto.ca/beach](http://www.toronto.ca/beach).

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#### 20. 43 Division Community Police Liaison Committee - Youth Member

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The Community Police Liaison Committee is seeking a new youth member. The current member will be leaving the committee to join the police force and a replacement is being sought out.

If you are interested in applying please send your resume to the attention of CPLC Chairperson Marilyn Hodge, 43 Division 4331 Lawrence Ave. E, Toronto, ON M1E 2T4

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#### 21. Quote du Mois

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"The game of life is not so much in holding a good hand as playing a poor hand well." H.T. Leslie

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#### 22. Websites of the Month

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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](http://www.paulainslie.com) - A new customer survey and lots of community information

[www.johnmckaymp.on.ca](http://www.johnmckaymp.on.ca) - From John McKay, Member of Parliament

[www.west-hill.com](http://www.west-hill.com) - A tribute to the West Hill area

[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca) - The Guildwood Village Community Association

[www.scarboroughhistorical.ca](http://www.scarboroughhistorical.ca) - Scarborough Historical Society

[www.westrouge.org](http://www.westrouge.org) - The West Rouge Community Association

[www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm](http://www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm) -East

Scarborough Boys' & Girls' Club

[www.spo.ca](http://www.spo.ca) - Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra

[www.mirror-guardian.com](http://www.mirror-guardian.com) - The Scarborough Mirror

[www.scar.utoronto.ca](http://www.scar.utoronto.ca) University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

[www.westhill.ntsweb.com](http://www.westhill.ntsweb.com) West Hill Public School

[www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html) - Pope John Paul II Catholic

Secondary School

[www.scarbcccac.org](http://www.scarbcccac.org) - Scarborough Community Care Access Centre

[www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm](http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm) - The Toronto Transit Commission

[www.go transit.com](http://www.go transit.com) - GO Transit

[www.torontopolice.on.ca/d42](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d42) - 42 Division- Toronto Police Services

[www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm](http://www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm) - The Guild Renaissance

Group

[www.torontocaer.com](http://www.torontocaer.com) - The Toronto East Community Awareness & Emergency

Response

[www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm](http://www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm) - The Seven Oaks Softball League

[www.rougevalley.ca](http://www.rougevalley.ca) - The Rouge Valley Health Care System (Centenary

Hospital)

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