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Dear Friends,

The Guild Alive with Culture

The TORONTO 2015 Parapan Am Games will be the largest ever held and will feature 1,500 athletes from 28 countries competing in 15 sports. All sports will be qualifiers for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Parapan Am Torch Relay Community Celebration Today

The City of Toronto is hosting a community celebration for the Parapan Am Games Torch Relay today at David Pecaut Square from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This community celebration is free, accessible and family-oriented:

- music and entertainment
- sports activities for all ages
- food trucks
- sponsor activations, and
- the arrival of the Parapan Am flame and lighting of the community cauldron at 12:30 p.m.

The City of Toronto has named two community torchbearers – Thezyrie Amarouche and Luke Anderson.

Thezyrie will carry the flame on behalf of the City today and Luke will be the first to carry the flame on Friday when it departs David Pecaut Square at noon.

Toronto is the final leg of the Parapan Am Games Torch Relay before its last stop at the Opening Ceremony for the Parapan Am Games Friday evening.

More information: toronto.ca/panam2015

Parapan Am Games Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place tomorrow at the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletics Stadium at York University. Tickets can be purchased from: toronto2015.org/tickets

Special Offer on Parapan Am Tickets

Receive 25 per cent off all available Parapan Am tickets until 9 p.m. today (August 6).

Visit toronto2015.org/tickets and use code METROPARA.

PANAMANIA

PANAMANIA cultural events supporting the Parapan Am Games begin tomorrow.

- All performances at Nathan Phillips Square are free to attend.
- For the full PANAMANIA schedule of events and performances: toronto2015.org/PANAMANIA

Getting Around

TODAY

There are no scheduled road closures.

WEEKEND

Roads and expressways in Toronto that are included in the Games Route Network are expected to be much busier than usual. In Toronto, this includes the Don Valley Parkway, Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard. Drivers should plan ahead to avoid delays by considering taking public transit, using alternative routes and adjusting their travel times.

Closures for Taste of the Danforth

Danforth Avenue will be closed in both directions – Broadview Avenue to Jones Avenue – from Friday, August 7 at 11 a.m. to Monday, August 10 at 3 a.m.

TOMORROW (Friday, August 7)

Closures due to cycling road race set-up and training (men's and women's)

The following closures will be in place on Friday from 10 a.m. to noon:

- Lake Shore Boulevard will be closed in both directions from Colborne Lodge Drive to Strachan Avenue.
- Access to businesses on the south side of Lake Shore Boulevard will remain open but delays may occur. Access to the Gardiner Expressway will be maintained via southbound Dufferin Street/British Columbia Road and via southbound Jameson Avenue.
- Access to Ontario Place will be maintained.
- Bloor Street from Ellis Park Road to Parkside Drive will be reduced to one lane in each direction.
- The Queensway from Claude Drive to Ellis Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction.
- Parkside Drive from Lake Shore Boulevard to Bloor Street will be closed.
- Ellis Avenue and Ellis Park Road will be closed.

During this closure period, Lake Shore Boulevard from Colborne Lodge Drive to Net Drive will remain open using a counterflow system (no through traffic, local access only) to provide access for businesses and residents during this closure.

Traffic advisory due to the Parapan Am Games Opening Ceremony

The Parapan Am Games Opening Ceremony is taking place on Friday at York University. (Pre-show at 5:45 p.m. Ceremony at 7 p.m.) Athletes and officials will be transported by over 120 buses from the Athletes' Village to York University starting at 3 p.m. using the temporary HOV lanes on northbound DVP and Highway 404 to Highway 407.

Drivers are asked to consider public transit, find alternative routes to their destinations or adjust their travel times on Friday to accommodate travel related to the Opening Ceremony.

Please be advised that roads near York University will be busy Friday evening from 4 p.m. until midnight. Traffic on Steeles Avenue between Jane Street and Keele Street and on Jane Street between Finch and Highway 407 will be busy.

Spectators should choose to use public transit to travel to the Opening Ceremony as free transit is included with the purchase of a ticket.

More information about transportation relating to the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games is available at toronto2015.org/transportation and <https://www.ontario.ca/page/pan-am-parapan-am-games-traffic-updates#!/>

Contact Us

- Residents with questions or concerns about City operations should continue to be directed to 311 or 311@toronto.ca.
- Resident inquiries specifically about the TORONTO 2015 Games (e.g., planning, operations, events, general information, etc.) can be directed to the Games Organizing Committee (TO2015) at info@toronto2015.org or 416-957-2015.

- Council and staff members with questions or concerns about the City's Games-time operations should contact the Toronto Coordinating Office at TCO@toronto.ca or via the TCO main line at 416-392-5057.
- Please direct all Games-related media inquiries to media@toronto.ca or 416-392-6967.

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Sincerely,
Paul

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1. Calendar

**June 1 - Toronto Hydro OPEN HOUSE - Livingston / Guildwood, Phase 3
Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Parkway**

**June 1 - Scarborough Subway Extension Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting
Bendale Library Community Room, 1515 Danforth Road**

June 2 - New Microsoft Data Centre in Toronto - Reimagine the Future of Public Sector by Microsoft

June 2 - Coronation Community Association of West Hill Meeting

June 3 - Tim Horton's Camp Day – Visit your Local Tim Horton's to Support Summer Camps

June 4 - Site Tour of the Gardiner Expressway East

June 5 - Funeral Service and Reception for Sandra Hutley – Community Volunteer

June 5 – Mobile Constituency Office at 90 Mornelle Court

June 6 – Guildwood Day and Parade

June 6 - Art in Park Event – Cornell Park hosted by: Women and Family Supports Services

June 6 - Commemoration of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy: Nathan Philips Square

June 9 – Toronto Public Library Meeting

June 9 – Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting

June 10 – Toronto City Council

June 10 – KGO Safety Committee Meeting

June 11 – Toronto City Council

June 11 – Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting

June 12 – Toronto City Council

**June 12 - Unveiling the Scarborough Aboriginal Youth Education and Employment Strategy
Closing the Gap: 156 Galloway Road**

June 12 – Poplar Road Junior Public School: Strawberry Festival

**June 12 - Outdoor Movie Night: Cinderella.
Guild Park and Gardens hosted by Friends of Guild Park and Gardens.**

June 13 - Compost Day Curran Hall Community Centre 10:00 a.m.

June 13 - Compost Day Guildwood Community: Guild Park and Gardens 12:00 p.m.

June 15 – Government Management Committee

June 16 – Scarborough Community Centre

June 16 – Councillor Paul Ainslie Town Hall Meeting Heather Heights Park

June 19 - Fire Operations – A day in the life of a Toronto firefighter

June 20 - Port Union Waterfront Festival, Port Union Road – 11:00 a.m.

June 26 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting

June 26 – Federation Ontario Public Libraries Board of Directors Meeting

June 30 – City of Toronto Executive Committee Meeting

Community Events and Meetings

Community Events Hosted by Me!

Compost Day Curran Hall Community

Saturday June 13 @ 10:00 a.m.
Curran Hall Community Centre

Compost Day Guildwood Community

Saturday June 13 @ 12:00 p.m.
Guild Park and Gardens

7 Oaks Community Park BBQ

Thursday June 18 @ 5:30 p.m.
372 Military Trail

Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival

Saturday July 25 @ 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday July 26 @ 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
201 Guildwood Pkwy
Our Art festival draws over 3000 visitor to the community and has become well known in the art community as the show to be at.

Cornell Park BBQ

Thursday August 27, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.
61 Holmfirth Terrace

Mornelle Park BBQ

Saturday August 29, 2015 @12 noon
110 Mornelle Court

My Environment Day

Saturday, Sept 12, 2015 at Morningside Work Yard 875 Morningside Ave

2. City Hall – Moving the City Forward into the 21st Century

Listed below are a few of the legislative items I have been bringing forward at City Hall and also links to them on the City's website:

2015.EX4.7 - Housing Opportunities Toronto 2010-2020 - Five Year Review
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX4.7>

*1 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Paul Ainslie (**Carried**)*

That:

1. The Director, Affordable Housing Office and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration include in the 2016 report the most current data, with analysis, on income, poverty and housing affordability in Toronto including, but not limited to, median annual household income, home prices and income requirements to purchase a home, the percentage of households in poverty and core housing need, vacancy rates and average market rents. Also to be included in the report is data for the City of Toronto on:

- homelessness (including the number of people living on the streets and using shelters);

- the number of households on the social housing waiting list; and
- the annual number of new affordable housing units completed each year from 2010-2015.

2. The Director, Affordable Housing Office and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration review the federal report entitled "In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness", prepared for the Senate Subcommittee on Cities by Senators Art Eggleton and Hugh Segal, to see if there are any relevant additional recommendations which can be added to the Housing Action Plan.

2 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Paul Ainslie (Carried)

That City Council request the Province to increase the amount of supportive housing for persons with mental health and addiction issues and other disabilities.

City of Toronto Agenda Item

2015.CD3.13 - Fire Safety Lock Boxes

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CD3.13>

City of Toronto Agenda Item

2015.EX5.21 - Support for Banning the Use of Microbeads

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX5.21>

Council voted to support banning the use of microbeads in personal-care products by asking the provincial (Ontario) and federal governments to establish legislation for such a ban. The tiny plastic bits, or microspheres, are used as exfoliating agents in some cosmetic products, for example. When those products are washed down household drains, the microbeads are small enough to pass through sewage treatment, entering rivers and lakes, including Lake Ontario.

City of Toronto Agenda Item

2015.MM6.17 - Direction to permit the re-paving of driveways in the Scarborough District to their existing width and configuration - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.MM6.17>

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3. Seven Oaks Community

Councillor Ainslie's Annual 7 Oaks Community Park BBQ

Join me and my Staff on Thursday June 18 @ 5:30 p.m. to meet and greet with your neighbours while enjoying your local park and its amenities. The Seven Oaks park located at 372 Military Trail, is a great park site with a water play and new Playground for all to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you.

Transportation Services – Repaving in Seven Oaks Community

Project:

Military Trail is in the process of being resurfaced from Highcastle Road to Neilson Road and From Neilson Road to Brooks Road. This will include replacement of the old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

Staff Contact: Francis Poon, Senior Engineer, 416-396-7804

Saint John Paul II Catholic High School

I was the Guest of Honour this past month at Saint John Paul II Catholic High School. The invitation was to listen to one of their Grade 10 Civics Class present their end of term project. The students worked very diligently to present their case for a cross-walk in front of their school on Military Trail. This included a petition, surveys, and even videos of the traffic on Military Trail.

Almost every student and staff member signed a petition for the crosswalk which I have given to staff in our Transportation Department to review

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4. Curran Hall Community

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

Compost Day – Curran Hall Community

My Annual Rree Compost Day will be held on **Saturday June 13, 2015, 12:00 p.m** in the front parking lot of Curran Hall Community Centre. Please bring your shovles and containers.

Transportation Services – Repaving in Curran Hall

Several local roads in Curran Hall will be repaved starting this summer: Notices will be provided to affected residents:

Projects:

Greenock Avenue, from Scarborough Golf Club Road to Slan Avenue

Replacement of old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

Staff Contact: Francis Poon, Senior Engineer, 416-396-7804

Thornbeck Drive, from Brimorton Drive to Orton Park Road

Replacement of old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

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Hoshlega Drive, from Welwyn Avenue to Dalehurst Avenue

Replacement of old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

CURRAN HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS - Register Now!

For all Spring/Summer General Programs & Spring Skating & Swimming Programs

Touch Tone Registration – 416-338-0000 -- Operator Assisted Registration – 416-338-4386

Online Registration: www.toronto.ca/torontofun

Curran Hall C.C. Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

PLEASE VIEW THE FOLLOWING LINK TO DISCOVER WHAT CURRAN HALL HAS TO OFFER YOU DURING THE FOLLOWING MONTHS.

LINK

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5. Coronation and West Hill Community

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

Transportation Services Projects in Coronation and West Hill Community, Notices will be provided to affected residents:

Galloway Road, Sidewalk Construction: Dunera Avenue to CNR
Installation of new sidewalks where none existed before.

Lawrence Avenue East, Major Road Resurfacing: Kingston Road to Orton Park Avenue
Replacement of old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

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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

Cornell Park

Pathways in Cornell Park are undergoing a state of good repair this summer, with the exception of the path from Beran Drive. This path was already rebuilt in 2013. The pathways will be widened to 3m

Request to Install an All-Way Stop Control at Holmfirth Terrace at Vanwart Drive

[Report Link](#)

Further to a citizen's request, Transportation Services has completed a request for an All-Way Stop Control at Holmfirth Terrace at Vanwart Drive. Based on the review, it has been concluded that the existing traffic controls at the subject intersection are currently providing a safe environment for both pedestrians and motorists.

Transportation Services is unable to recommend the installation of an All-Way Stop Control at Holmfirth Terrace at Vanwart Drive, at this time.

This conclusions was based on an All-Way Stop Control Warrant study conducted on Thursday, October 23, 2014, using that day's traffic volumes recorded during the morning and afternoon peak hour, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The results of our studies indicate that the technical warrants for the installation of an all-way stop control have not been satisfied.

Currently, this "T-type" intersection requires northbound traffic on Vanwart Drive to stop at Holmfirth Terrace. Holmfirth Terrace is classified as a collector road with a posted 40 km/h speed limit. Vanwart Drive is classified as a local road with a regulatory speed of 50 km/h.

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7. Guildwood Village

www.guildwood.on.ca

Compost Day – Guildwood Village Community

Annual free compost day will be held on **Saturday June 13, 2015, 12:00 p.m** in the front parking lot of Guild Park and Gardens. Please bring your shovles and containers.

Local Road Resurfacing infrastructure project in the Guildwood Community

Guildwood Parkway: from Galloway Road to Morningside Avenue
Replacement of old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

Staff Contact: Francis Poon, Senior Engineer - 416-396-7804

Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival

Mark your calendars for **Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26.** Our Art festival draws over 3000 visitor to the community and has become well known in the art community as the show to be at. This year promises to bring great music featuring local talent – Guildwood is truly a community of wonderful artists and art lovers. Visit and support the festival.

Guild Park and Gardens: Scarcliff Gardens Post & Cable

Post and cable work along bluffs at the end of Scarcliff Gardens along Guildwood Parkway is now complete. Parks Staff will be adding signage indicating the steep drop ahead.

Forestry has also completed their work on site. Next step is Parks Construction is to remove the existing 4ft fence near the road and install cedar posts.

[http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Scarcliff%20\(1\).JPG](http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Scarcliff%20(1).JPG)

[http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Scarcliff%20\(2\).JPG](http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Scarcliff%20(2).JPG)

[http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Scarcliff%20\(3\).JPG](http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Scarcliff%20(3).JPG)

Sylvan Avenue and Meadowcliffe Drive - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority maintenance work

Please be advised Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is undertaking minor maintenance works due to a recent landslide along a section of the Scarborough Bluffs located immediately below Sylvan Avenue and Meadowcliffe Drive.

The maintenance works is expected to be complete by **Friday June 5, 2015**, in the meantime, the community can continue to access the waterfront. TRCA's website www.trca.on.ca/meadowcliffe/ has been updated to include this information.

Hydro Rear Lot Conversion – Project Livingston Guildwood Phase 3 (E11382)

Notice Link

Toronto Hydro would like to inform you of Project Livingston Guildwood Phase 3 designed to help improve the electricity system in your ward.

We plan to provide customers with advance notice of this project to assist you with your communication and hopefully reduce the number of constituent calls to your office.

This civil and electrical portions of this project are expected to begin by early July 2015 with an approximate completion date of late February 2016. The boundaries include Westlake Road (North), Galloway Road (East), Guildwood Parkway (South), and Livingston Road (West).

The attached general notification / open house letter describing the project will be delivered to 178 customers in the project area.

If you or your constituents have any questions, please contact me at the Toronto Hydro PowerUp office at 416-542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com.

45 Livingston Road Swimming Pool is Now Open

The restrictive Scarborough only pool by-law has been repealed.

I would like to thank all the Residents at 45 Livingston Road who brought this matter to my attention. You have all helped in a change for the entire Scarborough Community

Scarborough has now adopted the same by-law practiced across the City of Toronto and Province of Ontario, no longer making it mandatory to hire a full time lifeguard on duty during pool hours. This has caused pool closures or decreased hours as the cost is not manageable. The matter is being heard at the Board of Health at their April meeting.

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8. High Rise Community

Councillor Ainslie Mobile Office Schedule

June 19th, 2015 3-4 p.m. 90 Mornelle Court
July 10th, 2015 3-4p.m. 4301 Kingston Road
August 14th, 2015 3-4 p.m. 4100 L.A.E.

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9. Council Highlights

Council Highlights
Toronto City Council meeting of May 5, 6 and 7, 2015

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 new City Manager

Council appointed Peter Wallace as Toronto's City Manager effective July 13. The City Manager, as the most senior official in the City's administration, is accountable to City Council for the policies and programs delivered by the Toronto Public Service. Wallace succeeds Joe Pennachetti, who retired as City Manager on May 8. Deputy City Manager John Lively will act as City Manager between May 9 and July 12. In addition, Council appointed Giuliana Carbone as a Deputy City Manager (one of three in the organization) effective June 1. Carbone, who has been the City's Treasurer since 2008, will lead the cluster of divisions that are responsible social, economic and community services.

Toronto's support for entrepreneurs

Council endorsed a start-up strategy to foster the growth of small businesses in Toronto, with the intention of making this city the best place in the world to start and grow a business. This economic development initiative places emphasis on business incubation, which is an established method drawing on the City and other resources to support the growth of small businesses. Toronto already supports business incubation activity for its fashion and food industries and the Toronto Business Development Centre.

Confronting youth unemployment

Council adopted recommendations for actions to address the challenge of youth unemployment in Toronto. The City will pursue opportunities to expand work-based learning initiatives for unemployed youth by leveraging its role as an employer, capitalizing on the City's connections with employer and sector partners, increasing support to youth entrepreneurs, and supporting youth who are outside the labour market.

Street vending

Council approved a new set of permit fees and rules covering mobile food vending (food trucks) and ice cream vending. After a one-year review of the bylaw including stakeholder and public consultation, changes were made to further ease restrictions and provide more opportunities for vendors. This bylaw balances the City's need to manage the competing uses of streets and sidewalks, and improves the public's access to a wide variety of street food. The City will take steps to address illegal vending and environmental impacts such as vehicle emissions.

Speed limits on Toronto streets

Council approved a series of actions to address traffic speeds on local neighbourhood streets, including a new 30 kilometre-an-hour (km/h) speed limit policy in the absence of traffic calming. In addition, staff will report on the implications for Toronto of an Ontario Ministry of Transportation proposal to lower the current default speed limit of 50 km/h, and will report on school safety zones as part of a road safety plan for Toronto.

Scarborough Subway Extension

Management of the Scarborough subway project Council adopted recommendations to have staff review different options for project delivery and project procurement for the Scarborough Subway Extension project. Staff are to report back in early 2016 with recommendations on procurement and for project management, delivery and governance.

Development charges to support transit

Council voted to update the City's development charges bylaw to add the Scarborough Subway Extension project to the list of municipal projects that have their capital costs partly paid from development charges. Revenue from development charges, which are fees collected from new development when the City issues a building permit, are one source of City funding that will be used to pay for the subway project.

New green bin

Council approved a contract for manufacturing, distributing and maintaining the next generation green bin for organic waste collection, and directed staff to work with residents and councillors on related matters such as possible alternative methods of green bin collection.

Torontonians are currently using about 500,000 green bins and the bins are reaching the end of their life expectancy.

Child care in Toronto

Council supported a series of position recommendations the City will make to the Ontario provincial government concerning proposed regulatory amendments under the new Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014. Council specified, for example, that the reforms should address the alignment of school board and child care programs.

Children's services plan

Council approved a five-year plan for the City's children's services, which include child care, family-support programs, special-needs services and middle-childhood programs. The 2015-2019 Service Plan, which positions the Children's Services division to respond to the transformation of Ontario's early-learning system, has the overall goal of providing a cohesive system of services responding to the needs of Toronto's children and families.

Review of City's real estate operations

Council adopted recommendations to study options for co-ordinating and/or consolidating the City's real estate operations and portfolios across City agencies, corporations and divisions, including activities such as property acquisition and sales for municipal purposes.

Red Door Shelter project

Council approved the City's investment of funds for a 94-bed shelter to be built at 875 Queen St. E. and operated by the Woodgreen Red Door Family Shelter to provide services to homeless families. The shelter, which will be part of a larger development at the Riverdale site, previously operated in an older building at the same location. The Red Door's future had been in question as a result of the recent sale and planned development of the property.

Next year's budget process

Council approved a schedule for the City's 2016 budget process. The schedule calls for adoption of the 2016 rate-supported budgets (Toronto Water, Solid Waste Management and Toronto Parking Authority) in December 2015 and the tax-supported budgets in February 2016. Council's approval includes the implementation of multi-year, service-based planning and budgeting, with opportunities for public deputations at the civic centres and information sessions about user fees.

Support for long-form census

As part of its consideration of the Toronto's Social Development Dashboard, Council agreed to ask the federal government to restore the long-form census for 2016 and beyond. The long-form census has traditionally provided robust, reliable data about the people and communities served by municipalities and their partners. Council joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Big City Mayors Committee and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, among other organizations, in advocating for restoration of the long-form census.

Taxicab regulations

Council deferred consideration of Toronto's taxicab regulations until Council has an opportunity to consider a report from the City Solicitor following a court decision about Uber in Toronto.

Municipalities and climate change

Council authorized renewing the City's membership in the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group – a network of the world's largest cities. Toronto, which has seen its greenhouse gas emissions drop by 25 per cent against 1990 levels, is considered a leading city in the C40 network. The participating cities share information as part of the effort to help address global climate change.

Plastic microbeads

Council voted to support banning the use of microbeads in personal-care products by asking the provincial (Ontario) and federal governments to establish legislation for such a ban. The tiny plastic bits, or microspheres, are used as exfoliating agents in some cosmetic products, for example. When those products are washed down household drains, the microbeads are small enough to pass through sewage treatment, entering rivers and lakes, including Lake Ontario.

Craft beer in Toronto

Council supported undertaking an initiative to support the growth of the craft beer sector in Toronto. The City will work to reduce impediments to establishing new craft breweries. Staff and the working group on culinary tourism will consult with small breweries, craft-beer bars and restaurants to create a brewery culinary trail in Toronto. Culinary trails/tours are a current trend in tourism.

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Council Highlights, a summary of selected decisions made by Toronto City Council, is produced by Strategic Communications.

Formal documentation of City Council decisions:

<http://www.toronto.ca/council>

Questions about Council meetings and decisions: clerk@toronto.ca or 416-392-8016

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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. Top Tips from Toronto Water – Spring 2015

Flyer Link

Spring has finally sprung! And with it comes spring cleaning, gardening and spending more time outside. We hope you find this content helpful and consider sharing it on your own website, newsletter or through Twitter.

Top Tips from Toronto Water – Spring 2015 Gardening

- Disconnect your downspout (it's mandatory, where feasible) use the rainwater to water your grass and gardens.
- No extra watering required during the spring, the rain is enough.
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways clean instead of using a running hose.
- Start planning your water-efficient, natural garden using native plants and trees.

Basement flooding prevention

- Disconnect your downspouts that empty into the City's sewer system, direct the rainwater to your lawn and garden or into a rain barrel.
- Clear eaves troughs and downspouts of debris.
- Increase the amount of green space on your property. This beautiful addition to your home will help absorb rain water, protecting your basement and local waterways from excess storm water and flooding.
- Ensure the ground is sloping away from your home's foundation walls.

- Seal window wells and fix leaks in basement walls and around windows.
- Install a back-water valve and a basement sump pump. Homeowners can take advantage of City subsidies of up to \$3,400 per property to assist with the cost of installing certain flood protection devices. Be sure to maintain back-water valves and sump pumps according to the manufacturer's directions.
- Be nice to your pipes, don't flush wipes. Disposable wipes of any kind (even those that say flushable) should go in the garbage -- never down the toilet. These wipes do not break down the way toilet paper does so can get stuck in pipes causing sewer backups which can lead to basement flooding.

Car washing

The dirt on cars can contain toxic chemicals, heavy metals, oil and grease. When you wash a car in your driveway or on the street, that dirty water runs into the storm sewers and straight into local waterways, contributing to water pollution and impacting Lake Ontario's water quality.

To avoid having dirty water run into the storm sewer system, consider these options for washing your car:

- Use a commercial car wash facility (automatic or coin). These facilities are required to follow a set of practices determined by the City, including treating wastewater and discharging it into the sanitary sewer system where it will receive further treatment.
- Dispose of the wastewater into the sanitary sewer. By using a pail, washcloth and only a small amount of water, and then wiping the car dry, the waste water can be contained in the bucket and disposed of into the sanitary sewer through a laundry sink or toilet. Once in the sanitary sewer system, the water will go to a City wastewater treatment plant.
- Find a location where the wastewater won't flow into the storm sewer such as a gravel surface where the wastewater can be absorbed.

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11. Long Term Waste Management Strategy

To view the latest updates visit the Waste Strategy's dedicated web site: www.toronto.ca/wastestrategy.

Announcing June public consultation meetings

You're invited to join us at an interactive discussion this June. Participants will provide comments and learn about the draft options being considered and the criteria that will be used to evaluate them. Click on the links below to RSVP and for more details.

- [Tuesday June 9 - Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, Cafeteria. 6:30-9pm](#)
- [Monday June 15 - Metro Hall, Room 308/309. 5-9pm](#)
- [Saturday June 20 - North York Memorial Hall, Burgundy Room. 1-3:30pm](#)
- [Wednesday June 24 - Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Room 1/2. 6:30-9pm](#)

Interested in following the project on Twitter, you may do so @GetInvolvedTO and join the conversation #TOWastestrategy.

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12. Panamania Events and Events Across the City of Toronto

PANAMANIA Live at Nathan Phillips Square

PANAMANIA Live at Nathan Phillips Square continues this week with music daily at noon and in the evening, featuring Spanish Harlem Orchestra, the Blind Boys of Alabama, Stars, Fito Blanco, Calle 13 and more. [PANAMANIA Live schedule](#)

Pan Am Path art relay this week

Thompson Memorial Park will host a parade at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 25 with music by Ballet Creole, Samba Squad and the Ontario Steelpan Association. [Pan Am Path](#)

Plan for cycling network

Transportation Services is working on a 10-year plan for Toronto's cycling network. A draft map has been posted online along with information about the project and an option for providing comments/input. [Cycling network project](#)

Survey on transit screen and directory

Transportation Services and the Chief Corporate Office are inviting staff to provide input/comments about the information screens that were recently installed at City Hall and Metro Hall as pilot projects. A screen called TransitScreen was installed on the ground floor at City Hall and Metro Hall, and an interactive directory at City Hall. Staff input will assist in the effort to make real-time information available electronically at City Hall and Metro Hall. [Survey](#)

Toronto's golf courses

Are you a golfer? Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation wants to know what kinds of golfing services and promotions appeal to you, and how you like to receive related news/information. Golfers are asked to take a few minutes to fill out an online [golf survey](#).

Last week of Summerlicious

Summerlicious presented by Interac Association and produced by the City of Toronto runs to Sunday, July 26. It's the last week this summer to enjoy the popular three-course, prix fixe menu promotion, available at more than 210 top restaurants. [Details and menus](#)

Bike repair clinic at Metro Hall

Smart Commute is offering a free, advanced bicycle repair clinic for staff on Friday, July 31 from noon to 1 p.m. at Metro Hall. Participants will learn how to fix squeaky brakes, gear-shifts and more. You can register by emailing scommute@toronto.ca no later than July 29. [Smart Commute](#) is an Environment and Energy Division program that encourages cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable commuting.

Jazz at Mel Lastman Square on Sunday

The Jazz.FM91 Youth Big Band will perform at [Sunday Serenades](#) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on July 26.

Toronto's historic sites this week

Mackenzie House will be the site of Play the Parks, the Yonge BIA's free lunchtime music series, with roots music from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mackenzie House courtyard on Thursday, July 23. Scarborough Museum will celebrate a city-wide arts relay with Friends of the Pan Am Path and Ballet Creole on Saturday, July 25. [What's on at the museums](#)

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13. Pet adoption event

Pet adoption event

Toronto Animal Services and the Toronto Humane Society are holding this year's Mega Adoption Event at the Queen Elizabeth Building in Exhibition Place on June 5, 6 and 7. The adoption fee for Toronto residents at the event is \$25 plus the cost of a pet licence.

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14. Consultation on Tennis Courts

Consultation on tennis courts

The City is reviewing its public tennis court operations and the policy that covers outdoor tennis clubs. Staff will host a series of public meetings in June to obtain input from tennis court users, including members of tennis clubs and interested non-users. There is also an opportunity to provide input through an online survey that will be available until August 4.

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15. Toronto Public Library Standardized Hours

The Toronto Public Library Board met on May 25, 2015 at the Toronto Reference Library. Key topics discussed include:

Standardized Hours

The Board approved the standardization of Monday – Saturday open hours at Downsview, Eglinton Square, Jane/Dundas and **Morningside branches**, increasing hours **to 62 hours per week at each branch**. The **new hours** will be implemented in September 2015.

Reconsideration of Library Materials

The Library has a process for members of the public to identify concerns about books and other materials in its collection. These concerns are reviewed and dealt within the context of the **materials selection policy** and principles of intellectual freedom. In 2014, the library **responded to concerns** about five titles.

Auditors' Year-End Report

The Board approved the **financial statements** for the year ended December 31, 2014, which were audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Toronto Public Library is one of the world's busiest urban public library systems. Every year, 19 million people visit our branches in neighbourhoods across the city and borrow 32 million items. To learn more about Toronto Public Library, visit **torontopubliclibrary.ca** or call Answerline at 416-393-7131. To get the most current updates on what's happening at the library, follow us on Twitter **@torontolibrary**.

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16. Bluffs Gates Open Home & Garden Tour - Rouge Valley Health System Foundation

The homes of the Scarborough Bluffs will swing their front gates open to welcome guests for a third year, Saturday, June 20, in support of the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find out more and like us on Facebook!

For ticket information visit bluffsgatesopen.com, or contact Emily at atemoorhouse@rougevalley.ca.

http://bluffsgatesopen.com/?utm_source=April+10%2C+2015+Community+Giving+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=April+10%2C+2015+Foundation+e-news&utm_medium=email

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17. JUNE FLAG RAISINGS

June 1 Flag Raising - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of Canada (ALS)
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Courtesy Flag Pole
No ceremony

June 6 D-Day Ceremony
Toronto City Hall
Nathan Phillips Square, Official Flag Pole
Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

June 10 Flag of Portugal
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Courtesy Flag Pole
Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

June 12 Flag of the Philippines
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Courtesy Flag Pole
No ceremony

June 17 – 28* Flag Raising - Rainbow Flag for Pride Week
Scarborough Civic Centre
Albert Campbell Square, Courtesy Flag Pole
Ceremony on June 17 at 12:00 p.m.

June 22 – 29* Flag Raising - Rainbow Flag for Pride Week
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Courtesy Flag Pole
Ceremony on June 22 at 12:00 p.m.
(flown until June 29th)

June 21 National Aboriginal Day Flag Raising
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Courtesy Flag Pole
Sunrise Ceremony at 5:30 a.m.

June 23 Half - Mast of the Canadian Flag to mark the
National Day to Honour Victims of Terrorism
Toronto City Hall, Official Flag Pole

June 25 Flag of Slovenia
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Courtesy Flag Pole
Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

*** Flags will be flown until date requested, unless another flag raising request is received.**
For up to date flag listings please visit our website: www.toronto.ca/flagraisings

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**18. Navacup Golf Tournament in Support of the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough
June20/ 2015 at the Glenn Eagle Golf Club**

About seven years ago the **Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough** co- founded the Navacup Golf Tournament with Ganesh Nava to ensure that young people in our community have access to brand new computers. To date the Boys and Girls Club have given out over seventy laptops and tablets to deserving children and youth.

Support the **Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough by registering to** golf at this year's tournament scheduled for June20/ 2015 at the Glenn Eagle Golf Club <http://www.navacup.org/>

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19. Seniors individual needs for services and programs

Community Navigation and Access Program (CNAP) helps seniors, their caregivers and professionals with information and connections to services from nearby agencies. CNAP is a network of over 30 agencies which serve seniors in Toronto.

Negotiating the wide range of services and programs can be difficult for anyone; however, for seniors on their own it can be a formidable challenge. The CNAP Hub, staffed by professional social workers, helps connect seniors to the services they need when they need them within three business days.

Service are available at no charge dial 1-877-540-6565 or find out more about CNAP through the [cnap.ca](http://www.cnap.ca) website at <http://www.cnap.ca>.

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20. Summer Swim and Skate programs

Three ways for residents to register for Toronto's summer swim and skate programs

Registration for the City of Toronto's summer swimming and skating programs begins this weekend on Saturday, June 6 at 7 a.m.

Programs fill quickly, so residents are advised to be ready to register at 7 a.m. and have a few backup choices in case their preferred program is already full.

There are three ways to register – online, by phone and in person:

1. Online: Online is the fastest way to register, at <http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun>.
2. By telephone: Residents can register by phone using touchtone (TTR) buttons and following voice prompts at 416-338-0000, or with operator assistance at 416-338-4386.
3. In person: Locations across Toronto to register in person can be found in the printed FUN Guide or online at <http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun>.

The following items are required to register: - Parks, Forestry and Recreation family PIN and individual client numbers are used as account codes, and - Credit card information for payment.

Family and client numbers are required for each person registering and can be obtained by phone or online:

- by calling Parks, Forestry and Recreation at 416-338-4386 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, or
 - by completing a New Family Account Form available online at <http://bit.ly/1blt5et> and either emailing it to pfrcustomerservice@toronto.ca, or mailing it to City Hall at 100 Queen St. W., 1st floor, Toronto, M5H 2N2, or faxing it to 416-392-1551.
- Please allow two days for processing if emailing the form, two weeks if mailing or faxing it.

Online registration and phone registration using voice prompts (TTR) is open from 7 a.m. to midnight seven days a week starting June 6. On June 6, in-person registration will be open from 7 a.m. to noon, and telephone registration with personal assistance will be open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ARC programs: Registration for After School Recreation Care (ARC) programs for the upcoming school year (September 2015 to June 2016) begins Monday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m.

There are two ways to register for ARC programs:

- by phone with operator assistance at 416-338-4386, or
- in person at Etobicoke Civic Centre, North York Civic Centre, Scarborough Civic Centre or Toronto City Hall.

Have their credit card information ready for payment.

Summer camps

Registration is still open for summer camps. The City of Toronto offers camps to suit everyone's interests, needs and abilities at a reasonable cost. Registration for camps and a listing of Toronto recreation programs is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun>.

Yearly credit (Welcome Policy)

The City of Toronto offers a yearly credit called the Welcome Policy for residents with low incomes that can be used to register for any City recreation program. Anyone receiving social assistance (Ontario Works) and living in Toronto is pre-approved to receive this credit – talk to your caseworker. More information about the yearly credit is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/wp>.

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21. Quote of the Month

"Patience and time do more than strength or passion." Jean de La Fontaine

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22. Websites for Community Use

www.guildalivewithculture.ca

<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

<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 - 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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23. E-News Policy and Contact Information

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service. Please contact me by email at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca, phone me at 416-396-7222, or send a fax to 416-392-4006. Alternately you can visit my Constituency Assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre located at 150 Borough Drive (Ellesmere & McCowan)

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