

February 2008- Issue 13

Dear Ward 43 Residents,

February has certainly shown itself as a month to be reckoned! With two huge winter storms hitting our City and all of southern Ontario in the first two weeks, we certainly saw a lot of white stuff. . Not since 1999 have we had this much accumulation in such short a time. To keep all of the roads and sidewalks cleared, was quite a challenge for City staff, as well as the contractors we hired. This year it's a total of 1,500 people.

With the snow brings on concerns of illegally parked cars on your community streets. In order for snow plows to properly clear the road it must be free of all vehicles. With the last two snow falls there were several instances where high snow drifts were created by the plows, as cars parked on the road created a wall; making it impossible for the street to be cleared from side to side. This is also costly as the plows have to then return to clear the area once the car has been dug out. Most community roads have in place a 3hr street parking by-law, some have a "No parking 2am-6am". Parking enforcement will ticket all vehicles not abiding by the by-law. If the same vehicle is ticketed on three consecutive days then it can be towed on the third day. So please be aware of this. Only abandoned vehicles will be towed upon one visit.

On the table this month at City Hall is the 2008 Operating Budget. The lively debates have already started and I am happy to note that residents are writing and calling in to me with their views and comments on what they have read. Please continue to do this as I need to be aware of how you stand on issues.

One of the issues which will directly affect households, which I in fact did not support at City Council is our new solid waste management system which includes new garbage and recycling bins . Much of our community has taken delivery of the bins. If you would like to read further on the waste diversion project please view: [www.toronto.ca/target70](http://www.toronto.ca/target70) or call 416-392-BINS (2467) to speak with a trained representative or feel free to direct your questions to my office.

Have a safe fun filled Winter!

Paul Ainslie, City Councillor

Ward 43 -Scarborough East

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### **1. Scarborough East Community Calendar**

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- February 4, 2008 - Operating Budget Hearings for Councillors
- February 5, 2008 - Operating Budget Hearings
- February 5, 2008 - Coronation Community Association Agenda
- February 6, 2008 - Community Garden Meeting East Scarborough Storefront
- February 11, 2008 - Budget Committee Review - Operating Budget
- February 11, 2008 - Curran Hall Community Association meeting
- February 11, 2008 - Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
- February 12, 2008 - Scarborough Community Council Meeting
- February 12, 2008 – Scarborough Community Preservation Panel Meeting
- February 12, 2008 – GVCA Executive Meeting
- February 13, 2008 – East Scarborough Storefront Visioning Meeting
- February 13, 2008 - Community Housing Meeting with Social Housing & Tenant Representatives
- February 13, 2008 - Allegro / Livingston Lodge Community Meeting
- February 14, 2008 - Government Management Committee Meeting
- February 14, 2008 – 43 Div. Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting
- February 15, 2008 - Rouge Valley Park Alliance Meeting
- February 15, 2008 - 43 Police Division Family Skate Day at Heron Park
- February 19, 2008 - Budget Committee Meeting
- February 20, 2008 - Scarborough Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- February 20, 2008 - Music Magic Program at Scarborough Bluffs United Church
- February 20 2008 - Civics Integration Day – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Colligate
- February 25, 2008 - Budget Committee Review - Operating budget

February 25, 2008 - Toronto Public Library Meeting

February 26, 2008 - Tam Heather Board Meeting

February 27, 2008 - Guild Advisory Committee Meeting

February 28, 2008 - Toronto Library Board Committee Meeting

February 29, 2008 - Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting

February 29, 2008 - Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough Black History Month Celebration

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## **2. Seven Oaks**

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In early January 2008, I met with City staff to outline my concern with the slow progress being made with all the outstanding items for both the "Gates of Scarborough Community" and the "Lakeview Community".

The Consortium Group, which is the developer of "Gates of Scarborough Community" has been notified by City Staff that the top coat paving and repairs to all the curbs and sidewalks must be addressed as soon as the weather permits this Spring, as well as moving towards assuming the area. All the street signs have been ordered and I have asked that they be installed as soon as possible.

In the Lakeview Community, the fallen fence on the north side of Lampman, adjacent to Highway 401 has been repaired. The developer is also working with staff to complete all the outstanding items for this community including some encroachment issues, as well as sidewalk and curb repair which will allow staff to continue the assumption process for the area.

The request for a bus stop on the south east corner of Morningside Avenue and Hwy 401 is still ongoing. Traffic operations are currently reviewing the request in consultation with our Traffic Management Centre and the Ministry of Transportation which has jurisdiction at this intersection. This change will make it safer for riders to exit the bus and cross at the lights instead of heading off the bus at the old waste facility and having to trek south to Military Trail or north to Morningside and Hwy 401.

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## **3. Curran Hall**

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Stopping and Parking Regulations on Slan Avenue, adjacent to Heather Heights Public School have been approved by Toronto City Council. This minor on-street stopping and parking regulation change is needed to enhance both traffic safety and flow in front of school. The "school side" parking and "opposite side" no stopping regulations are consistent with those found at many other school ones in the Scarborough District and will make it safer for parents to drop off their children.

The construction project at Orton Park and Brimorton Drive will be moving forward as the weather permits. At this time Staff have addressed all outstanding items with the site. If you would like further information on this project you may contact John Lyon, City Planning Department at 416-396-7018.

The Curran Hall Community Centre is offering a number of programs for the community January 5, 2008 - April 3, 2008. A list of programs can be picked up at the community centre or see online at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun-east-district.htm>. Week-end programming is also available including photography, Discovering Science, In the Kitchen, Guitar Jam and Art. Friday nights offer a Dance, popcorn and Movie night (free of Charge). There are also March Break camps available including, Stage night, Chef's Delight.

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

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I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting in the community on Thursday March 6, 2008 at Maplewood High School located at 150 Galloway Road. This is an opportunity for residents to bring forward any questions about our City, Community or comments on how to better your neighbourhood.

Planning Staff has been invited to attend the March 6, 2008 Town Hall Meeting to speak on a proposal for a low rise condominium at the corner of Payzac and Kingston Rd. Currently the site of a derelict gas station, the new owner desires to build an 8-storey structure which conforms to the existing zoning. The zoning was created a few years ago when the City implemented the Kingston Road Incremental Growth Study. Its main goal was to make it more attractive for car lots and motels to sell to higher density use

establishments. The only application necessary is for Site Plan Approval, which staff is currently working through with the applicant. A drawing of the proposed building will be displayed along with landscaping and architectural design.

On Waldock St., Eastview Park has been selected as the new site for a splash pad. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning to have it installed this summer. It will serve to enhance the existing playground and ball diamonds, making it much more functional for the surrounding neighbourhood. I will be hosting a community meeting to display the proposed design for the new splash pad on February 28th. A notice will be delivered to all residents so they can view the plans, timelines and give their input to our Parks staff who will be present.

If residents have any questions regarding the construction on the property known as the **French Avenue extension please do contact my office or** Mr. Bill Stamatopoulos, Manager, Building Inspections 416-396-7317 . In the past residents had concerns regarding the grading at the property; the exterior landscaping work needs to be in place before staff can comment as to whether or not the grades are where they are supposed to be and as shown on the permit drawings

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**5. Cedar Ridge**  
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Residents called my office last week during the snow storm to let me know a few streets in the community had not been plowed during the 2007/2008 winter season, specifically Palacky Street and Willsteven Drive. This has been brought to the attention of our Transportation office to ensure that all the streets in the community are cleared. If you would like to report that your street has been missed please do contact my constituency office at 416-396-7222.

A gem in your community; the Cedar Ridge Creative Center located at 225 Confederation Dr. is a large mission-style summer home surrounded by beautiful gardens, it 's known for its top-quality arts and crafts classes. Some favourite courses include fine art (sketching, sculpture, painting) for seven- to 13-year-olds, and creating with clay (basic slab, coiling, pinching) for seven- to 15-year-olds. special drawing lessons for artistically challenged kids and creative art for tots, introducing tots five and six years old to art, round out the offerings. studio hours vary. cost: 10 weeks \$55-\$85.

It was a pleasure to meet residents at my Meet and Greet at Cedarbrae Library on Saturday January 26, 2008. Many, residents stopped by to say hello and ask questions which concerned the community. I find these meeting to be a very productive way in meeting and hearing first hand all of your comments.

Cedarbrae Library Renovations will commence in 2008 and will take approximately one year to complete. The library will relocate Sunday service to another nearby branch, while taking some programs such as children's story times out into the community. Bookmobile service will be increased and enhanced open hours at another branch will be considered during the closure.

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**6. Guildwood**  
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On Thursday January 30, 2008 I put forward what is called a "Notice of Motion" at Toronto City Council which emphasized the City of Toronto's objection over the placement of a proposed cellular telecommunication tower at 140 Guildwood Parkway. The Notice was passed based on a petition I put forward signed by 700 area residents who are against the installation of a tower at the Guildwood Presbyterian Church. It was further supported by letters from the Guildwood Village Community Association, as well as the Guildwood No Tower Group. After City Council was completed a notification of this Motion passing at City Council was sent to Industry Canada, which has final approval as to where these types of towers are installed. As the municipality has now succeeded in obtaining an objection to the site, I have asked our Federal M.P. , John Mackay to advocate to Industry Canada on behalf of the Guildwood community. To date Industry Canada has advised that a timeline for their decision is not attainable as they are waiting for Bell Mobility's response to the City's objection to the proposed site.

If Bell Mobility chooses to pursue the proposed site at 140 Guildwood Parkway they will have to file their own impasse with Industry Canada. Industry Canada will require them to supply all supporting data on why they are still pursuing the location. With this in hand Industry Canada will review the matter and make a decision.

If you would like to comment on this matter please let your voice be heard by emailing Industry Canada, your Federal Representative as well as Bell Mobility. Health concerns to, Art Thansandote PhD Chief, Electromagnetic Division Consumer and Clinical Radiation Protection Bureau Product Safety Program Health Canada Tel. (613) 954-0306 [art\\_thansandote@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:art_thansandote@hc-sc.gc.ca). Your comments or questions on site location can be directed to Joe Doria, District Engineer Industry Canada - Spectrum Management, [doria.joe@ic.gc.ca](mailto:doria.joe@ic.gc.ca) (905)713-2671.

I would like to thank you for your emails and comments regarding the proposal. My website [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com) also has the complete contact information for each division as well as further information.

Three meetings have taken place within the community to discuss and gather your comments on a proposal to put an addition onto the present of Livingston Lodge Seniors Home. The company which owns the site, and a number of others throughout Ontario and Quebec, is planning to demolish the adjacent plaza which they also own. It is their intent to expand the Lodge with more indoor and outdoor amenity space, including approximately 120 more residential units.

Meetings took place on Tuesday January 8, 2008, Tuesday January 22, 2008, and February 13 at 7pm at Livingston Lodge: If you would like further information on the proposal please contact my office.

Many of you will remember over the past summer we had a rash of graffiti in our neighbourhood. After an extensive undercover investigation police officers from 43 Division arrested 5 youth. The graffiti save for some small instances has calmed. However, we must remain vigilant and report all occurrences through my office, whether on private or public property; including Canada Post, and Bell Boxes. My hat goes off to Brinkof's Valu-Mart, who quickly removed graffiti which had been put up on the back of their store

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**7. Residents Rising Community Association**  
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Residents living east of Scarborough Golf Club Road along Lawrence Avenue, Galloway Road, Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue will soon have the opportunity to become part of the new Residents Rising Community Association. The RRCA has been the dream of a group of volunteers who live in the neighbourhood and have been working together to improve the quality of life for other residents. Most people disagree with the negative image of Kingston/Galloway and Lawrence /Orton Park as portrayed in the media.

The Residents Rising Community Association was launched in January 2008 and there is no membership fee to join the association. RRCA members will have an opportunity to participate in the Community Garden at 4040 Lawrence Ave. E., the East Scarborough Community Market at 4130 Lawrence Ave. E., art and musical events, festivals and family activities.

According to a community survey conducted over the past 12 months, most residents indicate that they enjoy living in the neighbourhood but are concerned about employment opportunities, health services, affordable housing, public transportation and adequate finances.

The RRCA will help residents speak with a strong collective voice to government, schools and city services. The stronger the voice, the healthier the community will become. If you would like to join the Residents Rising Community Association, please call 416-847-4144 or email residentsrising@gmail.com.

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**8. TTC Service Upgrade**  
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The East Scarborough Storefront and Residents Rising supported community members to engage in a campaign to improve services on the 54A Lawrence Bus. Gary Webster, Chief General Manager at TTC has confirmed that the performance on this route is "performing at a less than desirable level of reliability"

"Significant increases" of services are planned for this route effective February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The increases in service will be for morning, mid-day and Saturday service

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**9. City Hall Report**  
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Motions introduced at Toronto City Council January 29 - 30, 2008  
City Council

M16.2 - Approved with No Amendment Ward: 43 -

**Proposed Telecommunication Tower: 140 Guildwood Parkway  
Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Moscoe  
City Council Decision**

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. The City of Toronto object to the installation of a Bell Mobility cellular telecommunication tower at the particular site of 140 Guildwood Parkway.

2. The City Clerk be directed to forward to Industry Canada, the City of Toronto's objection towards this particular site location.

Council considered the following:

- [Motion M16.2](#)

- Petition (undated) containing the signatures of approximately 785 individuals on the proposed installation of a Bell Mobility telecommunication tower, with attached communications from Mr. John Harris, President, Guildwood Village Community Association, Karina Gelo, on behalf of the Guildwood No Tower Group, and Roza Mangos, submitted by Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 43, Scarborough East (M16.2.1)

Planning and Growth Management

PG12.17 Proposed Amendments made by Councillor Paul Ainslie (Supported by Committee)

City of Toronto Protocol for Telecommunication Towers

1. That the Toronto Environmental Office together with the Director of Planning and Policy and the Toronto Board of Health write Health Canada requesting that they report back to the City of Toronto/Board of Health Committee regarding the Cities concerns highlighted in the 1999 staff report on Radiofrequencies which states that the accepted level be 100 times lower than now accepted by Health Canada. That Safety Code 6 not be recognized by the City of Toronto until the concerns in the Toronto Board of Health's 1999 report are addressed.

2. That the Chief Planner and Executive Director of the City of Toronto's Planning Division together with the Medical Officer of Health consult with Health Canada and Industry Canada to discuss and report back to Council within a 2 month period if a policy could be adopted prohibiting Cellular/telecommunication towers from being placed within densely populated areas of a community at a minimum distance of 500 meters

3. That all current proposals to install a cellular / telecommunication tower be blanketed under the City's new protocol immediately after Council approval.

4. That the Toronto Board of Health report back to the planning and growth committee in consultation with Health Canada within a two month period of the affects of radio frequency in circumstances where a number of cellular telecommunication towers are present in a community within a diameter of 5 square kilometers; and if the principles of code 6 are still being met.

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## **10. Scarborough's Image**

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Item 1 on the January Scarborough Council Committee agenda was an address by the writer who penned the "The Scarborough Curse" article in the December issue of Toronto Life. During the December meeting I had asked the author of the article to make a deputation at Scarborough Community Council and speak on the remarks it made about Scarborough. I congratulate Mr. Don Gillmor, Writer for Toronto Life Magazine for attending Community Council. I and my colleagues voiced our disappointment and concerns over the inaccuracies of his findings. He did advise that he was thankful for the opportunity to meet the Councillors and listen to their comments.

I am collecting good news stories from across our community. If you have a story to tell, please do share it with me as I will be submitting items to the media. Email your stories to [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

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## **11. Community involvement**

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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 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.

Need for gently used warm winter clothing to distribute to those in need. If you have any winter coats please do drop off your donation at one of the local clothing Residents Rising located at 4403 Kingston Road.

Non Perishable food donations can be made to either 3939 Lawrence Avenue East or 4100 Lawrence Avenue East

### **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 contact Lesley 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 to 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 at 43 Division located on Lawrence Ave, just east of Manse Rd. Please contact the Division staff at 416-808-4366 to book your appointment, if you would like your child's car seat examined, to ensure it is properly installed.

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## **12. Community Meetings and Events**

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It was a pleasure to see so many of you at my New Year's Levee, on January 5, 2008. I look forward to seeing you at future events. My website lists an updated list of events: Please do visit for upcoming Compost Day, Environment day, meet and greets, community barbeques and town hall meetings. <http://www.paulainslie.com/eventscalendar.htm#meetings>

February 15, 2008 12 noon - 2:00 pm - Family Skate Day at Heron Park Recreation Centre 292 Manse Road

February 20, 2008 6:00 pm - 8:00pm - Black History Month Celebration St. Margaret's Public School 235 Galloway Road

February 29, 2008 6:30 pm - The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough Black History Month Celebration 100 Galloway Road

March 6, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Town Hall Meeting at Maplewood High School 120 Galloway Rd.

March 27, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Town Hall Meeting St. Margaret's Public School 235 Galloway Rd.

April 22, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Town Hall Meeting Cedar Ridge Creative Centre 225 Confederation Dr.

June 17, 2008 5:30 -7:30 pm Community Barbeque at Seven Oaks Park

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 5:30 - 7:30pm Community Barbeque at Cornell Park

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## **13. Watch your Speed Trailer**

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Watch Your Speed Program (WYSP) 2008 schedule for Ward 43

- Neilson Road southbound near Oakmeadow Boulevard from July 7 to 11, 2008,

- Guildwood Parkway eastbound opposite #280 (near Jack Miner SR PS) from September 15 to 19, 2008 &

- Scarborough Golf Club Road between Brimorton Drive and Lawrence Avenue East from November 24 to 28, 2008.

Other locations which have been requested by my office as well :

Keeler Boulevard eastbound, east of Skyridge Road  
Military Trail eastbound at the hydro fields  
Military Trail westbound at Seven Oaks Park

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#### 14. MPAC reassessments in the City of Toronto

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All property in Ontario is assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Under provincial law reassessment, at the municipal level, is revenue neutral and does not generate any additional revenue for the City. With a reassessment increase, the City must adjust the tax rate to remain revenue neutral, so no new funding comes to the City of Toronto.

If your property value increases at a rate than less than the City average, your property tax will decrease due to the reassessment. And if your property value increases at a rate than more than the City average, your property tax will increase due to reassessment.

A tax increase to address the City's budget pressures is not related to reassessments. For further information please visit <http://www.mpac.ca/>

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#### 15. March Break

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##### East - Brimley & Lawrence Area

##### SCARBOROUGH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Set in beautiful Thomson Memorial Park the museum tells the tale of Scarborough's rural past and the universal story of the experiences faced by immigrants to a new land. Tour our Victorian farm house, an 1850s log house and the Hough Carriage Works.

Thomson Memorial Park, just north of Lawrence Avenue  
1007 Brimley Rd.  
416-338-8807  
[shm@toronto.ca](mailto:shm@toronto.ca)

##### PRE-REGISTER for March Break

**Pioneer Adventure March Break Day Camp** (Ages 6-11)

**March 10 to 14**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Experience the life of an early settler. Make 19th century toys, cook over the open hearth and in the wood stove, play camp games and create a variety of fun historic crafts. There is lots of outdoor activity, dress for the weather. All participants are required to bring a lunch and a drink.

\$132 per week. Extended hours: Additional \$20 per week. **Call 338-4FUN to register!**

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#### 16. Looking for Some Canadian Pride Canadian

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It was brought to my attention earlier this month by a member of Senior Adult Services and the Royal Canadian Legion 614 that there was not a Canadian flag in the Scarborough Community Council Chamber.

In a letter to our protocol office I noted that "being of significant importance the Canadian flag should be a permanent fixture in the Chambers for us all to be proud of". After directing staff to pursue the matter, it was determined that the Canadian flag would be permanently placed in all the Community Council Chambers.

Toronto Protocol, have now ensured that the flag will be placed permanently in the Chamber of the Scarborough Civic Centre and all the Community Council Chambers. The Chamber at City Hall has a Canadian flag on display.



"It's important for the City to show respect for all, our fellow Canadians who have fought for this country and for all who have made Canada their home. The mere presence of the flag in the Chambers demonstrates the City's pride and respect for our government and its people", I further noted in my correspondence.

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### **17. Is your condo draining your energy?**

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If you are a condo owner who is getting shocked by your utility bills, it might be time to talk to your fellow owners and board about upgrading your building's energy performance.

Experience tells us that most existing condos can dramatically reduce their utility bills (and greenhouse gas emissions) by upgrading heating and ventilation equipment, improving lighting systems, and better sealing and insulating the building itself. Better yet, many of these items can be quickly paid for through utility bill reductions and will improve each unit's market value.

For more information on what you can do, visit [www.toronto.ca/energy](http://www.toronto.ca/energy). If your condo corporation is interested in taking more cutting-edge actions, TAF may also be able to assist you with finding financing. Visit [www.toronto.ca/taf](http://www.toronto.ca/taf) for more details.

In the market for a new condo, but not for big energy bills?

Buying a condo is a big decision and part of making a good decision is looking beyond the finishes at a building's actual energy fitness. Did you know, for example, that an energy-efficient condo may use 30% less energy than one simply built to building code standards? Lower energy consumption also reduces greenhouse gas emissions dramatically. TAF, a designated City of Toronto climate change agency, suggests asking the condo sales team the following questions:

- . Does the building have Energy Star-rated lighting and appliances?
  - . Does it have energy efficient windows and extra insulation on the building exterior?
  - . Are its heating and ventilation systems state of the art (e.g., heat recovery ventilation, geothermal, deep water cooling)
- If you are a developer, getting energy efficiency right before a condo is built will mean offering higher value to potential purchasers Find out about our Green Condo financing program at [www.toronto.ca/taf](http://www.toronto.ca/taf) and about other City of Toronto programs at [www.toronto.ca/energy](http://www.toronto.ca/energy)

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### **18. Toronto Public Health offers Metropass prize for quitting smoking**

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Toronto Public Health is offering city residents a chance to trade in their cigarettes for a year's free ride on the TTC.

This year's provincial Driven to Quit Challenge, which starts during National Non Smoking Week, will have a uniquely Toronto prize for one resident who quits smoking and remains smoke-free for the entire month of March. In addition to qualifying for the grand prize of a Toyota Prius hybrid car, and one of seven regional prizes of a \$3,000 Future Shop gift card, one Toronto resident who successfully quits will receive a free Metropass for one year.

"We fully support the Driven to Quit Challenge and wanted to give extra incentive for Toronto residents to participate in this innovative program," said Suzanne Thibault, Acting Manager, Healthy Living, Toronto Public Health. "One lucky resident who remains smoke-free for at least the month of March will also get to ride the TTC for free for a year."

Smokers need to register for the contest by March 1. More information about the Driven to Quit Challenge is available at [www.toronto.ca/health/smokefree/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/smokefree/index.htm) or 416-338-7600.

### **19. Earth Hour 2008**

The global World Wildlife Fund Event that will see millions of people around the world turn off their lights for an hour on March 29, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Toronto is the lead Canadian city commemorating Earth Hour 2008, working in partnership with WWF-Canada, the Toronto Star and Virgin Mobile. The goal is to get at least one million Torontonians to participate by turning off their lights and make the city as dark as possible for one hour in a show of support for action on climate change.

Toronto is participating in this event as part of the Live Green Toronto initiative to encourage residents, businesses and communities to take action to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Live Green Toronto is a key component of the City's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan, which was unanimously adopted by Council in 2007.

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## **20. Submission deadline extended for 2008 Toronto Book Awards**

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Publishers and authors are invited to submit books for the 2008 Toronto Book Awards. The entry deadline has been extended one month. Books must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008.

The Toronto Book Awards honour authors of books of literary or artistic merit which are evocative of Toronto. The annual awards offer \$15,000 in prize money. Each finalist receives \$1,000 and the winning author receives the remaining prize money.

To be eligible, books must be published between January 1 and December 31, 2007. Fiction and non-fiction books published in English for adults or for children are eligible. Reprints, textbooks and manuscripts are not eligible.

To enter, submit six copies of a book that meets the criteria, along with your name, address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address to:

Toronto Book Awards Committee  
Toronto Protocol  
City Clerk's Office  
2nd Floor, West, City Hall  
100 Queen St. W.  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Find out more about the awards at [www.toronto.ca/book\\_awards](http://www.toronto.ca/book_awards)

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## **21. Quote du Mois**

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"Luck is the residue of design." - Branch Rickey - former owner of the Brooklyn Dodger Baseball Team

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## **22. Websites for Community Use**

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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.

[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.ontla.on.ca](http://www.ontla.on.ca)- Minister Margaret Best M.P.P.

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

[www.tamheathervenerables.com](http://www.tamheathervenerables.com) -Men's Curling 55 and older

[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 - 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](http://www.bluffsmonitor.com) - Bluffs Monitor

Ontario Tenants Rights [www.ontariotenants.ca](http://www.ontariotenants.ca)

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