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Dear Residents of Ward 43,

I am pleased to have been re-elected to represent the residents of Ward 43 at Toronto City Hall. (With 61% of the cast ballots, the second highest in the east end of Toronto) I will be continuing my community work with the same energy as I have always done. Working with many community members and community organizations has in my opinion bettered Ward 43 as has my open door policy.

In speaking with Ward residents I have been given a mandate to continue my work and go forward in building a strong and closely knit community here in Scarborough East. I will do my best and welcome your suggestions.

I will be taking on the role of Chair of the Government Management Committee. This appointment, I take very seriously. It will allow me to continue to raise our Ward's profile and make Toronto a better place to live. I look forward to taking on this responsibility and working with newly elected Mayor Rob Ford, his administration and the entire Council.

Joan Bannister of our office unfortunately will not be staying with us. Joan's professional work ethic and diligence with constituents has been stellar and I know she will be missed by everyone. Her knowledge of the City's business was very beneficial to the entire Ward. Joan was an important part of my office and will be missed.

Christine Radford has taken on the position of Constituency Assistant. Christine, formally with Councillor Brian Ashton's office, like Joan also has a long standing with the City and a great knowledge of City business. Our office was very fortunate to have Christine join our team. She is a great addition and will serve the constituents well.

On Monday December 6, 2010 4:00 p.m., Cedarbrae Library will host its Re-Opening. The library looks beautiful and will be well used by our residents. Please join me and the Toronto Public Library as we open the doors to the community.

We have exciting events planned for our Ward, I hope you will be supportive of and participate in.

Paul Ainslie

Councillor Ward 43 Scarborough East

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

- December 1, 2010 – New Council Term begins
- December 2, 2010 – Centennial College Fundraiser for Buy-A-Bed Campaign
- December 4, 2010 – Toronto Star Santa Box Delivery
- December 5, 2010 – Toronto Star Gift Box Delivery
- December 6, 2010 – Cedarbrae Library Opening
- December 7, 2010 – Toronto City Council First Meeting
- December 8, 2010 – Toronto City Council Election of Community Chair
- December 8, 2010 – Striking Committee
- December 8, 2010 – Kingston Galloway Orton Park Safety Committee Meeting
- December 9, 2010 – Executive Committee Meeting
- December 10, 2010 – Scarborough Community Council Meeting
- December 11, 2010 – Guildwood Village Community Association Candy Cane Hunt & Food Drive
- December 13, 2010 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
- December 13, 2010 – Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
- December 13, 2010 – Curran Hall Community Association Meeting
- December 14, 2010 – University of Toronto Pan Am Aquatic Centre Meeting
- December 15, 2010 – Neighbourhood Action Partnership: Partnership Committee Meeting
- December 16, 2010 – Toronto City Council Meeting
- December 24, 2010 – Christmas Eve
- December 25, 2010 – Christmas Day

2. Seven Oaks

Terry Fox Run: I would like to Congratulate Ken Pearson along with the all the volunteers who organized the Terry Fox Run this past September. The event was a success. The participation in the event has been growing at a steady pace with each year. Congratulations again to the organizers.

Ellesmere Road Update: The construction on Ellesmere Road at Neilson Road for the 1650mm watermain will continue until the first week of December. At this time the road will be reinstated and all lanes of traffic on Ellesmere Road will be restored. In February 2011, the contractor will need to re-enter the Ellesmere Road allowance for couple weeks to complete the tie-in/actual connection. Transportation Services will provide a further updates.

3. Curran Hall Community

website: <http://www.curranhall.ca/>

Winterfest: The Curran Hall Community Association will be hosting their Winterfest on Saturday January 22, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. The Festival is always a treat for the whole family.

Outdoor Skating rink at Botany Hill Park: Thank you to the residents of Curran Hall in their work with City of Toronto Staff as they prepare for the two outdoor rinks for families to enjoy. The rinks will be maintained by community volunteers. If you would like to participate please contact the Curran Hall Community Association through their website.

Fields of Gold in Botany Hill Park: This Spring the park will be graced with a lovely carpet of yellow daffodils which were planted this Fall. Thank you to the Cancer Society and our City Staff for their work on this project

4. Coronation and West Hill Community

Website: <http://www.coronationca.com/>

Breakfast with Santa: Brought to the community by Toronto Parks & Recreation and other community groups, this is always a great event. Saturday December 11th, 2010, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Heron Park Community Centre

5. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

Both the Cedar Ridge and Cornell Community have something to celebrate this month with the re-opening of the Cedarbrae Library on Monday December 6, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

The library is stunning. The Children's are is a must see and will be enjoyed by all. I and the Toronto Public Library are very proud of this project with its high windows and great presence on Markham Road. Details of the opening a library features are in section 10 of this report.

6. Guildwood Village

Website: www.guildwood.on.ca

Annual Candy Cane Hunt and Food Drive: This is a wonderful event put on by the Guildwood Village Community Association, on the grounds of the Guild Inn Park & Gardens at 201 Guildwood Parkway. Saturday December 11, 2010, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Candlelight Stroll and Community Carol Sing Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Pkwy. This is the last in a yearlong series of special events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Church's congregation. Gathering for all ages on the side lawn of the church where the community is invited to greet friends and neighbours over some hot chocolate and Christmas Carols. Sunday December 12, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

7. The Residents Rising Community Association

Residents Rising Community Association: If you would like to get involved and help create a new vision for the Kingston/Galloway/Lawrence & Morningside Community, the Residents Rising Community Association is looking for new team members. Meeting monthly, the RR team helps to plan events, brainstorm ideas and works with local partners to improve the neighbourhood. Members represent many cultures, ages, economic levels and abilities. They are looking for local residents who care about the community and are willing to volunteer and participate. The office is located at 4117 Lawrence Avenue East, unit 100A or call 647-347-2342.

8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition

Congratulations to the Mornelle Community who were honoured on Monday November 29th, 2010 with the during the Mayor's Community Safety Awards. I am very proud of the Mornelle community who won this honour through their "School Safe Walk" program.

The Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition: Association meetings take place the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. @ 110 Mornelle Court in the community room. New members are encouraged as there are many events planned for the upcoming months.

9. Tenant Information

Municipal Standard issues? Dial 311 to be put forward to the Inspections - Apartment Standards Division. You may also email at 311@toronto.ca. You may also visit the apartment Standards webpage: <http://www.toronto.ca/apartmentstandards/faq.htm>

ML&S Apartment Standards Web Disclosure: The City of Toronto has developed a Web site to facilitate public access to information pertaining to property standards orders issued by the Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) Division. This disclosure also includes by-law and inspection information as well as deficiency details and order status with respect to multi-residential rental apartment buildings within the City of Toronto. However, no personal information about individuals (owners, tenants or complainants) will be disclosed.

10. Cedarbrae Library Branch Reopens

Cedarbrae Library Branch Reopening

Monday December 6, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Located at 545 Markham Road (south of Lawrence Avenue East)

For further information call: 416.396.8850

This beautifully renovated library features many exciting enhancements!

- More accessible community space

New convenient layout, with barrier-free access to all areas of the building. More meeting room space available for the community.

-Improved customer service

Self-service technologies including express check-out, and our first automated express check-in system.

These new technologies help the library provide more efficient and personalized customer service.

-More access to technology for research, learning, working and recreation

62 public access computers (a 22% increase), free Wi-Fi, CD listening stations, computer learning centre and a collaborative learning studio.

- Welcoming for everyone

Urban living room; reading lounges; interactive early literacy centre, KidsStop, based on an animal theme; a vibrant Teen Zone with large screen TV; and outdoor reading garden.

□ Sustainable

New energy efficient systems with maximized use of sunlight; expanded landscaping and additional trees.

-Relevant

Over 30,000 new books, CDs, magazines and DVDs.

- Poetry is Public is Poetry installation

The inaugural Poetry is Public is Poetry installation will be unveiled near the main entrance. Part of the current Poet Laureate's initiative to make poetry more publicly accessible. This initiative will embed a fragment from

the poem *Exile* by Rosemary Sullivan into the sidewalk at the building's main entrance. The Poetry is Public is Poetry project is a collaborative effort of the City of Toronto's Cultural Services, Transportation Services, Toronto Public Library and the Toronto Public Library Foundation.

11. Toronto Police Service Community Automated Notification System

In support of Community Mobilization efforts, The Toronto Police Service (TPS) is pleased to introduce the TPS links system. TPS links is a community automated notification system that delivers vital information to residents and business owners within the City of Toronto. TPS links will utilize sophisticated software by strategically sending information to a selected geographic area made possible through a community member sign-up webpage. Messages will be prepared and delivered by local Divisional Toronto Police Service officers through email, voice and text messaging. Message types and user delivery profiles can be tailored to meet the needs and preferences for each registered community member. Community members can choose to change their profile or unsubscribe at anytime.

Types of Messages

TPS links will transmit messages using landline and cellular telephone options. The registration page enables community members to create a user profile which will specify the message types that the community member wishes to receive and restrict the types that are not desired. TPS links will send informative messages ranging from city events to safety notifications and emergency incidents. The following are examples of message types that will be delivered:

- Road Closures
- Community Events
- Information Alerts
- Existing Amber Alerts
- Missing Persons
- Emergency Incidents
- Neighbourhood Crime Alerts
- Severe Weather Alerts
- Threats to School Safety

How do I register?

Residents and business owners within the city of Toronto who wish to enrol to TPS links are provided with two registration methods as described below. They can register online via the Toronto Police Service internet site or complete a hardcopy form available online and at their local police station. Community members will be required to create a TPS links user profile by completing all required fields on the TPS links registration form. The user profile will increase the speed in which the system delivers messages, and will identify the geographic area where the messages are to be delivered. Community members also have the option to edit their online user profile or unsubscribe at any time. To unsubscribe, simply go to the registration page, open your user profile and select the deregister button at the bottom of the page. Your information and all identifiers will be removed and subsequent messages will not be delivered. To change an existing user profile, select edit with the user profile and make the appropriate changes. The changes will occur immediately.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Go to: www.torontopolice.on.ca

Scroll down on the TPS Homepage and on the right side you will see the TPS Links Logo.

CLICK on the logo and it will take you to the TPS Links page.

CLICK ON: " Click here to continue" at the very top of page

You will end up in the TPS Links Registration and Information page.

CLICK REGISTER to begin.

- **Method 1: Online Registration**

Click on the Register link on the top TPS links Menu and follow the registration process.

- **Method 2: Hard Copy Form**

Simply print and fill out the following **REGISTRATION FORM** and deliver it to your local police station. Hard copies are also made available at the Divisions.

Note: In the case of technical difficulties, please **DO NOT** call the Toronto Police Service Emergency (911) or Non-Emergency (416-808-2222) numbers. Instead, send an email to: TPSlinks@torontopolice.on.ca. (See FAQs for more info).

What to Expect

- **Phone Message Option**

Community members who select messages to be delivered to their home or cellular telephone will receive calls from TPSlinks with a pre-recorded message. If the telephone is not answered, the TPSlinks will leave a message at the end of the voice mail greeting.

- **Text Message Option**

Community members who choose the text message option will receive text messages from TPSlinks on their cellular or blackberry devices. Please note your phone carrier may charge you for incoming text messages.

- **Email Message Option**

Community members are able to choose to receive email notifications sent to an e-mail address.

Who will Receive Messages?

TPSlinks is available to all community members who work or live in the city of Toronto. Long distance phone numbers will not be accessible and messages will not be delivered to these numbers.

Requirements

Community members signing up for TPSlinks, dependant upon the mode of messages receipt, will require:

- **A telephone and/or cellular telephone number that is currently in service and/or a valid email address for receiving messages**
- **A valid e-mail address for login purposes**
- **A local Toronto address**

When the Toronto Police Service sends a message, the address provided by the community member on the registration page will be used and all community members who are within the selected geographical area will receive the message. If information was not entered, or entered improperly, the appropriate message will not be delivered.

Terms of Participation

Subscribers will be required to accept terms of participation prior to the commencement of message delivery. Please refer to the "Terms of Participation" on the TPSlinks [Register](#) page.

12. ProAction Cops & Kids Free Program for kids 11 yrs. - 18 yrs.

The Scarborough Jiu Jitsu Club: Free Program for kids 11 yrs. - 18 yrs.
Funded by ProAction Cops & Kids

Learn the Martial Art of Jiu Jitsu from Police Officers. Learn Effective self-defence skills, Increase your physical fitness level, Build confidence, Awareness and become disciplined.

Make friends and have fun. Earn belts and compete in tournaments. Come and join our club!

Every Tuesday and Thursday: 6:45pm – 9:15pm

At J.S. Woodsworth Senior Public School. Located on 120 Sedgemount Drive.

Please contact Police Constable Peter Rampat Badge #8767 of 43 Division by e-mail @ peter.rampat@rogers.com
Just leave your full name, age, and telephone number to reserve a spot.

13. 2nd Aquatics centre and multi sport field house for the 2015 Pan/ Am Games

A second community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 14, 2010 in regards to programming of the recreational aquatics centre at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus.

Meeting location: University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, 1265 Military Trail, in the Arts and Administration building (ground floor) Room AA160 (Parking will be in P3/P4 Ellesmere and Military Trail location)

This meeting will discuss Topics programming, sports, as well as project update.

14. Snow in our City

It's that time of the year again. Canadian winters means snow – sometimes a lot of snow. However, the City of Toronto is ready for anything that old man winter can dish out.

Here are a few things that you can expect as we gear up for another winter in Toronto.

As soon as the snow begins, Transportation Services sends out its fleet of salt trucks to the expressways, main roads and local roads. If the City receives five centimetres of snow, the plows are sent to the expressways and main roads and plowing will take place for the duration of the storm.

When the snow stops and if the snow accumulation reaches eight centimetres, plows will be sent to the local roads. Normally, local road plowing will be completed between 14 and 16 hours after the storm has ended.

The City will clear snow from sidewalks on local roads where it is mechanically possible to do so after eight centimetres (five centimetres in January and February) of snow has fallen. In the central core of the city, property owners are required to clear their sidewalks of snow 12 hours after a storm has taken place.

The City of Toronto's levels of service for snow clearing meet or exceed those set by the Province of Ontario for municipalities and road authorities. These levels of service were adopted by Toronto City Council in 2009.

Residents who have questions about snow clearing efforts in their area can call the City at 311. If you need more information about the city's plans for snow clearing, visit toronto.ca/transportation.

Here's an important tip about shovelling snow. Please don't push snow back onto the road. It's against the law, hampers snow clearing efforts and is very dangerous for motorists.

Winter, and the snow that comes with it, is a part of what makes us Canadians. By working together, we can make sure that Toronto continues to be a safe and accessible city in which to live, work and play.

15. City of Toronto Snow Fleet

The City of Toronto's fleet of snowplows, salt trucks and sidewalk plows are geared up and ready to handle whatever winter throws at the city this year.

The City has 600 snowplows, 300 sidewalk plows, 200 salt trucks and more than 1,600 staff ready to tackle the winter season.

The main goal is to keep the main roads clear for emergency and TTC vehicles. After this has been satisfied the focus is moved to the local roads. Local roads will be completed between 14 and 16 hours after a storm ends.

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The City of Toronto's levels of service for snow clearing meet or exceed those set by the Province of Ontario for municipalities and road authorities. These levels of service were adopted by Toronto City Council in 2009.

Residents who have questions about snow clearing efforts in their area can call 311.

The public can help the City's efforts in clearing snow by doing a few simple things such as not pushing snow back onto the road after clearing snow from their sidewalks and driveways, avoiding parking on city streets in order to help the plows do their work, and by taking public transit whenever possible.

In 2010-11, the City will again concentrate on an improved level of service for sidewalk snow clearing. This includes increasing service on main streets with high pedestrian volumes and frequent transit stops, streamlining the service so that it follows closely behind roadway plowing, and enhancing service to prevent ice build-up on sidewalks in prolonged cold periods.

Transportation Services will also continue to reduce salt use as part of its Salt Management Plan. The City has improved its fleet of salt spreading trucks, has provided better training for staff who operate salt trucks, and has improved salt storage and handling techniques.

More information about the City's winter operations is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow>.

16. Christmas Events in the Community

Sunday December 19, 2010: Home For Christmas Play
4:00 p.m. Progress Church 4242 Kingston Road * Free Admission.

Sunday December 12, 2010: Christmas Candlelight Stroll and Community Carol Sing
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Pkwy.

This is the last in a year long series of special events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Church's congregation. Gathering for all ages on the side lawn of the church where the community is invited to greet friends and neighbours over some hot chocolate and Christmas Carols.

Saturday January 8, 2011: Councillor Ainslie's Annual New Year's Levee
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, 225 Confederation Drive

17. Quote du Mois

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." African proverb

18. Websites for Community Use

www.toronto.ca

www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsml/

www.222tips.com

www.ourkgocommunity.com

www.toronto.ca/city-update

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>

www.seetorontonow.com/

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/pro_march_break.jsp

www.sportacularevent.com/leaside-GHL_2009.php

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/marchbreak.htm

www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/ <http://www.ourkids.net/march-break-camps.php>

www.ago.net/gallery-school

www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm

www.starfall.com/

19. ENews Policy and Contact Information

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