

November 2007

Ward 43 Report

Issue 10

Dear Ward 43 Resident:

On October 22 I voted against the Land transfer Tax and the Vehicle Registration Tax. Unfortunately the votes were not in my favour as both new proposed taxes passed. Land registration Tax was supported by 26 Members, the Vehicle Registration Tax by 25 Members.

This new formula will see home purchases paying in addition to their Provincial property tax a new Toronto land tax: Property with the value of \$250,000 would incur land tax of \$2,225 for a property of \$400,000 land tax of \$3725 in essence the tax is 1% of the property assessment.

The vehicle registration tax which was not as widely spoken of in the media will have I suspect a significant effect on my constituency. The \$60.00 tax is in addition to your yearly license registration, this will increase your license registration to approximately \$75.00 (provincial) + \$60.00 (Toronto) = \$125.00 per year.

During the course of the tax ordeal I was approached and was contacted by interest groups which asked me to support both taxes so that the new monies would fund the arts, libraries or programming. All of these items are important to the City and have been supported for many years and will continue to be. A vote against both taxes was not a vote against the arts. I voted no because I felt the taxes were not fairly distributed and weighed on a small group when we all pay and need City services.

On October 29 and November 5 I held community Town Hall meetings where residents thanked me for voting against both taxes. Many brought up possible revenue boosters such as tolls and bicycle licenses. I encourage community input, please don't hesitate to send me your comments.

Paul

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1. November East Community Calendar

- November 1 – Public Library Operating Review
- November 1 – Business Excellence Awards
- November 2 – Toronto Reference Library 30th anniversary
- November 3 - Toy Drive Kick Off 42 Division
- November 4 – Remembrance Day Ceremony Scarborough Civic Centre
- November 5 - Visit to grade 5 Civic Class Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. P.S.
- November 5 – Town Hall Meeting Curran Hall Community Association
- November 6 – Fire Services Operating Budget Review
- November 6 – Toronto Zoo 2008 Operating Budget Review
- November 6 – Coronation Community Association Meeting
- November 7 - Library Board Meeting
- November 7 – Community Speaks Scarborough East Storefront
- November 13 - Mary Anne Chamber's Good Bye Party
- September 13 – 2007 Trillium Garden Awards at Scarborough Civic Centre
- September 13 - Community Policing Liaison Committee

September 14 – Great Canadian shoreline cleanup

September 14 – Budget Meeting

September 15 – Environment Day

September 15 - Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

September 15 - The Coronation Community Association of West Hill "Picnic in the Park at Eastview Park

September 16 - Terry Fox run

September 17 – Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

September 17 – Budget Meeting

September 17 – Curran Hall Community Association Meeting

September 18 – Government Management

September 19 – Budget Meeting

September 19 - Market St. Margaret's in the Pines Anglican Church 4130 Lawrence - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

September 20 – Budget Committee

September 20 - Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

September 21 – Budget Meeting

September 22 – Community Police Liaison Committee 43 Division Fall Fest Heron Park Community Centre

September 23 - Heritage Walk – Guildwood Renaissance Group

September 24 - Tam Heather Board meeting

September 25 – Visit with Livingston Lodge, 65 Livingston Rd

September 25 – Budget Meeting

September 25 - Town Hall Meeting – Cornell Park 6:30 pm

September 26 – City Council

September 26 – Guild Advisory Committee

September 27 – City Council

September 27 - Provincial Election Meet and Greet with Scarborough Guildwood Candidates St. Margaret's

September 27 - The Removable Room: The Guild Inn – 7:00 pm – Scarborough Arts Council

September 27 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting

September 28 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority

September 29 – Paul Ainslie Corn Roast - Curran hall Community Centre 4pm – 6 pm

2. Seven Oaks

40.2 Request for Quotation 3905-07-5160, Construction of a New Parking Lot at Seven Oaks Homes for the Aged (Ward 43 - Scarborough East)

The Bid Committee considered a report (October 5, 2007) from the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management, advising on the results of the Request for Quotation (RFQ) 3905-07-5160 for the supply and delivery of all labour, equipment, materials necessary for the Construction of a new parking lot at Seven Oaks Home for the Aged, 9 Neilson Road, Scarborough, in accordance with the specifications as required by Homes for the Aged, and requesting authority to award a contract to the recommended bidder.

Recommendation:

The Director of Purchasing and Materials Management recommends that authority be granted to award Request for Quotation 3905-07-5160 for the supply and delivery of all labour, materials and equipment necessary for the Construction of a new parking lot at Seven Oaks Home for the Aged, to Lincoln Paving and Contracting Ltd., in the amount of \$609,421.00, net of G.S.T., being the lowest bid in conformance with the RFQ requirements.

On motion by Don Altman, the Bid Committee adopted the staff recommendation in the Recommendation Section of the report (October 5, 2007) from the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management.

Gates of Scarborough Community

Bonspiel Park is the proud owner of new playground equipment for its' little ones with park benches on their way for all to take in sun. I was very happy to see that the equipment was installed in early September but I have been advised that the improvements have been stalled over the past few weeks due to an issue with the drainage in the park. There is an existing catch basin in the park that was supposed to have been relocated by the developer prior to the park construction commencing. This did not happen. Once the catch basin has been relocated, the park can undergo final finished grading, topsoil can be spread and the sod can be laid. Staff has advised that hopefully this can be accomplished within the next two weeks. At the moment a snow fence is still in place at the location to allow this work to be done.

I have also noted that the paving / curb repair nor the street signs have been addressed. As stated last month the developer advised that the asphalt would be put in this construction season after the park is installed. Now that park equipment has been installed I have asked staff to keep on top of the developer to have these issues completed.

3. Curran Hall

Corn Roast

Following in tradition of my predecessor I will be hosting my second community event at the Curran Hall community centre. We are shelving the hot dogs and introducing a 1st annual Corn Roast I am sure will be much enjoyed along with the children's activities. Come out and enjoy an ear of corn between 4 pm – 6 pm.

Curran Hall Community Centre

Being our only ward community centre I was disappointed on how many residents were turned away for programming. I am hopeful that the Monday closings will come to an end in October, while realizing that the fall opportunity to register has been lost. My office and the Recreation Department will inform you on any changes on the Monday closings – I am hopeful that some programming which would not require registration can be implemented.

Tiffany Park Homes – Orton Park and Brimorton Drive Town homes

City staff have worked with the developer in order for all the conditions to be met and finalized. A Notice of Approval Conditions was issued in June, 2007. This outlines conditions that the applicant is required to satisfy in order to gain final Site Plan Approval.

If you would like further information on this project you may contact our John Lyon, Planner at 416-396-7018 directly or feel free to call my Executive Assistant Antonette DiNovo at 416-392-4007

4. Coronation and West Hill

4314 Kingston Road – Common Elements Condominium Application Final Report

Was passed at Scarborough Community Council at its meeting on September 10, 2007. The application is in accordance to the Kingston Road revitalization Plan. This application proposes a common elements condominium consisting of a private roadway and 9 visitor parking spaces. The applicant is currently constructing a 39-unit free hold townhouse development divided into 7 blocks. The application for common elements condominium is necessary to provide legal access to the individual townhouse units and to ensure ongoing shared ownership and maintenance of the roadway, sidewalk and visitor parking spaces.

Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Falaise Road

Scarborough Community Council will address the matter of decreasing the speed limit to 40 km/hr on Falaise Road. After listening to constituents at a Community meeting last spring, I was advised that motorists are traveling at a high rate of speed on Falaise Road. Our City Staff have confirmed this and are recommending that Council adopt the 40 kilometre per hour speed limit on Falaise Road as per my recommendation which is consistent to many of the of the community streets east of Morningside.

Falaise Road Request for Speed Humps

During a community meeting held on Monday June 4, 2007 to discuss traffic calming measures on Falaise Road, it was suggested that speed humps be installed on the road. Residents on Falaise Road have submitted to me a petition with this request. During the meeting Al Burrows, Supervisor Traffic Engineering made it clear that the policy stipulations needed for the City to consider and move forward on a speed hump request. One of the measures is that a sidewalk must be present on at least one side of the street if not both. This measure can not be overlooked and is not reversible – the City's liability would not be able to support such a request without a sidewalk present and nor will Council. Staff will be mailing out a letter to the residents of Falaise Road with a the details of the policy.

Habitat for Humanity - 4200 Kingston Road

The August 19, 2007 event was very successful. I was very pleased to see so many members of the community come out to meet and welcome their new neighbours.

The nine remaining homes will be ready in December of this year.

5. Cedar Ridge

Town Hall Meeting Tuesday September 25, 2007

Thank you to those who attended the Town Hall meeting. Issues raised included the library renovations and taxes.

Markham Road and Lawrence Avenue

The Road repairs are still moving along just south of Lawrence Avenue on Markham Road. Staff has advised that the completion of the road and bridge repairs are still a number of weeks away, a lengthy time I am sure for all of us who utilize this section.

I also noted on my drive through the community that a number of businesses are not keeping up their property. I have asked staff to visit and remind all of our bylaws on storage and to keep the location clean.

6. Guildwood

Guild Story telling Event

Held on Sunday August 12 on the grounds of the Guild this years Story telling event was well attended and fun was had by all. I would like to give a big thank you to the members of the Guild Renaissance Group who worked on this venue.

Graffiti

I will be making it a monthly occurrence to drive through the Guild Area as well as the entire ward to make note of any graffiti and report it to the proper department. I would very much appreciate if all types of graffiti on City Property be forward to my constituency office at 416-396-7222 this will allow me to keep a record of all the occurrences to ensure that all the proper agencies are made aware.

Guild Inn

The Guild Advisory Committee will have it's second meeting on September 26, 2007 to address issues surrounding the Guild Inn Buildings and vision for the use of the surrounding property. Many of you have written to me on your hopes for the property and I appreciate all of your suggestions. During my Town Hall Meeting in the Guild area one concern was the issue of safety as it has been noted that the inn is being entered illegally. This issue has been addressed with the police and city staff. I have been speaking to staff on the subject of demolition of the building as it is in a state of disrepair. The wood in the building has rotted the pesticides in the insulation are toxic and it has become a growing concern that the building is in danger of collapsing. I had hoped that demolition would not be an option but it has been suggested that rebuilding would be a safer and more, sound option. The Studio building which stands at the entrance of the property to the left is not being considered for demolition.

7. Cost Containment Measures

Many of my constituents have contacted my office and voiced their position on the cost containment measures. The one issue which affected them most was the cancellation of Monday programs in our community centres. All residents have been affected from toddlers to seniors. This provision I believe was the most hurtful and should never have been able to legally been incorporated as it did not have Council consent nor was it discussed during budget deliberations.

I will be bringing forward to department heads the cuts which make sense and were part of the cost containment measures. Some include the closing of Civic Centers at 9pm nightly and keeping the temperature at a steady 24 degrees. Staff over time hours is another matter which needs to be reviewed and cut.

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.

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.

9. Ward 43

Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Lesley Chitra - Crime Prevention Coordinator for Toronto East. If you are interested in 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.

Project Random

Art Skills – Fall Workshop for Youth in Scarborough East – there are many different genres of art which are being taught including: Face painting, stilt dancing, photography, mask making and textile Painting. For more information please contact Janet at 416-847-4114

10. Community Meetings and Events

Tuesday September 25, 2007 – Town Hall Meeting Cornell Park 6:30 pm

Thursday September 27, 2007 - Provincial Election Meet and Greet with Scarborough Guildwood Candidates 6:00 pm St. Margaret's Church

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

Wednesday October 10, 2007 – Provincial Election – Get out and vote – ask your candidates what they will be doing about downloading

Saturday October 20, 2007 – Meet and Greet IGA 3750 Lawrence Avenue – 10 am

Monday October 29, 2007 – Town Hall Meeting Tam Heather Curling Club 7:00 pm

Monday November 5, 2007 – Town Hall Meeting Curran Hall Community Centre 7:00pm

December 15, 2007 - Annual Toronto Auxiliary Police Toy distribution

Saturday January 5, 2008 – 2nd Annual New Year's Levee

11. Environment Day

Thank you very much, to all who attended my environment day – it was a very busy 4 hours as residents dropped a variety of items.

If you still have items to be disposed or have questions please visit our City website at www.toronto.ca/garbage/index.htm or call Customer Service: 416-338-2010

Information on the New garbage/recycling carts can be found at <http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/seventy/index.htm>

12. The Scarborough Bluffs Shoreline Clean Up in Guildwood

Thank you to Gisela H. Bach for her great contribution to the community. Gisela is one of the most selfless people I have met she has put her own personal time on hold as she cleans the bluffs area and at the same time calling on a number of youth from our local schools to lend a hand and learn the importance of keeping our back yard clean.

For further information on Gisela's mission please visit her blog <http://guildwood.blogspot.com/>

13. 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

14. Scarborough Arts Council

Removable Room: The Guild Inn, live evening performance Thursday, September 27, 2007, 7-9pm

The Guild Inn like you've never seen it before...

Over the course of two days, artists Laura Kavanaugh and Ian Birse will explore and expose the Guild Inn, photographing images and collecting sounds. The project will culminate in a thrilling evening performance where live audio manipulations and video transformations will be projected onto the greenhouse walls. Removable Room should engage the space in a new way for people who know The Guild well, raise awareness and interest in The Guild to new groups, and foster an interest and appreciation of new contemporary media arts practices.

Second Base Youth Shelter Documentary Series, under production

Earlier this year, SAC formed a partnership with Second Base Youth Shelter in Scarborough to facilitate an artist-mentored youth project, now well underway! Youth from Second Base are working together to produce and show a documentary about the realities of shelter life.

This project gives youth living in the shelter a voice for their experience while developing an education tool for the community.

Watch for updates about this amazing project, including a documentary premier and further screenings!

Canadian Landscapes and Still Life by Jane Orr Novotny at the Bluffs Gallery

Join us for an opening reception Friday, October 8, 6-8pm, to celebrate Jane Orr Novotny's exhibition, Canadian Landscapes and Still Life, on until October 16, 2007

Call for submissions - Bluffs Gallery

The Bluffs Gallery, Scarborough Arts Council's on-site gallery, is currently accepting submissions for exhibitions from visual artists working in all media. Please submit six to 10 images of your work (either jpgs on CD, high-quality photographs or slides) an artist statement, CV, image list and S.A.S.E to Tim Whalley, program coordinator, c/o Scarborough Arts Council, 1859 Kingston Road, Toronto ON M4C 1X4. Inquiries, please call 416-698-7322 or email programs@scarborougharts.com.

15. Around the City of Toronto

September 9 to October 4. Exhibit illustrates the experience of walking through art: Walking Life, a month-long exhibit showcasing the work of both artists and community members celebrating the experience of walking, will be on display at the Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St. W. The exhibit illustrates the pedestrian experience through art, encouraging people to think about the environments in which they walk.

Walking Life is one of several community events associated with the Walk 21 Conference which is being held in Toronto from October 1 to 4. The conference brings together delegates from around the world to address issues related to walking, pedestrian environments and liveable communities.

16. New web portal assists immigrants to Toronto

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The City of Toronto has launched a web portal to help new and prospective immigrants to the city find the important information they need to succeed.

Toronto's new immigration portal, www.toronto.ca/immigration provides information on; how to pursue employment, start a business, access public transit and City services, as well as profiles of Toronto neighbourhoods.

Toronto was one of the first five Ontario cities selected for \$200,000 in project funding from the Ontario government via Citizenship and Immigration Canada; the funding for the project was provided through the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement to enhance online information about settling and working to help immigrants integrate into Canadian society.

For further information please contact Ada Bielow, Manager Public Information (A), City of Toronto, 416-338-0611 Victoria Totten, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Ontario Region, 416-954-7868

17 Third annual Lynn Donoghue Artist in Residence Program at Spadina Museum

Visitors to the Spadina Museum will see artist Amanda Burk work on pieces inspired by this turn-of-the-century historic house on Sundays (noon to 5 p.m.) from September 30 to November 4. At the end of her residency, an exhibit of her work, entitled "Thresholds" will be on display at the museum from November 9, 2007 to January 6, 2008.

"I am interested in the museum as both an enduring physical structure and a transitory space of human activity, memory, and experience," said Burk. "During my residency at the Spadina Museum, I will be producing a series of graphite drawings that examine the physical and transient aspects of the historic house and garden."

Burk is an emerging artist from Ontario whose specialty is drawing. An extensive biography and examples of Burk's previous work can be found on her website at www.amandaburk.com.

The annual Artist in Residence Program commemorates Lynn Donoghue, a critically acclaimed artist and portraitist. A member of the museum board, Donoghue was a strong supporter of the three historic houses - Colborne Lodge, Mackenzie House, and Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens. The Lynn Donoghue Artist in Residence Program continues the legacy initiated by John Howard of Colborne Lodge, founding member of the Society of Artists and Amateurs (1834); William Lyon Mackenzie's printing endeavours; and the Austin women of Spadina through their patronage of the arts as members of The Women's Art Association of Canada.

The third annual Lynn Donoghue Artist in Residence Program is presented by the Historic Houses of Old Toronto Board (Colborne Lodge, Mackenzie House and Spadina Museum), as part of City of Toronto Culture, in partnership with the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD), and with the support of Romspen Investment Corporation.

The Spadina Museum was built in 1866 and occupied by the Austin family until 1982. The house is set on six acres of beautifully landscaped grounds including rolling lawns, an intimate orchard and one of Toronto's finest restored Victorian and Edwardian gardens. The furniture, art and decoration are original to the house and reflect the Toronto art scene of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and its Victorian, Edwardian and Art Nouveau influences. It is located at 285 Spadina Rd. For more information, call 416-392-6910 or e-mail spadina@toronto.ca. Paid parking is available next door at Casa Loma.

18. Rabies Exposure

Toronto Public Health has put out a public notice regarding rabies after a woman who took an injured bat to the Toronto Wildlife Centre on September 4, 2007. The bat has tested positive for rabies.

Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Associate Medical Officer of Health warns that "People can become easily infected with rabies if they are scratched or bitten by an infected bat, and this individual may need to be vaccinated."

Rabies vaccination can prevent serious illness, but must be taken soon after being bitten or scratched by a rabid bat or other rabid animal. Without vaccination, rabies can be fatal. Individuals can also become infected if a rabid animal's saliva comes in contact with open cuts or with the mouth, nose or eyes.

At this time of year, human contact with bats can increase as bats start to come indoors looking for places to hibernate for the winter. Never touch a bat with bare hands. If someone has been bitten or scratched by a bat, or suspects they have been, they should:

- clean and wash the bite or scratch thoroughly with soap and water
- seek medical attention immediately, and
- report the incident to Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600 (after hours 416-690-2142). A Public Health Inspector will investigate the incident.

To prevent bats from coming indoors, seal holes in screens and any other openings around your home. Bats can enter holes that are very small.

In Ontario, raccoons, foxes, skunks, coyotes and bats are sources of the rabies virus. Cats and dogs can also be infected if they are scratched or bitten by a rabid animal. Ensure your pets are vaccinated against rabies.

For more information please contact Toronto Public Health, 416-338-7974

19. Annual Toronto Auxiliary Police Toy distribution

It's that time of year again for all of us to pick up a special item for needy children as we begin our Christmas shopping. Items should be brought to 41, 42, 43 Division or at the Scarborough Community Centre.

Distribution of the toys will take place on December 15, 2007.

Have a heart and contribute

20. City and police taking steps to reduce idling vehicles

City of Toronto staff joined Toronto Police in an effort to reduce the number of vehicles left idling during a five-day blitz which started on September 21.

Bylaw officers patrolled locations across Toronto to enforce the City's anti-idling bylaw. Under the bylaw, vehicles left idling for more than three minutes in a 60-minute period are subject to a fine of \$100 plus a \$25 provincial surcharge.

The City is encouraging drivers to reduce their vehicle idling even further by reducing warm-up idling (just turn on the engine and go) and by turning off the engine when stopping for more than 10 seconds, except in traffic.

Restricting vehicles left idling is part of Toronto's overall strategy to reduce pollution-causing practices. The City is working with community partners such as the Clean Air Partnership to promote an idle-free Toronto.

21. History comes to life with dramatic and archaeological events at Fort York National Historic Site

History comes to life at Fort York National Historic Site beginning Thursday, September 20 with the opening of "The Fort at York," a site-specific play about the night before the Battle of York. The show runs evenings at 8 p.m. until Saturday, October 13.

Conceived by Crate Productions' artistic director and co-founder Chris Reynolds, "The Fort at York" transports the audience to one pivotal night in Toronto's history - the eve of the Battle of York during the War of 1812. Simultaneous stories unfold and overlap as the play animates Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings.

Advance tickets are available by phone at 1-888-222-6608, online at www.totix.ca, or in person at the T.O.Tix booth at Yonge-Dundas Square. Tickets: Tuesday to Thursday \$25; Friday to Sunday \$35. Half the tickets for each Sunday performance will be available at the door for Pay What You Can, on a first-come first-serve basis. Group discounts available by calling 416-466-5979. The on-site box office at Fort York opens one hour before show time, any unsold tickets for that day's show will be available for cash purchase. When a show is sold out, rush tickets may become available at show time.

Adults and children can participate in the reconstruction of pottery vessels, make clay pots, learn about flint-knapping (the process of making stone tools, including arrowheads and hand axes), and see how scientists identify plant and animal remains. Speak to professionals who are digging up the dirt on Ontario's past. Free with regular admission to Fort York. Regular admission: Adults \$6; Seniors and Youth \$3.25; Children: \$3.

Fort York National Historic Site, operated by Toronto Culture, is the birthplace of urban Toronto. The Fort is located at 100 Garrison Rd., between Bathurst St. and Strachan Ave. A new entrance is off Fort York Blvd., between Bathurst St. and Fleet St. For details call 416-392-6907. Visit www.toronto.ca/museums for information about City of Toronto Museums.

22. Quote du Mois

"When all think alike, no one is thinking very much." Walter Lippmann

23. 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

24. Recipe of the Month

Apple Crisp

4 large apples
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup flour
3/4 cup white sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt
2 Tbs. melted butter
1 egg
1/2 cup water

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Then, peel, core and slice the apples. Put the apples in a bowl and mix in 1/2 cup brown sugar.

In a separate bowl, using a fork, mix together 1 cup flour, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

In another bowl beat together 1 egg, 2 tablespoons melted butter and 1/2 cup water. Add them to the dry ingredients. You've now made the topping.

Put the apples in baking dish and pour the topping over them.

Bake in the oven for 30 - 40 minutes. When it's done the apples should be soft and the topping golden and crisp.

Remove from oven and let cool.

25. ENews Policy and Contact Information

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