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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all the residents who attended my January 21, 2014 Budget Public Consultation meeting held at West Hill Collegiate. The presentation gave residents a thorough view of the services the City provides, the funding put towards these services and what the 10 year City planning process contains. The evening also provided an opportunity for residents to express their views on the budget contents. The 2014 budget was passed on January 30, including a 2.71% tax increase. I did not support the budget, I did not support the tax increase. [Section 2](#) of this report outlines the budget along with a link to view the document on the City website.

A Scarborough Public consultation on the proposed use of jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport has been scheduled. The City of Toronto has been hosting community consultations on the proposed use of jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. After receiving a number of phone calls from residents I requested that a Scarborough focused meeting be held to provide Scarborough residents an opportunity to listen to the presentations and pose their questions on the proposal. The meeting date has been set for **[Tuesday February 25, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI](#)** located at 145 Guildwood Parkway. The meeting will be advertised in the Scarborough Mirror to all Scarborough residents. In order to ensure that our residents have their questions addressed, all will be asked to submit their questions at the meeting in writing stating their Scarborough home address. Residents have contacted me to both support and oppose the expansion request. Please attend as it is an important matter which will be before the Executive Committee special meeting scheduled for March 25.

This winters ice storm was addressed during the January 10 City of Toronto Special Meeting. I placed a number of motions forward which have been included to staff's list of recommendations to review for implementation in the City's emergency response strategy. My recommendations are listed [in section 13](#).

Great News for Scarborough Athletes. Scarborough East has our very own Olympian to cheer for during the Sochi Games, [Katie Tsuyuki](#). Katie competed in the woman's half pipe event on February 12. Katie had an amazing time representing not only Scarborough, but Canada. Please Tweet your congratulations to her @katietsuyiki. The Tsuyuki family is well known in our community as the long standing owners of G&G Electronics located on Kingston Road. Cheryl Tsuyuki, Katies's mother will also be working with my staff on the Pan Am Athletes wall to honour and promote our local athletes.

Please contact me with any municipal issues by email at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca. Our phone 416-392-4008.

Sincerely,
Paul Ainslie,
City of Toronto Councillor
Ward 43, Scarborough East

Winter is still here at full force. Click here to view the City's winter maintenance site

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=cd3d4074781e1410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

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1. Calendar

- February 4, 2014 - Coronation Community Association of West Hill meeting
- February 4, 2014 – Guild Renaissance Group meeting
- February 6, 2014 - Book Lover's Ball
- February 8, 2014 - Fundraising music concert called "Light Up The Night" by Guildwood Group
- February 10, 2014 – Toronto Public Library Board meeting
- February 10, 2014 - Toronto Public Library's first Digital Innovation Hub opening
- February 11, 2014 – Guildwood Village Community Association meeting
- February 12, 2014 – Kingston Galloway Orton Park Safety Committee Meeting
- February 12, 2014 - Public Consultation Sessions - Electronic and Illuminated Sign Study
- February 12, 2014 - Pope John Paul High School Community Safety Meeting
- February 13, 2014 - Rouge Valley Health System Foundation Board meeting
- February 13, 2014 – Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting
- February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Party at The East Scarborough Ontario Early Years Centre
- February 17, 2014 – Family Day
- February 18, 2014 - Rouge Valley Health System Foundation Meeting
- February 19, 2014 – Toronto City Council
- February 20, 2014 - Toronto City Council
- February 20, 2014 - Don Watershed Regeneration Council meeting
- February 21, 2014 - Toronto City Council
- February 21, 2014 - Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough Community Partner Consultation Breakfast
- February 22, 2014 - Toronto Park Summit – Regent Park
- February 24, 2014 – 4000/4100 Residents Association Meeting
- February 24, 2014 – Government Management Committee
- February 25, 2014 - Scarborough Community Council
- February 25, 2014 – Scarborough Public consultation on the proposed use of jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport
- February 27, 2014 - Business Summit - Councillor Ainslie's 2nd annual Event
- February 28, 2014 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting

Community Events and Meetings

- February 25, 2014 – Scarborough Public consultation on the proposed use of jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport
 6.30 p.m. 145 Guildwood Parkway Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI 145 Guildwood Parkway
- February 27, 2014 – Councillor Paul Ainslie's 2nd annual Kingston Road and Lawrence Avenue Business Summit
 7:30 a.m. The Olde Stone Cottage

Events Across the City

Monday, February 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Build a snow fort at Fort York! Family Day fun guides on hand to help kids build awesome snow forts (weather permitting) and decorate them with their own hand-made flags or coats of arms. Visit the Fort's historic kitchen and sample some baking from the hearth. Hot chocolate and a roaring fire will make this a heartwarming and memorable visit. Kids can try an 1812 drill class, Officers' Sword Drill, some old-fashioned games and fair weather crafts too.

and more. [Details](#)

P.A. Day Camps at Toronto's Historic Sites

Gibson House P.A. Day Adventures

For ages 7 to 11

Friday: March 7

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sign your child up for a day filled with crafts, cooking, games and more!

Participants make their own hearth-cooked lunch in the historic kitchen.

Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

\$30 plus tax per child.

Extended care is available 8-9 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

\$10 plus tax for AM or PM, \$15 plus tax for both.

Call 416-395-7432 or e-mail gibsonhouse@toronto.ca

Scarborough Museum Super Fun P.A. Day Camp

For Ages 5 to 12

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scarborough Museum is the boredom buster for P.A. days and special school holidays! Bake over the open hearth, make crafts, play games, and explore Thomson Memorial Park.

Lunch Included Pre-register for these camps online at www.toronto.ca/torontofun or call 416-338-4FUN (4386).

\$33 per child

Extended care is available 8 to 9 a.m. (add \$2.60) and 4 to 5 p.m (add \$2.60)

Friday, March 7 Course Code: 2345498

AM: Course Code: 2345707

PM: Course Code: 2345710

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2. 2014 Approved Budget

City Council approves 2014 Operating Budget and 2014-2023 Capital Budget and Plan

Toronto City Council has the 2014 Tax Supported Operating Budget of \$9.6 billion and 10-Year Capital Budget and Plan of \$18.6 billion. The Budget was balanced without the use of the prior year's surplus.

The 2014 Operating Budget includes a 2.23% property tax increase for residential properties. This translates into an increase of \$56.66 for the average residential property assessed at \$499,521, which will pay \$2,598 in municipal taxes in 2014. Included in the increase is dedicated funding of \$12.70 (0.5% increase) for construction of the new Scarborough Subway and \$1.63 (0.06% increase) to begin the significant work to restore the City's tree canopy after the ice storm, in partnership with the provincial and federal governments. More information on the property tax impact is available at <http://bitly.com/MC7ffa>.

As part of its overall strategy to enhance Toronto's business climate, the City continues to reduce its tax rates for commercial, industrial and multi-residential. This will result in an additional 0.48% or \$11.93 for residential properties to make the total tax increase **2.71%** or \$68.59. The total average increase for non-residential properties, which include rental apartment buildings, is 0.30%.

The 2014 Operating Budget maintains all current programs and services and provides funding for new and enhanced services including:

- Investments in more front-line paramedics and additional fire prevention officers, and re-starting the hiring of new police officers
- Expansion of the Student Nutrition Program
- Increased child care spaces
- New recreation centres, additional recreation youth spaces and priority centres
- New libraries and expanded library hours

- Restored funding for the High Park Zoo
- Additional \$12 million in funding to meet public transit/TTC growth needs
- Extra resources for City Planning
- Increased support for Arts and Culture

City Council also approved a Capital Budget of \$3.013 billion for 2014 and \$18.612 billion for its 10-year Capital Plan. The 10-Year Capital Plan continues to advance the City's long-term fiscal plan objectives and focuses on infrastructure rehabilitation. It places priority on projects that protect the health and safety of citizens and that maintain the City's infrastructure in a state of good repair to support cost-effective service delivery.

The 2013-2022 Capital Budget and Plan includes:

- An additional \$3.437 billion for the Scarborough Subway
- An additional \$137 million for transportation including road resurfacing and reconstruction and key capital projects to address traffic congestion
- \$535 million over the next 10 years to repair and maintain the Gardiner Expressway
- An additional \$286 million for Parks, Forestry and Recreation to address the state-of-good-repair backlog for a total of \$439 million over the next 10 years
- \$6.3 billion over the next 10 years for the TTC to address ridership growth, as well as repair infrastructure and replace aging subway and streetcars.

You can learn more about the City's Budget at <http://www.toronto.ca/budget2014>.

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3. Seven Oaks

Silversand Place Island Beautification installation

Residents of Silversand Place approached my office with the vision of beautifying the island located at the centre of their streetscape. After visiting the location staff designed a landscape plan which is set to be implemented this summer 2014. The island beautification will be landscaped by the City but maintained by the residents of Silversand Place as is the policy with beautification projects within local communities. The construction is slated to begin as the weather permits and the ground becomes able to withstand the work plan. I would like to thank the residents of Silversand Place for their dedication to the community and their neighbours as they continue to work together to maintain the island feature.

Brooks Road Park

The parks flower bed will be relocated to a better location in the park this summer away from the mature trees to enable the plants to thrive.

Currently the plants are not developing as planned due to the flower beds close proximity to the mature trees, thistles and Dog Strangling. The flower bed has been receiving treatment with enhancements in 2010 -11 with fill plantings, woodchip mulch, tree and shrub pruning.

In 2011-12 flowering, evergreen and large deciduous shade trees were also planted in the park, in 2012-13 there were no in fill plantings only seasonal weeding to overcome thistles and Dog Strangling Vine was done. Additionally each year staff have adjusted the shrub bed weeding schedule and started weeding Brooks Road Park a little earlier than the previous season.

Planning Meeting for 85 Keeler Road

On January 21 a planning meeting was held to discuss a proposed development at 85 Keeler Road. The meeting was well attended with residents raising concerns on: the proposed density, trees – an onsite meeting will also take place to review the trees which may be affected, grading & drainage, the playground equipment within Brooks Road Park will be re-examined to ensure that the community children utilize it during construction, road maintenance, hydro, subdivision agreement: residents wanted to ensure the development agreement addresses all issues raised by the community, and asked that they review the construction management plan prior to any approvals

I committed to holding another meeting to discuss the staff report and all the issues raised at the meeting, a meeting notice will be sent when a meeting date is set. The City Planner Christopher May is working on all the issues raised as well and will incorporate them into his report.

Residents also raised the following concerns:

Traffic: I have directed that additional visible police monitoring be in place on Keeler and Military Trail during the morning and evening hours to address traffic and speeding issues. City staff also conducted a traffic study for this area which concluded that it did not meet the vehicle numbers to install additional stop signs. I have asked that staff readdress the issue to determine what could be implemented in the community. Links to traffic studies: [Study 1](#), [Study 2](#)

Planning staff will also address traffic in their report along with a concern from one resident on the north side of the proposed development on where the intersection would be located as they have concerns about cars leaving the subdivision and whether car lights would shine in their home.

Water Pressure: Residents advised that the water pressure in the neighbourhood has been decreasing over the past several years, attribute it to additional development. Toronto Water was contacted and reported that they have reviewed the information on file pertaining to static water pressures that are taken from the fire hydrants in Ward 43, south of the 401. The pressures are between 50-70 PSI and on Neilson Rd. south of Ellesmere Road the pressure is 80 PSI in the vicinity of the Rouge Valley Hospital. These pressures are within the "normal" operational pressures seen across the City.

Toronto Water infrastructure management has been directed to provide historical pressure readings in the subject area over the past 3 years and we will provide the analysis of this information when it becomes available. They will also investigate the valving in the area as time permits to determine if any closed valves exist, possibly causing pressure issues in the area.

If residents are experiencing low water pressure please send me your home address as it will be passed to Toronto Water to perform Low Water Pressure tests as the problem could also be related to individual residential servicing.

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4. Curran Hall Community

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

Ice Storm and Morningside Park

Staff continue to work in the park to bring it up to standards to allow residents to once again enjoy their winter sports or a winter walk through the park. Currently debris is being removed throughout the park with construction equipment, moving large pieces of trees. As the City cannot guarantee residents safety during these operations the gates will remain closed until the cleanup has been completed

Curran Hall Community Signs

A motion has been submitted to the Scarborough Community Council requesting that community signs be installed within the community to mark it's boundaries. I am hopeful that the signs can be installed this fall.

Morningside Park Pedestrian Bridge

Residents will be able to enjoy the new pedestrian bridge in Morningside Park, this new replacement bridge was built by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority increasing the safety of residents using the park.

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5. Coronation and West Hill Community

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

Coronation Community Association of West Hill

I would like to thank the Coronation Community Association of West Hill for bringing the following questions to my attention:

Fire hydrants - The association asked if the hydrants were regularly inspected. All City fire hydrants are under a regular maintenance review for both their outside appearance but more importantly for their functionality to provide water in a crisis. If you have a concern with any of the hydrants please contact my office at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca.

Pedestrian crosswalks: Are they to be cleared of snow? All crosswalks are to be cleared of snow. Staff have been directed to attend to the crosswalks located at Manse Road (Brent School) and Morningside (St Martin De Porres) to ensure that they are cleared.

Traffic Services for the studies: A request has been directed to have staff investigate for the installation of right turn lanes at (On Morningside north and southbound at Kingston Road), (Lawrence westbound at Morningside), (Kingston Road westbound and Lawrence) and (Lawrence eastbound at Manse). The requests were investigated previously by staff with a negative report, I have asked staff to re-evaluate the request.

Past report link - [Request for an Exclusive Eastbound Right Turn Lane: Lawrence Ave East at Manse Rd](#)

Past report link - [Request for an Exclusive Westbound Right Turn Lane on Lawrence Ave East at Morningside Ave](#)

Past report link - [Request for an Exclusive Southbound Right Turn Lane from: Morningside Ave to Kingston Rd](#)

Bus stop at Morningside Crossing: The association raised concerns over the bus stop at Morningside Crossing as it was noted that there are bus stops at Lawrence, Morningside Crossing Mall and again at Morningside and Kingston Road. The association suggested that the bus stop at Morningside Crossing should be eliminated. I have raised this with the TTC to investigate.

Artificial Ice Rink: I recently placed a motion to have a an additional outdoor skating rink implemented in Scarborough east, the motion was not supported by 8 Scarborough Councillors. Councillor Moeser was the only Scarborough Councillor who supported my motion to add an artificial rink.

I did support and was successful in the 2014-2015 budget to have approved an extensive and complex project covering facilities for almost all active and passive recreation and leisure needs for the next 20 years, and will outdoor artificial skating rinks. The project will include public consultations with public input, asset inventory and condition assessments to determine what facilities communities will support for implementation.

The project will also take into account a wide range council directives including working with other divisions and agencies on multi-purpose facilities, re-using existing community facilities and school lands, and minimizing the operating impacts of new facilities. The City will engage the public later in the year with the objective to have the analysis completed in time to for the 2015/2016 capital budget planning.

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6. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre

225 Confederation Drive

(two streets south of Lawrence Ave. E, off of Scarborough Golf Club Rd.)

To register or for information: 416-396-4026 or crcc@toronto.ca

Pottery

Beginner Pottery - Students will become familiar with a pottery studio environment while learning to work with clay, pottery tools and equipment through various hand building and wheel thrown projects.

Intermediate Pottery - Students focus on refining techniques acquired in the introductory course. Different hand building and wheel thrown projects are assigned enabling students to work at their own pace.

Advanced Pottery - Students should be confident on the wheel and able to produce centred forms. Course focus is on combining throwing and sculptural techniques to produce complex forms. A self-directed approach is encouraged, with guidance from the instructor to use the wheel as a tool.

Pottery - Wheel Work (Intermediate/Advanced) – Prerequisite: Four sessions of experience with wheel throwing, centering and hand building. This course focuses on refining wheel throwing techniques through demonstration and individual attention by the instructor. Forms produced from joined wheel thrown parts will be introduced. Students will learn to critique their own forms in order to advance their control of wheel techniques.

Pottery Explorations – This program is aimed at experienced potters, sculptors and ceramists who wish to further develop established skills through purposeful planning and execution of projects. Particular effort should be made by the artists in the attempting of 'new' techniques of design, construction and decoration of their projects. The clay artist should be ready to challenge their usual sense of scale, methodology of construction and purpose of use in their pieces. Previously attempted decorating techniques should be considered to further develop the artists' repertoire of glazing experiences. Further exploration of jewellery-making techniques and multi-media constructions will be employed to enhance the artists' interests based on peer-suggested explorations.

Sculpture (All Levels) - Beginners will learn how to handle clay at various consistencies, use and make tools for clay work and finish dry clay. Students will be encouraged to develop their individual style when they have mastered the basics.

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Guildwood Village Community Association website: www.guildwood.on.ca

The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG): <http://guildrenaissancegroup.com/>

Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsof.ElizabethSimcoePark/>

Friends of Guild Park & Gardens- <http://www.guildpark.ca/>

Emerald Ash Borer removal in Guild Inn Park and Gardens and South Marine Park

A public meeting for **Ash Management Plans for Guildwood Park & South Marine Park** was held on January 9th, 2014. For those who were unable to attend please view the links for the presentation given during the meeting:

[Guildwood South Marine EAB Public Presentation Jan 2014.pdf](#)

[Guildwood South Marine EAB Public Presentation Jan 2014 accessible.pdf](#)

Urban Forestry has initiated work at South Marine Park and Guild Inn Park to start clearing dead & dying ash trees from the parkland. The logging contractor is being supervised very closely by City staff and a Registered Professional Forester under contract to the City to ensure that they are following proper work procedures. Due to the long length and narrow width of the parkland, they need to cut a trail through the parkland to be able to pull logs out of the site.

Some vegetation may be damaged during the removal process but they are being as careful as possible. Urban Forestry will be restoring the site with new plantings as required by spring this year. The machinery they are using is required to pull out logs, especially over longer distances. We have been waiting for the ideal weather conditions there to minimize damage to the forest floor. The frozen ground conditions with no wind have been positive. The crew will be on site for at least the next 2 weeks to get all of the material out, dependent on weather conditions.

Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding the work currently taking place, or Emerald Ash Borer Management please contact either:

Beth McEwen bmcewen@toronto.ca Manager Natural Environment & Forestry Management or

Cara Webster cwebster@toronto.ca Natural Resource Specialist

Or you can contact me directly at the Scarborough Constituency Office.

Trees that border the edge of the bluffs will be cut and left to fall over the bluffs without their stumps in order to not expropriate private property with the harvest process. Wood waste management will begin in early May.

Additional information, including City of Toronto Emerald Ash Borer Map, Link to CFIA quarantine zones, as well as EAB Public Presentation can be found at the following link: [Forest Health Care & Pests](#) and clicking on Invasive Pest.

Guild Inn (Bickford) Update

The Guild Inn Request for Proposal (RFP) will be before the Government Management Committee on February 24, 2014. Once approved the item will then be sent to City Council for Approval on April 1, 2014. Draft plans for the building have been submitted to the City and will be showcased to the community at an April Town Hall meeting along with a presentation from the Culture Division to update on the Cultural Precinct Plan as well as a presentation on the parks management plan which addresses many of the ideas put forward by the Friends of Guildwood Park Group. A meeting notice will be sent to the community in April after the item is approved at the April 1 City Council meeting. I have kept all the community groups updated on the status of this file and welcome any inquires.

Laurier Pool

I am pleased that the community is utilizing the City swimming programming held at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate. After several meetings with community representatives, the school and City programming staff we were able to work together to advertise the programming more widely to raise the usage numbers to support the continued programming. I believe however that there is room to increase the programming further and encourage residents to support the programming by enrolling and requesting additional times. Additional signage was also placed to encourage the pools community usage. [Programming schedule link](#)

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8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition & Tenants Associations in Ward 43

Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition...Working together to make a change... Be the Change you want to See...

www.mornellecourt.webs.com

Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca

[mornellecourt@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mornellecourt)

Walk to school Program and After School Homework Club

The two programs are being very well attended and do have room for new participants. Volunteers are always needed especially for the walk to school program. Volunteer for your neighbours by helping them ensure their children arrive at school safely. To volunteer please email Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca.

Mobile Constituency Office

I am continuing to have my mobile constituency staff visit all the buildings in the Ward. A notice will be posted in the lobby of your building 1 week prior so please visit the mobile office and bring your issues for us to address.

We have been very fortunate to have wonderful visits with the residents and are happy to assist with any issue or simple just to meet you. Thank you for your hospitality.

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9. Council Highlights

Council Highlights

Toronto City Council meeting of December 16, 17 and 18, 2013

Council Highlights is an informal summary of decisions made by Toronto City Council. The City Clerk provides the formal documentation at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

Plan for managing traffic congestion

Council endorsed a comprehensive congestion management plan with numerous initiatives such as upgrading software for traffic signal management to help improve traffic movement on Toronto streets. The congestion management plan is intended give the City the ability to better respond to changes in traffic conditions, improve traffic efficiency along key corridors and provide motorists with timely information.

Downtown transportation operations study

Council approved an implementation plan for the recommendations of a recent downtown transportation operations study and approved amendments to Toronto's traffic and parking regulations. The projects will improve traffic operations and better manage congestion in the downtown area – an area loosely defined by Lake Shore Boulevard to the south, Queen Street to the north, Jarvis Street to the east and Bathurst Street to the west.

Water and wastewater rates for 2014

Council approved a nine per cent rate increase in the municipal water rate for 2014, resulting in an increase of about \$73 next year for the average Toronto household. Council also approved staff's use of eight per cent as the recommended annual increase for 2015-17, amending the 10-year Capital Plan in order to address capital funding pressures that include basement flooding relief projects, wet weather flow projects and standby power for the water supply system. The forecast water rate increase drops to three per cent a year for the remainder of the 10-year plan.

Solid waste rates for 2014

Council adopted the 2014 solid waste rates and capital budget, as well as various related recommendations. One adopted recommendation will result in the harmonization of solid waste rates for City agencies, boards, corporations, divisions and school boards to the commercial rate, with the increase to be phased in from 2014 to 2017. In addition, Council supported taking steps to remove conditions that currently make some charities, institutions, not for profits and religious organizations ineligible to receive all of the City's waste collection services. Expanding eligibility will ultimately result in greater diversion of waste from landfill.

Addressing tenant issues

Council took steps to address Toronto residential rents and the quality of private rental housing. Council will ask the Government of Ontario to discontinue the exemption from rent control that applies to rental housing built after 1991 and to institute an automatic rent freeze when a rental building is not in compliance with a City work order. Council also agreed to ask the province to give the City of Toronto powers to pursue new measures to improve the quality of rental housing in Toronto. Almost half of Toronto residents rent their homes.

Support for manufacturing in Toronto

Council adopted several directives to staff for supporting Toronto's manufacturing sector. Among the actions requested is the convening of a Toronto manufacturing business roundtable early in 2014, intended to help identify opportunities for enhancing Toronto manufacturers' competitiveness. Toronto's manufacturing firms currently employ about 120,000 people, representing nine per cent of Toronto's total employment.

Toronto's music sector

Council endorsed the creation of a new advisory group to enhance the competitiveness and visibility of Toronto's music industry. Council also endorsed terms of reference for the Austin-Toronto Music City Alliance agreement and approved the recommended membership of the Toronto Music Industry Advisory Council. The advisory council is made up of designated City councillors, music industry representatives and other stakeholders.

Official Plan amendments - employment lands

Council's discussed recommendations and motions for the amendment of Official Plan policies and land use designations involving Toronto's employment lands reserved for business/economic activity. Discussion of the topic concluded with Council's approval of certain site-specific amendments.

Development proposal for King Street West

Council decided to establish a working group with broad representation to address issues pertaining to a major development proposal for King Street West's theatre district. The working group will address issues pertaining to development of the site and community impact. Council decided to keep the designated heritage status in place at this time for four buildings that the developer wants to demolish to build three towers, each of them more than 80 storeys tall.

Work to improve Humber treatment plant

Council authorized the awarding of a contract for major work for odour control and upgrades at the Humber Wastewater Treatment Plant. WCC Construction Canada received the contract as the bidder with the lower bid meeting all the specifications.

Future of the Mr. Christie's site

Council endorsed a vision statement and principles to guide future uses for the lands at 2150 Lake Shore Blvd. W. and 23 Park Lawn Rd., the site of the recently closed Mr. Christie's Bakery operation. A series of meetings involving City

staff and a working group with broad representation contributed to the vision statement and principles for future employment opportunities.

Future of Ontario Place and Exhibition Place lands

Council agreed to ask the Province of Ontario to enter into a formal co-operative venture with the City to jointly plan and revitalize the Ontario Place and Exhibition Place lands. This formal co-operative venture is considered the best way to plan for the area, and will address key issues such as infrastructure, transportation and heritage. The motion says the process should be modeled on best practices for waterfront planning, with community consultation.

Extension of Yonge Street cultural corridor

Council directed that the Yonge Street Cultural Corridor be extended from Dundas Street north to Davenport Road. That portion of Yonge Street has recently seen significant construction and the renovation of cultural facilities, some of them heritage buildings. The Yonge Street Cultural Corridor is one of seven cultural corridors identified in plans for a revitalized waterfront.

Toronto's sports fields

Council endorsed a five per cent discount for non-profit resident permit holders booking seasonal permits for 16 or more consecutive weeks – subject to the approval of permit fees under consideration as part of the City's 2014 budget. In addition, Council approved permit fees for youth use of sports fields.

Procurement policies and practices

Council adopted a motion requesting the preparation of a report on procurement practices for consideration by the Government Management Committee at its February meeting. The staff report is to address matters such as procurement issues related to construction contracts.

Green standard for buildings in Toronto

Council adopted recommendations to enhance the City's green standards for tall buildings in Toronto with regard to bird-friendly lighting and glass. Among steps to be taken is a commitment that, starting in 2014, all new buildings constructed or undergoing major renovations by the City of Toronto and its agencies/corporations are to meet the bird-friendly standard for window glazing.

Pipeline safety in Toronto

Council supported a motion addressing the issue of pipeline safety and response to a potential pipeline emergency. Enbridge Inc.'s Line 9 oil pipeline runs through the northern part of Toronto. City representatives participated in the National Energy Board's recent Toronto hearing on Enbridge's Line 9B proposal and raised concerns about emergency preparedness/response in the eventuality of a major pipeline rupture in Toronto.

519 sport and recreation project

A plan by the 519 Church Street Community Centre (the 519) to build the first ever LGBTQ-focused sports and recreation centre in Toronto received Council's approval. Staff will establish a working group to work with the 519 and Council advised City divisions to help move the 519 Athletic Centre project forward. The centre, to be located in the West Don Lands, will meet the new community's recreation services needs. A private capital contribution will cover a significant portion of the capital costs and the donor will work with the 519 on a campaign for the rest of the capital funding.

Parking at Toronto Community Housing

Council supported a motion to ask Toronto Community Housing to waive its parking fees for community organizations that provide programming in Toronto Community Housing buildings. The cost of parking has deterred some community groups that provide programming for children at Toronto Community Housing dwellings from enhancing and increasing their programming.

Integrated approach to address chronic hoarding

The establishment of a specialized staff unit for a more integrated approach to handling complex property and community standards issues such as the chronic hoarding of animals received Council's support. The new interdivisional unit will co-ordinate interactions with health, social and community service professionals.

Commemorating war anniversaries

Council adopted a motion calling on the City of Toronto to recognize the importance of the year 2014 for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the start of the

Second World War. The commemorative events in Toronto will offer tribute to the many Torontonians who were killed while serving in the two wars.

Policies for museum collections

New policies covering the City's historical collections received Council's approval. The collections consist of artifacts and archeological specimens used for education and programming at City museums. The new and revised policies will improve the stewardship provided by Museum Services.

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The Council Highlights summary is also made available as a podcast shortly after the email distribution of Council Highlights: <http://www.toronto.ca/podcasts/>

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10. Toronto Public Library

Events alert - February

Toronto Public Library celebrates Black History Month with great programs for everyone at branches across the city. Check out what's taking place in Scarborough.

Black History Month on Film - The Butler Sat Feb 15, 2:30 – 4:30pm [Cedarbrae](#)

Join us for a screening of the critically acclaimed 2013 film "The Butler" starring Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, and Mariah Carey.

Synopsis:

As Cecil Gaines serves eight presidents during his tenure as a butler at the White House, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and other major events affect this man's life, family, and American society.

Calypso with Roger Gibbs Wed Feb 19, 2 – 2:45pm [Guildwood](#) and Sat Feb 22, 10:30 – 11:30am [Taylor Memorial](#)

Music and stories tracing the Caribbean folk roots of calypso and how the music spread to the world and to Canada. Roger Gibbs sings, strums, drums, dances, and narrates an interactive jam session presentation of traditional songs, retro and contemporary calypsos for all ages and abilities. No registration required. Everyone welcome!

Dwayne Morgan - Spoken Word Celebration Thu Feb 20, 6 – 7:30pm [Kennedy/Eglinton](#)

Join us for an electric evening of hot spoken word! Dwayne Morgan is a Canadian spoken word artist, motivational speaker and event organizer. He is the founder of Up From The Roots Entertainment, which promotes the positive artistic contributions of African Canadian and urban influenced artists.

Shaun Boothe and Live Your Legacy: An exploration of black cultural icons Sat Feb 22, 2 – 3pm [Cedarbrae](#)

Through his hip hop "Bio Series," rap artist Shaun Boothe embarks on a journey discussing issues of race, media, Black history, and the importance of living a legacy. Please call 416-396-8850 for more information.

Celebrate Black History Month with 'The Famous Kenny Robinson' Sat Feb 22, 2 – 3pm [Bendale](#)

"The Famous Kenny Robinson" is a living legend on the Canadian comedy scene. He is a two time Gemini Award Nominee, who has twice been named Comic of the Year by Now Magazine. Join this master of comedy for sidesplitting fun for the whole family.

African Roots in Music of the Americas Tue Feb 25, 7 – 8pm [Agincourt](#)

Did you know that African music influenced Jazz and Rock 'n' Roll? Join accomplished Nova Scotian musician, recording artist, music producer and teacher Lionel Williams, as he takes you on a musical journey through the black American slave's creative and significant contribution to the music of the USA, Caribbean, and Latin America. Discussion will include musical duet performances of Jazz, Blues, Reggae, Bossa Nova and MORE!

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11. Scarborough Public consultation on the proposed use of jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

Scarborough Public Consultation: Request to Permit Jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

The City of Toronto is hosting a public information meeting for Scarborough residents on the request to permit jet-powered aircraft at Billy Bishop Toronto city Airport (BBTCA).

The focus of the meeting will be to provide an update on the status of the review of this request, and to hear from members of the public.

Date: February 25, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Auditorium, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute 145 Guildwood Parkway, Toronto

Brief update presentations will be provided at the meeting's outset. City staff from the community planning, transportation planning, economic development and public health divisions will also be available to answer questions. Attendees will be asked to provide questions and comments in writing at the beginning of the meeting. All questions and comments provided will be answered by staff.

The venue is wheelchair accessible.

For additional accommodations or information, contact:

Chris Dunn Project Manager City of Toronto

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Visit the project website at toronto.ca/bbtca_review

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12. Olympic Cheer for Scarborough East

Congratulations Katie on your great performance on Wednesday February 12, 2014 in the woman's half Pipe!

Katie Tsuyuki – Scarborough East resident.

Katie made her World Cup debut in December 2005 in Whistler. She would record her best World Cup result in January 2010, finishing ninth in Stoneham, Quebec. Just a couple of weeks later, she was at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games, not as a competitor, but as a forerunner for the Half Pipe competition. Tsuyuki is a three-time medalist at the Canadian championships, including her gold medal run in 2006. Tsuyuki made her debut at the FIS World Championships in 2013 where she finished 15th.

When she travels, she always carries her own comforter to ensure a good night's sleep and collects magnets from all over the world. Katie enjoys cooking and fitness as well as wakesurfing. She is affiliated with Make-A-Wish Canada, and also Ronald McDonald House.

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13. Ice Storm Recommendations

On January 10, 2014 during a special Council Meeting to discuss the ice storm I put forward a number of motions, some of the suggestions were provided by you, thank you.

- That a full report on how the City of Toronto and Toronto Hydro communicates with residents during emergencies. A review of the appropriateness of Reception Centres and Warming Centres as well as a review of utilizing the Toronto District School Boards sites which are located within communities.
- That the City of Toronto direct Toronto Hydro Corporation to include within their emergency communication response mechanisms to reach residents who are without power.
- That Toronto Hydro Corporation include manual methods for communication which may include an onsite vehicle with speakers to drive through communities to update residents, that Toronto Hydro Corporation report back to City Council on all manual methods to be included into their communications response in emergency situations.
- That the City of Toronto begin discussions with the Province of Ontario, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to determine how local community schools can be utilized as sites in emergency situations as these public buildings are easily accessible to residents.
- That the City of Toronto work with the Province of Ontario and the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to determine what services are to be made available at the local school sites during emergency situations.
- That the Toronto City Council work with the Toronto Transit Commission to explore the use of public transit buses to drive through communities in need during emergency situations to offer transportation to those who require access to a warming centre or a community information centre.

Ice Storm Debris Clean Up Plan

- Toronto's city-wide tree debris removal started on Friday, January 3, 2014 and is expected to take approximately eight weeks, weather permitting. It will begin simultaneously in all wards across the city.
- Up to 120 three-person crews made up of both City staff and contractors will clear tree debris from roadsides using chain saws and chippers while another 120 two-person forestry crews will continue their work removing hanging branches that threaten power lines and walking areas.
- The City will haul away all tree branches from front yards and roadsides and will include those that have fallen on private property if they are less than 15 cm (six inches) in diameter and have been taken to the curb. Residents should neatly stack limbs/branches at the front edge of their properties without blocking either sidewalks or roads and with the butt ends of branches towards the road.
- City crews will not collect large limbs (more than 15 cm or six inches in diameter) from private trees that have fallen on private property. Property owners should contact a private contractor for this. A City permit is not required to remove damaged or downed trees that are hazardous, however many trees can be saved with proper care and pruning.

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14. Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre

As you are aware, Toronto will host the 2015 Pan / ParaPan Am Games. In preparation for the Games, the City of Toronto and University of Toronto Scarborough have partnered to bring a brand new, world-class aquatic centre and field-house to our neighbourhood.

This state-of-the-art facility, located at the corner of Morningside Avenue and Military Trail will be host to five of the Games' competitive disciplines including Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming, Fencing and Seated Volleyball.

What's most exciting about this facility is the community's ability to access this complex for recreational programs and services offered prior to and following the 2015 Games.

Resident and university students can expect an increased level of recreational programming in Fall 2014. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will be directly offering a variety of programs to the community and participants of all ages and abilities.

Services will include lean-to-swim and instructional aquatic programs, arts and general interest, sports, fitness, and leadership programming. City staff are seeking the community's input on the types and variety of programming through an on-line survey. Have your voice heard at toronto.ca/parks and click on the on-line survey.

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15. New Parking Regulations for the City of Toronto

The City of Toronto together with the Toronto Police Service have launched a series of new initiatives to improve traffic flow and compliance with the City's parking regulations. The initiatives include:

- increased fines for unlawful stopping, standing, and parking on rush-hour routes
- implementation of a fixed fine system for parking offences
- increased ticketing for expired licence plate validation stickers, and
- towing of habitual parking ticket offenders when found parked illegally.

A \$150 fixed fine will apply for stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in any area with time restricted parking, and for stopping, standing or parking a vehicle in a bicycle lane.

The bylaw and increased fine applies to all streets where posted time restrictions apply. Therefore, even residential streets for example, with school zones that prohibit parking between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. to prevent blocking of school buses and prevent congestion in general for child safety are subject to the increased fine.

Accessible parking permits:

No exemptions exist during the rush hour periods between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The City is also introducing a vehicle-towing initiative for habitual parking ticket offenders. City bylaws currently permit the towing of any vehicle when parked illegally, but vehicles are generally towed only when necessary. A new Habitual Offender Program will provide a further deterrent to illegal parking by towing any offender who owes three or more parking tickets and whose tickets remain outstanding for 120 days. The penalties for having a vehicle towed include towing fees of up to \$200 plus daily storage fees of up to \$81.

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16. Local Appeal Body – Have your say and attend the discussion

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=de68204d1f5c3410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

The Province of Ontario granted the City of Toronto the power to establish a Local Appeal Body (LAB) to hear appeals of Committee of Adjustment decisions (both minor variances and consents). Section 115 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, allows City Council to appoint one appeal body composed of such persons as the City considers advisable, subject to certain by-laws being put in place and prescribed terms and qualifications being adopted, including eligibility criteria and restrictions. The prescribed terms are set out in *Ontario Regulation 552/06*.

City Council's Planning and Growth Management Committee has brought forward the matter of establishing and implementing a Local Appeal Body at past meetings. At its December 4th, 2013, meeting, the Committee requested the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning to initiate a public consultation process on the implementation of a Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto and to report back on April 10th, 2014, on the results of the public consultation and with recommendations on implementation.

We are inviting you to get involved and share your views and opinions with regard to this matter. To this end, we are hosting five consultation sessions across the city, as follows:

- **Consultation**
- **Legislative Authority**

- **Reports & Presentations**

Consultation gets underway at 6:45, with a 7:00 p.m. staff presentation, followed by a question and answer period and a facilitated discussion about issues and opportunities involved in implementing a made-for-Toronto Local Appeal Body.

Meeting space is mobility device accessible. To ensure that the necessary accommodations and/or services for persons with disabilities have been provided, please contact us ahead of the meeting date at 416 392-7863 or by email at labconsultation@toronto.ca

Etobicoke - Tuesday, February 18, 2014

York - Monday, February 24, 2014

North York - Monday, March 3, 2014

Scarborough - Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Central - Monday, March 17, 2014

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17. Quote of the Month

"There are only two seasons - winter and Baseball" Bill Veeck

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18. Websites for Community Use

www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes
frozen pipes

www.toronto.ca/water
Toronto Water home page

enterprisetoronto@toronto.ca
Enterprise Toronto

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/recordsmanagement/crimereporting.php> -Citizens Online Crime Reporting

<http://www.toronto.ca/golf> -Toronto's golf courses

<http://www.torontohydro.com/peaksaver> - **peaksaver PLUS**

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/thebadge/> **Toronto Police newsletter "The Badge"**

<http://www.scarboroughsoftballassociation.com> - Scarborough Softball – Scarborough Dragons

<http://www.thestorefront.org/contact.php> - East Scarborough Storefront

www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo - Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar - City of Toronto Events Calendar

www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm. - We've been expecting you

<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtdkrth/e/> - TRCA – The Don

<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm> -City of Toronto Seniors

http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency_4.php -Province of Ontario Seniors

<http://www.dementiatoronto.org/0303.asp> - Toronto Dementia Network

http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf - Service Directory for Seniors

www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow - City of Toronto Winter Operations - Snow

www.toronto.ca - City of Toronto

www.toronto.ca/city-update - What is happening in our City

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/> - City of Toronto Festival Page

www.seetorontonow.com/ - Tourism Toronto – Official website

www.222tips.com - Crime Stoppers

www.ourkgocommunity.com - Kingston Galloway Community Network

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca - Toronto Public Library

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca - Toronto Botanical Gardens

www.toronto4kids.com - Great ideas for what the kids can do in Toronto

www.ago.net/gallery-school - Ontario Art Gallery

www.starfall.com - Star fall – great to get the little ones reading

www.coronationca.com - Coronation & West Hill Community Association

www.curranhall.ca/ - Curran Hall Community Association

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

www.mornellecourt.webs.com - Mornelle Court Coalition

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19. E-News Policy and Contact Information

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