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Dear Friends,

The cold weather has been relentless as we continue to deal with the remainder of the ice storm damage and an unprecedented number of water main breaks across the City. On Thursday March 6 there is a meeting for the east end to assess Toronto Hydro's response to the December 2013 ice storm. Thursday March 6, 2014, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive.

Residents will be given three minutes each to speak. Written comments will also be accepted. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the information presented at the meetings across the City as the panel develops its findings and recommendations, to be published in a final report. Toronto Hydro representatives will not be present at the meetings giving residents an opportunity to speak freely. If you are not able to attend please send in your comments to Davies Consulting LLC by email at torontoicestorm@daviescon.com. Davies Consulting, a leading energy consultancy, is conducting the review of Toronto Hydro's response to the ice storm under the direction of the Independent Review Panel.

On Tuesday February 25 our community had the opportunity to be part of a consultation session for the Billy Bishop Porter Airline expansion proposal. Residents from across Scarborough were invited to attend to hear presentations from all the parties involved. We had a good attendance. The item will be heard at the March 25, 2014 Executive Committee.

I also had the pleasure of hosting my second annual Business Breakfast on Thursday February 27th. Many businesses came out for an early breakfast to listen to three presentations on how they can improve their business in Ward 43 and how they can work together with the City to make their business more attractive to customers. Please support our local businesses. We have many to choose from including auto services, electronics, beauty, medical, restaurants, home care, pet services and the list goes on. These businesses help our community thrive. Shop and visit to keep our business community growing!

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

- March 4, 2014 – Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
- March 4, 2014 – Coronation and West Hill Community Association Meeting
- March 5, 2014 - Made-for-Toronto Local Appeal Body Public Consultations
- March 6, 2014 – City of Toronto Day – 180th Birthday!!
- March 18 2014 – Councillor Ainslie Town Hall Cornell/Cedar Ridge
- March 20, 2014 – Toronto City Council
- March 21, 2014 - Cultural Hotspot Connection
- March 24, 2014 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
- March 25, 2014 – Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting
- March 26, 2014 – Toronto Transit Commission Board Meeting
- March 27, 2014 - Don Watershed Regeneration Council meeting
- March 27, 2014 – Planning Meeting for 197-201 Galloway Rd & 4097 Lawrence Ave E
- March 28, 2014 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
- March 28, 2014 - Rouge After Dark Gala (In support of Centenary Hospital!)
- March 31, 2014 - 4000/4100 Residents Association Meeting

Community Events and Meetings

- March 18, 201 - Councillor Ainslie Town Hall Cornell/Cedar Ridge Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cornell Public School, ADDRESS

- March 25, 2014 – Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting
7:00 p.m. Church of the Holy Trinity, 85 Livingston Road (at Guildwood Parkway)

- March 27, 2104 – Planning Meeting for 197-201 Galloway Rd & 4097 Lawrence Ave E
7:30 p.m. St. Margaret's Public School, 235 Galloway Rd.

March Break Events Across the City

Take a look at what is offered during March break

<http://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/12/101000042412.html>

March Break Camps at Toronto's Historic Sites

Please click on the link to each museum's page for final information about their March Break Camps.
 For family drop-in events during March Break go to www.toronto.ca/museum-events

Gibson House Museum

Yonge Street between Sheppard and Finch

March Break Camp for Ages 7 to 11

March Break Adventures A One-Day Camp

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

Montgomery's Inn

NOW SOLD OUT!

Dundas Street. West at Islington Avenue

Ages 6 to 11
Junior Chef Camp

Book your child for one day or the entire week.

Scarborough Museum

Brimley North of Lawrence in Thomson Memorial Park

Ages 5-12

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Extended care 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. available for an additional fee

Experience settler life and a March Break you will always remember! Have winter fun, learn settler skills, play games, make crafts and cook on the wood stove.

\$167

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

Course Code: 2340169

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2. Council items for Ward 43

City of Toronto Day - by Councillor Paul Ainslie

March 6 will now be a day of celebration to honour our great City. City Hall has proclaimed proclaimed March 6 "City of Toronto Day" celebrating it's 180th year. I had a what is called a Notice of Motion passed at the February City Council meeting regarding the official declaration of March 6th as "City of Toronto Day". The following is a link to the motion:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.MM48.4>

Sir John A Macdonald Avenue

Street Renaming to Celebrate Sir John A. Macdonald - by Councillor Paul Ainslie

Canada's first Prime Minister John A. Macdonald will be celebrated across Canada on January 11, 2015 marking his 200th birthday. In commemoration of this event the City of Toronto has an opportunity to explore if a significant street in our downtown core should be renamed Sir John A. Macdonald Avenue as a permanent tribute. Transportation Services will report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the feasibility of renaming a significant street in the City of Toronto as Sir John A. Macdonald Avenue, and have it unveiled on January 11, 2015 in celebration of our first Prime Minister's 200th birthday.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.MM48.6>

Regulating Dwelling Size in the Seven Oaks Community under the new City-Wide Zoning By- Councillor Paul Ainslie - Item Adopted

There was a report to Scarborough Community Council to confirm whether the recent construction activity (overbuilding) that occurred in the Seven Oaks Community would, in future, be regulated in the new City-wide Zoning By-law (By-law Number 569-2013) enacted by Council on May 9, 2013. The report confirmed the protection in place for the Seven Oaks community. The report identifies and describe the specific standards in the City of Toronto Zoning By-law No. 569-2013 (the "City-wide Zoning By-law") regulates the size of new dwellings and additions to existing dwellings in the Seven Oaks Community. The City-wide Zoning By-law adds new performance standards to regulate and prevent instances of overbuilding. The main regulatory differences between the two Zoning By-laws are summarized

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.SC30.21>

Business Community Sign Installation for Curran Hall Community and Cedar Ridge Community By- Councillor Paul Ainslie - Item Adopted

Community signs will be installed this year in two communities to identify the Curran Hall Community and Cedar Ridge Community. <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.SC30.25>

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3. Seven Oaks

New Zoning By-law in effect in Seven Oaks for new build to maintaining Seven Oaks community character

In November 2013 I requested the Scarborough Director of Community Planning bring a report back to Scarborough Community Council to confirm whether a recent construction activity (overbuilding) which occurred in the Seven Oaks Community would, in future, be regulated in the new City-wide Zoning By-law (By-law Number 569-2013) enacted by Council on May 9, 2013. A report was brought forward this past month which confirmed any new construction would be subject to the new city-wide Zoning by-law.

The report advised prior to the passing of the City-Wide Zoning By-law, building length and depth were unregulated in the Seven Oaks Community, and many residential lots had no required minimum rear yard setback. The City-wide Zoning By-law now regulates dwellings and additions to existing dwellings by requiring a maximum building length of 17 metres (56 feet), a maximum building depth from the front yard setback of 19 metres (62 feet) and a minimum rear yard setback equal to the greater of 7.5 metres (25 feet) or 25% of the lot depth.

These new regulations will prevent home owners from constructing new dwellings and additions similar to what occurred in the Seven Oaks Community. Should a home owner seek to amend or vary these provisions, the public would be notified in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act* and would have the opportunity to comment on the application at a public hearing.

City of Toronto Agenda Item 2014.SC30.21 - Regulating Dwelling Size in the Seven Oaks Community under the new City-Wide Zoning By-law <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.SC30.21>

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4. Curran Hall Community

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

Curran Hall Community Signs – Have been approved

This summer Curran Hall Community Signs will be installed in the neighbourhood. The signs will be placed at entry points into the community to strengthen the pride of the Curran Hall neighbourhood, and recognize its history, and contributions to not only the former City of Scarborough, but also Toronto

Curran Hall Programs for March Break

Registration starts March 2nd 2014 For all General, Spring Skating & Swimming Programs
Touch Tone Registration – 416-338-0000 Operator Assisted Registration – 416-338-4386
Online Registration: www.toronto.ca/torontofun

[Minds in Motion March Break Camp](#) will be offered at Curran Hall Community Centre for the entire week of March 10-14.

Monday: Arts & Crafts

Tuesday: Swimming at Centennial Pool

Wednesday: Basket Ball at Heron Park

Thursday: Swimming at Centennial Pool

Friday: Bowling at Parkway Bowl.

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5. Coronation and West Hill Community

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

Sales people in your neighbourhood March is Fraud Month – Please be Alert

I have received a number of calls in the past week regarding door-to-door sales person for air conditioning units. Residents have advised that the sales person is aggressive and has been targeting seniors into purchasing units by

advising that they were sent to inspect their current unit and then proceed to remove the older unit and replace it with a new one at an inflated price. If you have not personally called for assistance with your heating or cooling units please do not allow entry into your homes, as you can only schedule for any inspections in your home. If you experience a salesperson asking for entry into your home please decline and report them at 416-808-2222 (non emergency line) my office has advised 43 Division of this activity.

Lawrence Avenue East - Major Road Resurfacing and Watermain Lining

(Markham Road to Kingston Road)

Expected Project Start Date: Summer, 2014

Expected Completion Date: Fall, 2014

The City of Toronto will be resurfacing the pavement, replacing deteriorated curb and gutter and sidewalks on Lawrence Avenue East between Markham Road and Kingston Road. As part of this project the existing watermain will be structurally lined between Orton Park Road and Kingston Road.

Further notice will be given prior to construction with a more accurate start date and other information regarding the work. Your co-operation and patience during the construction period is crucial and appreciated.

Project Details

- Scope of work includes the resurfacing of the pavement, replacing deteriorated curb and gutter and sidewalks and boulevard restoration.
- Watermain and the large water services will be structurally lined; sub-standard small water services and fire hydrants will be replaced.
- Lane closures will take place adjacent to construction zones as required. Business access and emergency traffic will be maintained at all times. Note: traffic staging requirements will result in traffic being reduced to one lane in each direction in various phases of work.

There may be planted landscaping, fences, irrigation systems or other physical features which are within the City property limits. These may be in the way of the construction. In such cases, residents are advised to remove these items prior to the beginning of construction in order to avoid unnecessary damage. The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items installed on the City's property.

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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

Cedar Ridge Community Signs – Have been approved

This Fall Cedar Ridge Community Signs will be installed in the community. The signs will be placed at entry points into the community to strengthen the pride of the Cedar Ridge neighbourhood.

Councillor Ainslie's Community Town Hall Meeting

I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting in the community on Tuesday March 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Cornell Junior Public School. I look forward to meeting with all of you to discuss local municipal issues in your community.

Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery Current & Upcoming Exhibits

Gellien Lai & Janny Wong – February 23 to March 7

Gellien Lai - mixed media. Gellien began painting traditional Chinese watercolours and later incorporated other materials such as acrylic and poster colours into her work.

Janny Wong - ceramic art porcelain

In two separate series, Janny expresses her appreciation of nature first through the use of specific colours symbolizing life and growth and in the second, through the in the water-colour feel brought about by glaze effects.

CRCC Students Exhibit – March 17 to March 27

Through hours of tutelage Cedar Ridge students have mastered fibre arts, folk art, pottery, painting, drawing and much more. Come see their amazing achievements at the annual Student Exhibit. Opening Reception: Sunday, March 30, 1-4 p.m.

Andrew Bonneycastle & Joan McGivney – March 29 to April 3

Andrew Bonneycastle - Watercolour, acrylic, oil

Andrew is a Toronto based national award winning visual artist working in watercolour, acrylic and oil. His paintings represent aspects of the human condition through portraits of individual buildings and street scenes.

Joan McGivney - oil

Having taught art for over 30 years Joan is now a fulltime painter. Her realistic works, in oil, seek out that elusive quality of light which renders dynamic forms. Opening Reception: Sunday, March 30, 1-4 p.m.

Marilyn Fernandes & Family – April 5 to April 10

A dynamic family show inspired by nature's beauty, animal characteristics, and facial expressions of people. Media include acrylic, watercolour, and pastel by Marilyn Fernandes; sketching by Taryn Markovic; photography by Daril Fernandes. Opening Reception: Sunday, April 6, 1 – 4 p.m.

Bernice Harper & Friends – April 12 to April 29

A longtime painter in watercolours, Bernice also is also a talented ceramicist. Join Bernice and her friends for the show Second Childhood in Paint and Clay. Opening Reception: Sunday, April 13, 1-4 p.m. Closing Reception: Sunday April 27, 1-4 p.m.

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7. Guildwood Village

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

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

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

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

Guild Inn (Bickford) Update

On Monday February 24, 2014 the Government Management Committee adopted 2014.GM28.10 - Guild Inn - Revitalization and Development of Restaurant and Banquet Centre Facilities

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.GM28.10>, the item will now be heard at the April 1, 2014 Toronto City Council for approval. This would be the confirmation of the Letter of Intent between the City of Toronto and Dynamic Hospitality and Entertainment Group marking a milestone with the negotiations moving forward to revitalize the main building of the former Guild Inn Property.

City Council approved the selection of Dynamic Hospitality and Entertainment Group ("Dynamic") to design, build, finance and operate a new restaurant and banquet/event centre at the Guild Inn site.

Dynamic is proposing a series of capital improvements to and the development of new facilities on the site as part of their project, as set out in Schedule "A" to the Confidential Attachment 1. The proposed site redevelopment would include: A 20,000-24,000 square foot complex combining Banquet/Event Centre and Restaurant that includes the restoration of the Bickford House/Guild Inn as it was originally constructed in 1914, which will involve the removal of the subsequently added wings The original Bickford House's exterior will be restored to its once grand splendor. The interior of the building will be restored preserving the heritage attributes in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act The additions to the existing structure, featuring floor to ceiling windows capturing the view of the surrounding grounds, will house four separate event spaces with the capability to be combined as one space for larger events. There will be a first class restaurant, with an adjoining patio which will cater both to the local community and visitors to this landmark building. There will also be a reconstruction and expansion of the parking lots to accommodate the development and future use of the park Provision of access and use of the facilities for community and City purposes

In addition to reviving the hospitality activities at the Guild, the restoration of the historic Bickford House and development of a banquet/event centre contributes to the City's overall vision of the Guild Park & Gardens. The Economic Development and Culture Department staff will be working with other City divisions, local residents and the

arts community to develop the remaining parkland around the Bickford House as a Cultural Precinct. The setting with its architectural fragments and sculpture garden will be restored and active arts and crafts programming will be re-established in the other historic buildings on site, as well as in the new banquet/event centre. Together, these improvements will restore the site's identity as a cultural attraction and honour its history as a Guild of All Arts.

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

Urban Forestry has been working with a logging contractor over the past 6 weeks to remove ash trees from Guildwood Park & Gardens, as well as south of South Marine Drive. The contractor has finished removal of the largest ash trees and has started the clean-up phase. There are several log piles waiting to be transported out of the site in 2 of the parking lots and 3 other locations in the park. Staff will reduce brush on some trails and turf areas and then initiate pruning work along trails.

Several logs are also stacked at the entrance of South Marine Park which will also be removed. As noted in my last report some vegetation may be damaged during the removal process but they are being as careful as possible. Urban Forestry will be restoring both sites with new plantings by Spring this year.

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.

To view the presentation given at the 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 initiated work at South Marine Park and Guild Park & Gardens to clear dead & dying ash trees from the parkland. The logging contractor is being supervised very closely by City Forestry staff. The company is 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. This is commonly referred to as a "skidder trail". Because the machine to remove the logs is called a skidder. This trail will be completely replanted

Trees which border on 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

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.

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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)

March Break Programs – 90 Mornelle Court

Congratulations to all the organizers and volunteers who worked hard to prepare for next week's March Break programming. The registrations filled up on opening day, this year's events will be sure to please all the participants.

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.

Upcoming Visits:

March 21 - 3847 Lawrence Ave East

March 28 - 4301 Kingston Road

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. Highlighting Local Businesses in Ward 43

This month's profiled business is one of our oldest!

G&G Electronics

www.ggelectronics.com

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pos@ggelectronics.com

UNSURPASSED SERVICE SINCE 1954

Over the past 50 years, we have seen many of our competitors come and go. Our customers have remained loyal and appreciate the personal service, competitive pricing, home delivery/set-up, and quality products extended to them here at G&G.

Our key success factors, in order of importance are:

Experience

We have been servicing the retail industry in consumer electronics for over 50 years with three generations of family members currently working in the business, and the competitive pricing of our product lines by consumer preferred brands such as Sony, Panasonic and Bose.

Our Team

The G&G Team is a dynamic group of diverse people who together provide the service, the knowledge, and the expertise to help you select and enjoy the best product for your needs.

Our Store

G&G Electronics is just west of Lawrence Avenue with approximately 15,000 square feet of show room space on the street level, and warehouse space underneath. This has remained our only location since 1954. We invite you to stop by and see for yourself why G&G Electronics is truly the "home of the real deal".

10. Council Highlights

Council Highlights

Toronto City Council meeting of February 19 and 20, 2014

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>.

Appointment of TTC chair

Councillor Maria Augimeri was appointed Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). Councillor Augimeri will be the TTC Chair until November 30, 2014 and until her successor is appointed. The appointment for the remainder of the current term of Council follows Councillor Karen Stintz's resignation as TTC Chair effective February 22. Councillor Stintz remains a member of the TTC board.

Changes to Toronto's taxicab industry

Council debated matters addressed in a comprehensive review of Toronto's taxi industry and voted to create a new taxicab licence called the Toronto Taxicab Licence to replace the current three types of taxicab licence. As a result, it is expected that all cabs will become owner operated and wheelchair accessible over the next 10 years. Council authorized the issuance of up to 290 new Toronto taxicab licences this year to ensure that the city has wheelchair accessible taxicabs in time for next year's Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

Social media policy for Council members

Council adopted a policy on Council members' use of social media during Toronto's 2014 municipal election campaign period. Social media accounts used for campaign purposes must not be created or supported by City resources and must not use the City of Toronto logo. In addition, Council members using social media accounts for campaign communications are required to include a statement on the home page clearly indicating that the account is for campaign purposes. City Council actually disregarded advice by the Integrity Commissioner to establish separate social media accounts by City Councillors for the election campaign. I voted with the Integrity Commissioner.

Aboriginal employment strategy

Council adopted an aboriginal employment strategy designed to increase the representation of Aboriginal people in the Toronto Public Service so it reflects the proportion of Aboriginal people in Toronto's overall population. Also, among other steps to be taken, Council wants staff to look into options for encouraging or requiring Aboriginal hiring for City contracts.

Electric bikes

Council decided the City of Toronto will permit the use of power-assisted bicycles – also known as electric bikes or e-bikes – in conventional, painted bike lanes on Toronto streets. The use of e-scooters, which are one of the two basic types of ebike, will be monitored for any safety issues that need to be addressed. The other type of ebike, known as a pedelec, looks like a conventional bicycle and requires pedalling for propulsion, assisted by a small electric motor. Unlike e-scooters, pedalecs are permitted anywhere regular bicycles are allowed, including in separated bike lanes/cycle tracks and on multi-use paths in parks.

City of Toronto Day

Council agreed to declare March 6 the date for an annual City of Toronto Day to commence this year. The Town of York, which became Toronto, was incorporated on March 6, 1834. Council directed staff to propose ways for the City to celebrate City of Toronto Day.

Marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation

Council directed staff to engage with local residents and neighbouring municipalities on creating a regional strategy for marking the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 2017. The British North America Act – now called the Constitution Act, 1867 – that made Canada a nation took effect on July 1, 1867. Council also expressed support for making Toronto the location of a major Sesquicentennial event in 2017.

Honouring Sir John A. Macdonald

Council agreed to ask staff to prepare a report on the feasibility of renaming a significant Toronto street Sir John A. Macdonald Avenue to honour Canada's first Prime Minister. The proposal anticipates that a street renaming ceremony will be held on January 11, 2015 to mark the 200th anniversary of Macdonald's birth.

Tenant rent protection

Council adopted a member motion to ask the Province of Ontario to eliminate landlords' ability to levy above-the-guideline rent increases to help them recover the cost of capital repairs such as replacing elevators or balconies. The motion says repairs should be included as part of a landlord's overall expenses and paid for from the rent they already receive. Council also supported requiring landlords to save 10 per cent of their rental income to meet maintenance costs, similar to a requirement already in place for condominiums.

Fire safety retrofits in seniors' homes

Council supported a Notice of Motion to direct the City Manager to write to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting that the provincial government speed up the timelines to require automatic sprinkler systems in multi-unit seniors' homes/residences. The City will also ask the province to consider a low-interest loan program to encourage faster progress on building retrofits that include automatic sprinklers to enhance residents' safety.

World Expo 2025

Council requested more information and analysis to help it decide whether to support the preparation of an official Toronto bid to host 2025 World Expo. The input is to include advice on how much support the City can count on from the federal and provincial governments as well as from the private sector.

Senior officials' employment contracts

Council directed the City Solicitor and the City Manager to report to the Executive Committee on legal and policy issues concerning public disclosure of the employment contracts of senior officials of the City's agencies and corporations. The member motion adopted by Council said public disclosure would assist in increasing accountability and transparency.

Support for native services agency

Council directed staff to work with federal and provincial officials to assist Native Child and Family Services of Toronto in creating a deficit reduction plan for the agency. The agency's services include the operation of a childcare centre. Council approved the inclusion of criteria for Aboriginal childcare subsidies as part of Toronto's new child care service plan.

Symbolic recognition of loss of life in Kyiv

Council supported lowering the Canadian flag in Nathan Phillips Square to half mast in memory of the demonstrators who lost their lives in the City of Kyiv, Ukraine during demonstrators' struggle to uphold democratic principles valued and promoted in Toronto. Kyiv is a Sister City of Toronto.

Fort York pedestrian bridge

Council authorized Build Toronto to proceed on behalf of the City with a design-and-build process for the Fort York pedestrian and bicycle bridge. The bridge is part of the master plan for the Ordnance Triangle lands. City staff will continue to work with Build Toronto to establish the management, financing, public consultation and procurement details for the project.

Extended bar hours for conclusion of Olympic Games

Council authorized the extension of alcohol sales and service hours in Toronto on February 22 and 23 – apart from in Wards 9, 11 and 24, which were not included in the extension. Also, the extension did not cover nightclubs. As a result of the extension, most of Toronto's cafes and restaurants were able to sell alcoholic drinks starting at 7 a.m. on those two dates to take advantage of the economic opportunities offered by Torontonians' interest in gathering to watch broadcasts covering the final weekend of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

Special Council meeting on budget, January 29 and 30

City of Toronto's 2014 budget

At a meeting in January, Council approved a 2014 operating budget and a 2014-23 capital budget for the City of Toronto. The tax-supported operating budget is \$9.6 billion and the 10-year capital budget and plan for investment in the City's future capital needs/priorities totals \$18.6 billion. The operating budget includes a 2.23 per cent property tax increase for residential properties.

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11. Toronto Public Library

Events Alert – March 2014

Meet the Author, James FitzGerald – Tue Mar 18, 2-3 p.m., Bendale

Award winning author of *Old Boys: The Powerful Legacy of Upper Canada College* and *What Disturbs Our Blood: A Son's Quest to Redeem the Past* will read from his works that reveal the truth behind some of Toronto's elite.

The Bear Feeding at Dawn by John McLelland – Mar 1-31, Woodside Square

Paintings by John McClelland.

Star Clusters: Engines of Galactic Turmoil – Tue Mar 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Kennedy-Eglinton

The sun wanders the Milky Way with no companion stars. But it was born in a great litter with thousands of siblings. Such nests of star birth dot the galaxies and are engines of galactic turmoil. Dr. Christopher Matzner looks at clustered star birth and the scars it has left in our solar system. Part of *Amazing Universe*, a series presented in partnership with the Dunlap Institute, Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Toronto.

Business Inc. Orientation Session – Thu Mar 6, 6:30-8 p.m., Agincourt

Attend this orientation session to find out more about the eight-week business program offered at Toronto Public Library in partnership with the City of Toronto and the Toronto Business Development Centre. Register Online at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Social Media Networking – Wed Mar 26, 2-4 p.m., Albert Campbell

A facilitator from Goodwill Employment Services will discuss how social media offers various online technology tools that will enable job seekers to communicate through the internet to share career related information. For more information and to register, visit in person or call 416-396-8890.

Income Tax Clinics – Recurring dates listed below

Thu Mar 6, 5:30-8 p.m., Bendale

Fri Mar 7, 5:30-8 p.m., Bendale

Fri Mar 7, 6-8 p.m., Cedarbrae

Sat Mar 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cedarbrae

Sat Mar 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Albert Campbell

Tue Mar 18, 6-8 p.m., Cedarbrae

Tue Mar 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Burrows Hall

Thu Mar 20, 5:30-8 p.m., Bendale

Thu Mar 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Burrows Hall

Fri Mar 21, 5:30-8 p.m., Bendale

Tue Mar 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Burrows Hall

Thu Mar 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Burrows Hall

Thu Mar 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cedarbrae

Mon Mar 31, 6-8 p.m., Cedarbrae

A volunteer from the Certified General Accountants of Ontario will process one income tax return per person in each 30 minute slot. Seniors, students and newcomers are welcome. Income guidelines are \$30,000 per individual, \$40,000 per couple.

March Break Programs: <http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes/featured/march-break.jsp>

[Mad Science](#)

Mon Mar 10, 2014 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cedarbrae

A spectacular science-themed show where the performer will conjure foggy dry ice storms, float a Mad Science hovercraft, make magic mud, alter sound waves, and much more! Tickets will be available from the children's desk.

Writing Urban Fantasy: Find Magic in Your Neighbourhood

Thu Mar 13, 2014 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cedarbrae

Using the library as a jumping-off point, Leah Bobet, author of ABOVE, will teach young writers to explore, re-imagine and discover the magic in everyday places and things. Located in the Teen Zone. Ages 12-19.

Comic Book Illustration

Tue Mar 11, 2014 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Cedarbrae

Artist Matthew Dimuantes will guide participants through the thrilling process of illustrating their own comics. Suitable for ages 11 to 18. Held in the Teen Zone. Registration Required. Please call 416-396-8850 for more info...

Cedarbrae Puppet Theatre

Thu Mar 13, 2014 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cedarbrae

Adventure and magic await as puppets take the stage in the library's lower level program room

Arcade Gaming

Wed Mar 12, 2014 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cedarbrae

Enjoy a variety of game consoles such as PS3, Wii, and Xbox. Compete with your friends, make new friends, and most of all, have FUN. No registration required. Held in the main floor program room.

March Break Crafts & Stories

Wed Mar 12, 2014 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cedarbrae

Listen to a tale or two, craft some art with your hands, it must be Wednesday in library land!

Library Bingo

Tue Mar 11, 2014 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cedarbrae

Test your luck and your knowledge of library trivia! Lots of fantastic prizes to give away, so come in for your chance to win! (Participants must be of reading age.)

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12. City of Toronto Public Health applauds provincial government's menu labelling proposal

Toronto Public Health (TPH) commends the provincial government for proposed legislation to require menu labelling. The province's proposed legislation, Bill 162, Making Healthier Choices Act, 2014 would require certain food service premises to display calorie information on menus.

"This action is a good first step by the province," said Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's Medical Officer of Health. "Studies have shown people underestimate the calories in their restaurant meals by as much as 30 per cent. Having calorie content on menus is one way to help people make informed choices. Our surveys show a high level of support for this initiative."

The Toronto Board of Health has urged the provincial government to implement menu labelling in a report. More information is available at: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-57581.pdf>.

TPH developed a Savvy Diner campaign to raise public awareness on this issue. More information is available at: <http://www.savvydiner.ca>.

TPH would also like to see restaurant menus post sodium content. On average, Canadians consume 3400 mg of sodium a day, which is more than twice the daily recommended amount for adults. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/1eA7de0>.

"Given escalating rates of hypertension and the well documented harms of excess sodium consumption in Canada, sodium should be included on menus alongside basic calories," said Dr. McKeown. "TPH encourages the province to act now and include sodium content on menus, which will provide clear leadership and be far easier than making changes after the legislation is passed."

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13. March Flag Raisings

March Flag Raisings 2014

March 1 Flag of Wales in honour of St. David's Day
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

March 4 Flag of Ukraine
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Flown until March 8

March 5 St. Piran's Flag
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

March 9 Flag of Ireland
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.
Flown until March 17

March 10 Union Jack Flag for Commonwealth Day
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
No ceremony

March 26 Epilepsy Awareness
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
No ceremony

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14. Food Handling Course – Free

[Link to Flyer](#)

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC), in partnership with Toronto Public Health are proud to present a **FREE** food skills/food handler training for youth **ages 15-24**.

Sign up for a FREE Food Handler Certificate Training
Learn food skills & nutrition for you and your family

Gain employment supports & job connections
Increase your chance of employment
Get connected to employers in the food industry

Training Dates:

March 11, 12, 13 from 3:00pm – 6:00pm

March 18, 19, 20 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**For further information or to register contact:
csingh@schcontario.ca or 416-642-9445 x4473**

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15. City of Toronto thanks Canadian Tire and Scotiabank for sponsoring outdoor rinks

The City of Toronto will receive \$270,000 from Canadian Tire and Scotiabank to keep an additional 11 outdoor ice rinks open through March Break until March 16, weather permitting. There are currently 17 rinks open until the end of March Break. Today's sponsorship announcement brings the total number of outdoor rinks that will remain open to 28.

The 28 outdoor rinks open until March 16 including the rink located at the Scarborough Civic Centre. March Break Schedule for Scarborough Village Community Centre located at 3600 Kingston Rd.

March 9 to March 15: 12:30 - 1:30pm and 1:40 - 2:30pm

More information is available at: <http://www.toronto.ca/parks>

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

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=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. Urban HEART@Toronto

The report on **Urban HEART@Toronto** project and data on the well-being of Toronto's 140 neighborhoods is now available online at <http://www.torontohealthprofiles.ca/urbanheartattoronto.php>.

The data from this project will be used to identify the neighborhoods that will be recommended as Neighborhood Improvement Areas under the City's Toronto Strong Neighborhoods Strategy 2020.

On **March 10, 2014**, the City's report on the recommended criteria for designating Neighborhood Improvement Areas and the corresponding recommended neighborhoods will be available on the City's website at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&decisionBodyId=364#Meeting-2014.CD27>.

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18. Toronto Arts Community Cultural Hotspot

Here's a great project which is taking place in the Toronto Arts Community!

City of Toronto Culture staff have been meeting with community partners, arts organizations, Business Improvement Associations and individuals about the upcoming **Cultural Hotspot, from May to October 2014!** I've been excited to see growing momentum as new partners have come on board. There has been such enthusiasm for this project from the beginning. The Cultural Hotspot showcases our neighbourhoods through Toronto and illustrates how exciting they are as clearly evident by all of the great projects and collaborations slated for May to October. The Cultural Hotspot Project will be advertised campaign on TTC transit shelters and interiors, print and online ads.

The TTC shelter campaign will run from **May 19 – June 15** and will direct people to www.culturalhotspot.ca
Add Your Events!

The website, www.culturalhotspot.ca is up! I encourage everyone to visit the site to see exciting events, but also you can create an account for your community organization so you can add all of the events you want to promote to the events calendar and map. Staff will be looking at the events added to the online calendar for the creation of a printed program guide.

To **add an event**, click on 'login' and you will be prompted to provide a username and password. Once you do so, you will see a screen that says "My Event Listings", and a green button that says "NEW". Click on the green button to add a new event. This will take you to a new screen, which will prompt you to add all of the event information. Click the public tick box at the bottom of the screen to ensure that it can be seen by all who visit the site. Then click the blue button that says "Submit". It may take a few hours for your event to be published.

I encourage you to also **add your event** to the City of Toronto's Events Calendar: www.toronto.ca/events. In the gold box on the left side, click on Submit an Event. You will be prompted through three pages of reading, and then will get

to the events form. Under the **second field titled Event Category, please click on Cultural Hotspot**. All of the events labelled Cultural Hotspot will be able to be searched on the City's Events Calendar as well!

Be Part of the Cultural Loop Animation

There are three designated Cultural Loops within the Hotspot. These loops will be animated on **June 7 & 8 and September 13 & 14** with activities and events, including exhibitions, workshops, festivals, talks and walks. If you want to be part of a loop animation, or want more information, please contact Hyesoo Kim at hkim4@toronto.ca.

The Cultural Loops are a mechanism for breaking down the Cultural Hotspot into smaller areas, with mini tours and itineraries developed for each loop to make the Hotspot easy to navigate.

Save the Date for Hotspot Connect on Friday, March 21

Save the date! Staff will be holding a Hotspot Connect from **11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21 at Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive in Committee Room 1**. We'll be providing a **light lunch and loads of updates** for everyone. This is a great opportunity for networking as well!

19. Quote of the Month

"Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding" Ralph Waldo Emerson

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20. Websites for Community Use

<http://kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programsandeventsadu.html>

Toronto Pubic Library Kids Space and Programming

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/bhdtkrth/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 Action Coalition (Mornelle CAN)

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