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Dear Friends,

The ground breaking for the revitalization of the Bickford Residents (Guild Inn) took place in the Guild Park and Gardens on November 26, 2015. The ceremony marked a significant milestone for our entire community as this project when complete will invite many to Scarborough East as well as bring employment to the area.

The revitalized park will overlook a new culture precinct with City art programming, with beautiful gardens with a new and enhanced path system for all residents to enjoy. A community meeting to discuss programming is taking place on December 16, 2015 at 65 Livingston Road, 7:00 p.m.

With the holiday season upon us many are celebrating with friends and family providing us another opportunity to give to those who are in need of assistance. In [section 17](#) of this report there is information on how you can contribute.

It's budget time at the City and we all will have to work hard to understand the needs of residents, and see what projects are both feasible, but financially viable. The public consultation will take place on Tuesday December 15, 2015 Time: 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 1, Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor 100 Queen Street West. You may attend to listen, speak or send in your comments to the Committee clerk: Jennifer Forkes, Committee Administrator at [\(416\) 392-4666](tel:416-392-4666) or e-mail at buc@toronto.ca.

Public presentations on the 2016 Tax Supported Budgets will be heard at the Budget Committee meetings scheduled for January 12, 13 & 14,

2016. <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&meetingId=11013>

If you would like to view the City Managers presentation to Executive Committee on December 1, 2015 "City of Toronto's Fiscal Framework" please view: City of Toronto Agenda Item 2015.EX10.22 - City of Toronto - Discussion of Fiscal Framework <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX10.22>

Lifeline Syria. If you would like to help please visit www.lifelinesyria.ca Assistance can come in many forms: Sponsor a Syrian Refugee, Donate or Share information with your neighbours, family and friends. Facebook.com/lifelinesyria, twitter: @Lifelinesyria or www.lifelinesyria.ca.

I look forward to seeing you at my Annual New Year's Levee on Saturday January 9, 2016 at Cedar Ridge Community Centre 225 Coronation Drive from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May you have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas

City of Toronto Councillor

Paul Ainslie

Ward 43 – Scarborough East

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1. Calendar

December 1, 2015 – City of Toronto Executive Committee Meeting

December 1, 2015 - TCHC Lawrence Orton Park ReSet Local Design Team meeting

December 1, 2015 -Guild Renaissance Group Meeting

December 2, 2015 - Mayor Tory's Speech at the Economic Club

December 2, 2015 - Scarborough Civic Centre Tree Lighting 7p.m.– 9p.m.

December 3, 2015 - Technicity 2015 how the City of Toronto is moving forward in this IT era

December 3, 2015 - Toronto Public Zoo Board Meeting

December 3, 2015 - Community Meeting for Heather Heights walkway and Playground

December 4, 2015 - Constituency Meetings

December 5, 2015 -Breakfast with Santa - City of Toronto Parks & Rec. & Coronation Community Association of West Hill

December 5, 2015 - Friends of Guild Park and Gardens' Tree Lighting

December 6, 2015 - Volunteering Scouts Santa Boxes

December 7, 2015 - Public Sector Advisory Council Ottawa

December 8, 2015 - Public Sector Advisory Council Ottawa

December 9, 2015 - Toronto City Council

December 10, 2015 -Toronto City Council

December 10, 2015 - CPLC Meeting

December 10, 2015-Community Advisory Group Meeting - University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) Campus Master Plan

December 11, 2015-Grand Opening of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto Family Rooms in Scarborough East

December 11, 2015-Constituency Meetings

December 12, 2015 -Annual Toronto Professional Fire Fighters Association Children's Christmas Party

December 12, 2015 -Guildwood Village Candy Cane Hunt at Guild Park and Gardens

December 12, 2015 - Volunteering Scouts Santa Boxes

December 13, 2015 - Volunteering Scouts Santa Boxes

December 14, 2015 -Toronto Public Library Board

December 14, 2015 – Curran Hall Community Association Meeting

December 15, 2015 - Microsoft Customer Immersion Experience

December 16, 2015 - Guild Alive With Culture Meeting

December 16, 2015 -Community Consultation - Programming at the Guild Park and Gardens
65 Livingston Road – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

December 17, 2015 - Scheduled City Hall Meetings

December 18, 2015 - Constituency Meetings

December 22, 2015 – Volunteering – Christmas Hampers

December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve

December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day

January 1, 2016 – Happy New Year

January 4, 2016 – Government Management Committee

January 5, 2016 - Coronation Community Association of West Hill Meeting

January 5, 2016-Guild Renaissance Group Meeting

January 5, 2016 - TCHC Lawrence Orton Park ReSet Local Design Team meeting
January 6, 2016 -Scarborough Waterfront Project EA Stakeholder Meeting
January 7, 2016 - TDSB Public Meeting - Sir Robert L Borden – School closing
January 9, 2016 – Councillor Ainslie's Annual New Year's Levee
January 9, 2016 - Mayor Tory's New Year Skating Party City Hall

City and Community Events

December 2, 2015

Scarborough Civic Centre Tree Lighting. 150 Borough Drive in Square
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Photo with Santa (bring a camera) Free refreshments
Free arts and crafts for kids, Story Time Free ice skating (weather permitting) [Link to Flyer](#)

December 3, 2015

Community Meeting: Planning of Heather Heights Walkway and Playground
Curran Hall Community Centre: 277 Orton Park Road 7:00 pm

December 4, 2015

Commencing this Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays
Throughout December 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - 2nd Scarborough Cedarbrook Rover Crew Scouts are continuing the tradition started in 1962 of selling Christmas trees. The sales lot is located on the west side of Markham Road, north of Eglinton Ave. and south of Lawrence Ave. East.

December 5, 2015

Friends of Guild Park and Gardens Tree Lighting
Guild Park and Gardens 201 Guildwood Pkwy 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

December 5, 2015

Annual Craft & Gift Sale by West Hill – Highland Creek Lions Club
[LINK](#) 10 AM – 3 PM, at Heron Park Community Centre, 292 Manse Rd. More info: [416-282-7202](tel:416-282-7202) sale@lionsclub.ca

December 12, 2015

Great Guildwood Candy Cane Hunt
Guild Park and Gardens 201 Guildwood Pkwy 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the West Hill Food Bank

December 12, 2015

[Breakfast with Santa](#) – Registration is mandatory
City of Toronto Parks & Rec. & Coronation Community Association of West Hill
Heron Park Community Centre 292 Manse Rd, Scarborough: 9:00 pm – 10:30 am.

December 14, 2015

[St-Malachy Catholic School handmade soap](#) in support of the Angel Foundation
80 Bennett Rd. @ 5:30 R.S.V.P anthony.naoum@tedsb.org or text: [647-528-2133](tel:647-528-2133)

December 16, 2015

Guild Park and Gardens Community Art Programming Consultation
65 Livingston Road, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

January 9th, 2016

Councillor Paul Ainslie Annual New Year Levee
Cedar Ridge Creative Centre: 225 Confederation Drive 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Holiday curbside collection changes affect Friday collection only

Friday, December 25 moves to Saturday, December 26; and
Friday, January 1 moves to Saturday, January 2, 2016.

Tis the Season to be Green

The City of Toronto's Solid Waste Management Services Division is encouraging residents to "think green" this holiday season.

Toronto manages about 1 million tonnes of waste each year. In 2014, residents in single family homes diverted 66% of waste from landfill and residents in apartments and condos diverted 26%. Together, Toronto diverted 53% of waste from landfill disposal.

The City is committed to continuing to improve waste diversion efforts and moving closer to the goal of achieving 70% waste diversion to preserve the long-term capacity of our Green Lane Landfill. We encourage residents to think *first* about reducing the amount of waste we generate, then consider reuse or recycling before disposal.

"Create Memories, Not Garbage" this holiday season. Instead of purchasing gifts, please consider:

- Baking treats for family and friends;
- Making a gift or homemade decorations;
- Offering a service like pet sitting; or
- Giving to charity or planting a tree in someone's name.

You can be a #GreenAngel too!

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2. Seven Oaks Community

**Request for Pedestrian Crossing Protection: [Link to Report](#)
Military Trail between Bonspiel Drive and Cindy Nicholas Drive**

I will be bringing the request for a crosswalk to the **February 23, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. Scarborough Community Council** to discuss the need for its installation. I welcome you to join me, students and community members to speak or send in your comments in support of the crosswalk to help students walk to school safely.

Transportation Staff received a petition from school students and staff, and completed a review of the request. Based on the review, they concluded that the installation of a pedestrian crossover (PXO) is not justified at the subject location at this time. Transportation Staff's conclusions are based on a Pedestrian Crossover Warrant study using traffic volumes recorded over the peak eight hours of a typical school weekday. The results of our study indicated that the technical warrants for the installation of a PXO are not met.

Currently, pedestrians are provided crossing protection at the existing crosswalk located 169 metres west of Morningside Avenue. Military Trail Public School and Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School are located on the south side of Military Trail. A plaza is located on the north side of Military Trail near the crosswalk.

Based on the provincial guidelines from the Ontario Traffic Manual (Book 15) which outlines where and when pedestrian crossing protection can be installed, a crosswalk cannot be located less than 200 metres to another crosswalk or traffic control device. The 200 metre distance is required to provide drivers adequate time to turn from an intersection and still have enough time to observe and stop for pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk. Due to the close proximity to the existing crosswalk and the close proximity of the school driveways to the intersection of Military Trail and Bonspiel Drive, the installation of a crosswalk is unsuitable at the subject location. Therefore, we would not recommend the installation of a crosswalk even if both the Pedestrian Volumes and Pedestrian Delays warrants are 100% satisfied.

The details of our studies, including a three-year review of the Toronto Police Service collision records are outlined in the attached technical summary. : [Link to Report](#)

Should you have any questions or comments regarding our review, please call Allan Burrows, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, at [416-396-7147](tel:416-396-7147).

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3. Curran Hall Community

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

**Heather Heights Walkway and Playground Community Meeting
December 3rd – 7:00 PM at Curran hall Community Centre.**

City Parks Staff Presented the designs for both the playground and walkway location to be chosen by the residents. The path with lighting is included in 2016 Capital Budget submission to be approved by Council. Staff will proceed with the walking path design and playground replacement after the December 3, 2015 meeting. [Link to drawings.](#)

Toronto Sewer Rehabilitation Program Work in your community

Stevenvale Drive: From Willisteven Drive to Van Allan Road: Sewer Inspection and Cleaning.

Lateral lining will be done early 2016. Both sewer inspection and lateral lining will be done outside the house.

The city of Toronto continues to do rehabilitation work throughout our communities to ensure that our sewers are working properly. If you have a sewer issues on your street, please let us know and we can pass this onto the rehabilitation program team.

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4. Coronation and West Hill Community

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

December 12, 2015 [Breakfast with Santa](#)

Annual **Breakfast with Santa** at Heron Park Community Centre 292 Manse Rd, Scarborough: 9:00 pm – 12 noon.

- \$1 Per person – can be purchased Dec. 4th – 100 tickets at 9AM – 70 tickets at 7 PM

- Activities:

- Breakfast(pancakes, fruit and juice)
- Reindeer Games
- Santa's Craft Workshop
- Photo taken with Santa

Hosted by Heron Park CC and Community Partners: West Hill Highland Creek Lions Club, West Hill Social Activity Club and Coronation Community Association of West Hill

Transportation Services Traffic Study

Eastbound Left-Turn Priority Feature: [Link to report](#) Kingston Road at Galloway Road (PX145)

Transportation Services has completed a review, they have concluded that an eastbound left-turn priority feature is not justified during the morning peak period at the subject intersection, at this time.

Currently, this intersection operates on a Semi-Actuated mode of control. There are no left-turn priority features in any directions, with the exception of a northbound left-turn priority feature displayed only during fire hall pre-emption.

To identify existing conditions, an eastbound left-turn queue and delay study was conducted during the morning peak traffic period.

During the morning peak study period from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., a total of 64 eastbound left turning vehicles were recorded, of which 2 vehicles were delayed for one cycle. During our review, we noted that the westbound through traffic movements are moderate and provided available gaps for the eastbound left turns.

An intersection left-turn phase analysis was also undertaken to determine the need for an eastbound left-turn priority feature. The results of the analysis indicate that an eastbound left-turn priority feature is not justified during the morning peak period.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding our review, please call Allan Burrows, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, at [416-396-7147](tel:416-396-7147)

Request to Install Solid White Line Pavement Marking: [Link to Study](#)

Lawrence Avenue East between Kingston Road and Rodda Boulevard

Transportation Services has completed a review of the above-noted matter. Following their consultation with Signs and Markings, the solid white line pavement marking will be reinstalled at the subject location.

The intent of the solid white line pavement marking is to prevent inappropriate lane changes and to guide motorists travelling southbound on Kingston Road turning right to travel westbound on Lawrence Avenue East.

Transportation Services have initiated a service request for Signs and Markings to reinstall the solid white line pavement marking to separate the westbound curb lane and the westbound through lane on Lawrence Avenue East between Kingston Road and Rodda Boulevard.

The pavement marking will be installed as soon as weather conditions and scheduling permits. Should you have any questions or comments regarding our review, please call Allan Burrows, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, at [416-396-7147](tel:416-396-7147)

Request for Transportation Services Traffic Study – Under Investigation

Location: Galloway Rd / Westlake Rd

Issue: Investigate Warning Signs

Investigation No: D15-7258368

Location: Greenvale Terrace / Livingston Rd N

Issue: Speeding

Investigation No: D15-7227889

Toronto Sewer Rehabilitation Program

Work in your community

Templeton Court: Willisteven Drive to Van Allan Road: Sewer Inspection and cleaning

The city of Toronto continues to do rehabilitation work throughout our communities to ensure that our sewers are working properly. If you have a sewer issues on your street, please let us know and we can pass this onto the rehabilitation program team.

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5. 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](tel:416-396-4026) or crcc@toronto.ca

Traffic Incidences in your Community – Crossing Guard has been installed at Lawrence Avenue East and Scarborough Golf Club Road.

In light of the traffic accidents in your community I wrote to the Chief of Police to install a crossing guard and further safety measures at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue East and Scarborough Golf Club Road including: expanding the boulevard pavement at the corner to allow the students to remain off the road and investigating possible intersection light extension to allow the students more time to cross the street.

On Tuesday December 1, 2015 a Crossing Guard started to patrol at this intersection before school, lunch and after school. A meeting with the local schools, transportation staff and Police Services is taking place on December 11, 2015 to address this matter further.

Toronto Sewer Rehabilitation Program Work in your community

Lawrence Avenue East:
From 3446 Lawrence Avenue East to Holmfirth Terrace: Sewer inspection and cleaning

The city of Toronto continues to do rehabilitation work throughout our communities to ensure that our sewers are working properly. If you have a sewer issues on your street, please let us know and we can pass this onto the rehabilitation program team.

Female Only Swim – Please Continue to Participate.

Leisure Swim (DROP-IN) Cedarbrae CI	Mondays	6-8PM
Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre	Tuesdays	9:30-11:30AM
Lester B. Pearson CI	Saturdays	1:45-3:30PM

	Wexford CI	Saturdays	4:15-6:15PM
Lane Swim (DROP-IN)	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre	Tuesdays/Thursdays	9:30-11:30AM
	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre	Thursdays	3-4:30PM
	Wexford	Thursdays	7:30-8:30PM

Cedarbrae Library - Lots To Do!

There's a lot happening at Cedarbrae Library from movie night, crafting to writing resources. Take a look at the list of activities:

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=37867+37849+33110>

'Tis the Season To Be Crafting

Wed Dec 23, 2015

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

120 mins

[Cedarbrae](#)

Decorate your very own gingerbread men. Make and create unique holiday crafts. Limited Space. For Ages 11 & above. Register in person or call [416-396-8850](tel:416-396-8850).

Categories:

[School-Age Children, Teen](#)

[Culture Arts & Entertainment, Hobbies Crafts & Games](#)

Cedarbrae Youth Hub

3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on recurring dates listed below

What are you doing after school? This free program is for students aged 13-19, including youth who are new to Canada. Need help with homework? Trained volunteer tutors are available to help with Math, Science, English and French. Laptops are available for research and homework. PS4, Xbox One with Kinect, and other games are also available to play. Monday-Friday 3:30-7:00pm in the Teen Room.

[Teen, ESL & Newcomer Programs, Homework Help Leadership & After School](#)

Every Tuesday (ongoing) 12:00 - 8:00pm Houri Sahba [647-338-6300](tel:647-338-6300). Services include providing information and support about legal, childcare, housing, health, education and other issues; providing support with applications for citizenship, PR card renewal, subsidized housing, EI, ODSP, OW and other government benefits; referral to other services if and when needed; referral to free certification of documents and commissioning services; and more.

Please bring your immigration document or Permanent Resident Card. The services are provided by Catholic Crosscultural Services and funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT143782&R=EVT143782>

Categories:

[Pre-School Children](#)

[Reading Programs & Storytimes](#)

Pajama Storytime

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm on recurring dates listed below

[Cedarbrae](#)

Join us every Wednesday evening at 7 for a program of stories, songs, rhymes and occasional crafts. No registration required.

Upcoming Dates:

Wed Dec 02

Wed Dec 09

Wed Dec 16

Wed Dec 23

Wed Dec 30

Family Storytime

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on recurring dates listed below

30 mins

[Cedarbrae](#)

Join us every Saturday morning at 11 for a program of stories, songs, rhymes and occasional crafts. No registration required.

Categories:

[Pre-School Children](#)

[Reading Programs & Storytimes](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Sat Dec 05

Sat Dec 12

Sat Dec 19

Sat Dec 26

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6. Guildwood Village Community

www.guildwood.on.ca

Update on Community Information Meeting for the Guild Park and Gardens

On Tuesday November 17, 2015 a community meeting was held to update residents on the entire Guild Park and Gardens site with a focus on the Bickford Residence (Guild Inn) restoration.

City Staff from the Economic Development and Culture Division, and Parks Forestry and Recreation were joined by the Dynamic Entertainment Group. A detailed discussion on the restoration, timelines and work currently be done on the grounds and future work was reported. The work at the site has already started as all can see, Dynamic Entertainment Group is hoping to have the work done in a 12 month period. We will be updated on the construction schedule which will allow for an anticipated timeframe.

The plans for the Bickford building are on my website along with the City Parks Management Plan for the park at www.paulainslie.com.

The official ground breaking took place on Thursday November 26, 2015 where Mayor John Tory spoke very positively of the site and of the work to be done. I am thankful for his support. As I stated in my address. I am looking forward in having a successful venue that will not only significantly enhance our beautiful Guild Park and Gardens but also bringing employment to Ward 43 Scarborough East.

December 16, 2015 - Art Programming Community Consultation for the Guild Park and Gardens Cultural Precinct: 65 Livingston Road – Chartwell Retirement Residence – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

As part of the revitalization of Guild Park and Gardens including the renovations of Building 191 as an art & cultural centre. You are invited to attend and share your ideas and suggestions for what type of Art Programming the community will participate in.

Part of the discussion will also be the renaming of the building we refer to as "Building 191" the building deserves a proper name – You will be asked to comment on your thoughts.

My preference so far is: "The Rosa and Spencer Clark Cultural Centre"

Request to Review Safety at Kingston Road at Cromwell Road / Guildwood Parkway [Link to Report](#)

Transportation Services have completed a review of Safety at Kingston Road at Cromwell Road / Guildwood Parkway.

The review included a complete field review, signal timing analysis, and a five-year collision review. The five-year collision diagram is included in the technical summary. Based on the review, from a Traffic Operations perspective, there are no operational deficiencies at this intersection at this time. Transportation Staff have advised that they will monitor the location in one year's time.

All traffic signal and pedestrian signal heads were in good working order and in good condition. All pavement markings are visible including stop lines and pedestrian lines. The traffic control signal operates on a SA2-VMG type of signal control. The east/west vehicle volume on Kingston Road is 43,772 vehicles per day (vpd)

Traffic Control Signal

Motorists have adequate sightlines of the traffic control signal heads on all approaches. The east/west Kingston Road signals are Highway Head size to advise motorists on this major arterial roadway. Pedestrians have adequate crossing times to cross Kingston Road, Guildwood Parkway and Cromwell Road. The green "Walk" and "Flashing Don't Walk Count Down" timer displays reflect the new pedestrian timing methodology.

Transportation Services Investigations in Progress

Location: Morningside Ave / Cumber Ave

Issue: All Way Stop Sign Controls / Crossing Guard/Intersection Lights

Investigation No: D15-7255612

Toronto Hydro has a number of pilot projects to test LED lights across the City.

In Ward 43, South Marine Drive is included in this pilot. In the New Year Toronto Hydro will send out a survey asking residents who reside on South Marine Drive what they think of the LED Lights

Across the City, Toronto Hydro have delivered surveys asking constituents what they think about LED lights that were placed on their streets. Over 100 responses in favour of the lights were received.

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7. High Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods

New Open Door program to fast track affordable housing across Toronto.

The Open Door program to fast track affordable housing brings together critical elements needed to kick-start affordable rental and ownership housing construction: surplus public land designated for new affordable rental and ownership housing; fast-tracked planning approvals through a Gold Star review process; additional City financial incentives and federal/provincial funding.

It also calls on the federal and provincial governments to speed the delivery of affordable housing by releasing surplus public land, making new investments in affordable housing and increasing financial and tax incentives for developers.

The Open Door program to fast track affordable housing includes:

- activating five surplus City sites for the construction of 389 affordable rental and ownership homes
- releasing an inventory of 13 other City sites with affordable housing potential
- encouraging the private sector to build more affordable housing by offering City financial incentives currently limited to non-profit groups
- supporting the creation of 200 affordable ownership homes annually through a development charges deferral initiative, and

- providing a minimum of 500 housing allowances to increase affordability in buildings constructed under Open Door.

City staff will report back in May 2016 on the implementation of these initiatives and how to make the Open Door program permanent.

A report outlining the Open Door Program will be considered at the December 9-10 City Council meeting. The report also requests staff to bring forward the implementation plan on a range of Open Door initiatives by May 2016.

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8. Parks, Forestry and Recreation launches Facilities Master Plan with online survey

The City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division is looking for the public's input to help develop a new Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The plan, Active Spaces-People Places, will guide facility planning for the division over the next 20 years.

Toronto City Council's Executive Committee approved the plan in October. Extensive public consultation is planned to ensure that residents and stakeholders are informed and engaged throughout the process. The consultation process is launching with an online public survey to gather information on the City's parks and recreation facilities, how they are used and priorities for the future. For details, or to complete the survey, visit www.toronto.ca/parks/facilitiesplan.

"This plan offers a great opportunity to plan for outdoor park spaces that will keep Torontonians active for years," said Councillor Michelle Berardinetti (Ward 35 Scarborough Southwest), Chair, Parks and Environment Committee. "It will help us to ensure that our outdoor recreation facilities meet the needs of the City's communities in the future."

"Toronto is a growing and evolving city and recreation trends are shifting," said Councillor James Pasternak (Ward 10 York Centre), Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee. "With that in mind, it is essential that the City develops a long-term plan to build and renew recreation facilities across the city to help us to be prepared to meet Torontonian's recreation needs into the future."

The Facilities Master Plan will address population and demographic changes, shifting recreation and facility trends and needs, aging infrastructure, the increasing costs of maintaining the state-of-good-repair as well as the geographic distribution of facilities across the city. It will also recommend and guide the creation of new and renewed facilities to best meet local and city-wide needs, based on inclusion, access, equity and quality.

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9. Winter is Coming – Here Comes the Snow

A Canadian winter can sometimes mean a lot of snow, and the City of Toronto is ready.

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

Prior to the onset of a storm, Transportation Services will be applying a layer of salt brine to hills and bridges throughout the city. The application of salt brine is intended to prevent the snow from bonding to the pavement and to make it easier to plow the snow to the side of the road.

As soon as the snow begins, Transportation Services sends out its fleet of salt trucks to the expressways and main roads. Local roads and laneways are salted soon after this. When two centimeters of snow has accumulated then plowing will begin on the expressways and, when five centimeters has accumulated, plowing will begin on the main roads. Plowing on the expressways and main roads will continue until the operation is complete.

When the snow stops and if the snow accumulation reaches eight centimeters, local road plowing will begin. Plowing on the local roads is usually completed between 14-16 hours **after the snow stops falling**. During this time, snow service requests will not be taken by 311. Residents are also asked not to call 311 during the storm to ask when their street will be plowed. Residents should call 311 to report urgent winter related calls only.

After clearing ice and snow from some bike lanes as part of a pilot project for the past three years, the City has identified a priority network of bike lanes and cycle tracks in the downtown core that will receive enhanced winter maintenance this winter, including snow plowing and salting to improve safety for cyclists.

The City will only open driveway windrows wherever it is mechanically possible to do so after eight centimeters of snow has fallen. Typically, driveway windrows are opened between one and two hours of the road being plowed. The service is meant to only open up a width of about three metres – not the full width of the driveway.

The City will clear snow from sidewalks on roads with high pedestrian traffic and on bus routes where it is mechanically possible to do so after two centimetres of snow has fallen and the remaining roads after eight centimetres have fallen. In the central core of the city, property owners are required to clear their sidewalks of snow 12 hours after a storm has taken place. To learn more about sidewalk snow clearing in Toronto and to view a map of the areas where the service is provided, click on <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow/sidewalks>

If you need more information about the city's plans for snow clearing, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation>

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

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

Snow clearing for seniors and people with disabilities in Toronto

If you are a senior or disabled resident of Toronto, the City will clear snow from the sidewalk in front of your home in those areas where the service is not provided by machine.

The City of Toronto provides sidewalk snow clearing in most of Toronto, however, there are some areas where equipment is unable to clear sidewalks due to insufficient sidewalk width for the plows, lack of boulevard space for snow storage, and on-street parking. Most of these areas are in the older, central parts of the city.

A map showing the areas where the city provides mechanical sidewalk snow clearing is available at <http://ww.toronto.ca/transportation/snow/sidewalks>.

Seniors and people with disabilities living in areas where the city does not clear sidewalks can contact the City at 311 to register for the program. The service applies to the sidewalk in front of the home only. It does not include driveways or walkways leading to homes. All participants in the program must renew annually to continue to receive the service.

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10. Scouts Canada and Scouts in 7Oaks

Venturers is a part of Scouts Canada! For youth ages 14-17, we meet weekly and plan our Service and OUTDOOR adventures. The goal of Venturers is to encourage youth to plan their own adventures, with some adult guidance or advice. There is a Big World out there and we mean to embrace it!

Some Venturer Companies are hiking the Bruce Trail - canoeing Algonquin Park - learning vocational skills such as EMS with advanced First Aid. We help younger kids too and earn required community service hours to help us while at high school. We visit area businesses and learn about new careers. We are involved.

Contact Doug Ruggles, Venturer Advisor at [416-724-9215](tel:416-724-9215) for information on becoming a Venturer here in 7 Oaks. Or visit www.scouts.ca and click on Venturers. Join us - our motto is CHALLENGE. Fit us in to your young busy life - it is truly worth it!

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Scouting has never been more active in 7 Oaks... 1st Centenary is quietly meeting at our area schools, training new adult leaders and showing our youth the important of OUT in ScOUTing outdoors!

But we can still grow! Parents everywhere across Canada have seen the importance of reducing screen time and encouraging cooperative play with their youngsters. Scouting fits the bill perfectly!

Medical professionals have warned about obesity. Scouting trims that package neatly!

Business leaders are concerned that the youth of today will not be adequately trained for the demands of tomorrow. Scouts Canada with the funding of major corporations has introduced STEP - the first programme of its kind that shows girls and boys the fun of science and engineering in a play setting. Check it out!

We meet Wednesdays at St Edmund Campion and Highcastle PS. Times and age groups vary so give us a call at [416-724-9215](tel:416-724-9215) and explore what Scouts can do for your boy or girl, ages 5 to 26!!

Special Notice. IF you were an adult leader in Scouting ANYWHERE in the world, bring us a badge, hat pin, lapel pin or any other marker and we have a SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD for you!! Ask for Scouter Doug

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11. Waste Calendars are out – Holiday Schedule for Waste Collection

The 2016 calendar are ready. The calendars were full of useful information on how to manage your household garbage including the pickup schedule for your area. If you would like a calendar please contact my office at [416-396-7222](tel:416-396-7222). You may also view the calendar all year round through www.toronto.ca/311 or through 311.

- How to "downsize" your Garbage Bin or "upsized" your Recycling Bin;
- Long Term Waste Management Strategy, WASTE WIZARD, Community Environment Days, E-waste disposal, Green Bin and Recycling;
- The *Toronto Recycling Guide*, a pull-out insert to keep for easy reference;
- A chart with Solid Waste Drop-off Depot locations, hours and accepted materials.

Curbside Collection Calendar Research

As part of its ongoing commitment to customer service, we recently conducted a research study of the curbside collection calendars to determine:

- o Where residents get information about curbside collection;
- o How residents use the curbside calendar;
- o The calendar's strengths and weaknesses and how it could be improved;
- o Awareness and opinions about the communications targeted to residents about solid waste, recycling and organics;
- o Attitudes and opinions, as well as behaviours, associated with waste management, recycling and related issues;
- o The desire to use mobile options for collection schedules and other information.

Results

The methodology that was employed (two focus groups and 800 on line questionnaires) is designed to be representative of residents who receive curbside collection according to age, gender and region.

The results concluded that:

- The waste collection calendar is by far the most commonly used source of information for curbside residents. The vast majority use it as a reference guide rather than just as a monthly calendar.
- Three-quarters of residents find the calendar very useful while overall, 98% of those who received it find it at least somewhat useful.
- Curbside residents are divided on a waste management app for smart phones and would prefer to use the paper version of the calendar than go on line. Among those residents who have a smart phone, only half said that they would be interested in a mobile application (app) – and the majority were only somewhat interested. **Meanwhile, 83% of curbside residents would rather use the paper version of the calendar than go on line for recycling information.**
- Communications should focus on items that residents are less likely to think can be recycled. Residents clearly indicate that more information would lead them to recycle more.

Full report available: Anita Zutis, [392-8350](tel:392-8350) or zutis@toronto.ca

Note for your residents' Newsletter:

Recycling & Collection Calendars

All residents, whether you live in a house or apartment/condo will receive a calendar in December. The calendars have important information about proper waste disposal and include a pull-out recycling guide.

If you want to downsize your Garbage Bin, call 311 or on line at www.toronto.ca/311.

Reminder: If you are unsure about where a waste item goes, check the WASTE WIZARD at www.toronto.ca/wastewizard or call 311.

If you live in a house and have not received your calendar by mid-December, please contact 311. **If you live in an apartment/condo** and have not received your calendar by mid-December, please contact your Property Manager.

Holiday curbside collection changes affect Friday collection only

Friday, December 25 moves to Saturday, December 26; and

Friday, January 1 moves to Saturday, January 2, 2016.

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12. Annual 2016 Toronto Tree Portraits Calendar and City of Toronto Tree Planting Strategy Survey

Welcome to the City of Toronto Tree Planting Strategy Survey

This survey will help us understand what programs and actions the City should consider in developing a strategy to reach our target of 40% tree canopy cover by 2050-2060 -- [Link to Survey](#) **This survey will be open for Toronto residents to provide their feedback until December 14, 2015.**

FOR DISTRIBUTION TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND FRIENDS IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

<http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/2016%20Calendar%20Order%20Form-final.pdf>

<http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/TPTF%202016%20calendar%20cover.pdf>

Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation is the official funding partner for the City's Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division.

Our annual 2016 Toronto Tree Portraits Calendar is now available for sale, and we would appreciate your help to spread the word about its availability!

The language below can be used to post on your website, as content for a newsletter, or as part of an eblast, along with the attached order form, and calendar [cover pdf](#). Thank you for your help to spread the word, and please call me if you have any questions, or would like to place your own order.

2016 marks the 12TH anniversary of this much-loved publication, and they make great presents or stocking stuffers for friends and family, host/hostess gifts this holiday and for your colleagues at work, if not destined for your own home.

Help celebrate the natural heritage of our city and support the work of the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation with every purchase.

The calendar features the work of John Davidson, and is conveniently formatted as a self-standing desk calendar, measuring 3.5" wide by 9" tall.

The 2016 Toronto Tree Portraits will be available for sale on-line at www.lovetorontoparks.ca, by visiting our offices at St. Matthew's Clubhouse, 450 Broadview Avenue during week day office hours **from November 19th on**, or by sending us the attached order form. Calendar cost is \$17, plus shipping if required.

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13. Parks, Forestry & Recreation begins accepting applications for summer 2016 positions on December 15, 2015!

The City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation division will begin accepting application for summer 2016 on December 15, 2016. Please visit the link on or after that date to review the options available.

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=c3ae1f42c1744410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Follow on twitter to keep updated on employment opportunities @CityTOjobs

The City has made updates to the look of the site in order to make your experience with TalentFlow more user friendly. The features and functionality that you are familiar with have not been changed. Send your feedback to jobshelp@toronto.ca

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14. Toronto Arts Council - Animating Toronto Parks

ANIMATING TORONTO PARKS 2016

Program Guidelines Application Deadline: January 11, 2016

PURPOSE Toronto Arts Council's Animating Toronto Parks is a pilot program that will provide funding to professional artists, organizations and collectives to support free arts programming in selected Toronto parks.

For the purposes of this program, "arts programming" includes the presentation of dance, literary arts, music, theatre, visual arts and media arts, community-engaged work and any combination of the above. Animating Toronto Parks is a component of the Arts in the Parks initiative which is managed by Toronto Arts Foundation and Toronto Arts Council (TAC) in partnership with City of Toronto Arts & Culture Services, Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) and community partner Park People.

Toronto Arts Council is launching a pilot program: Animating Toronto Parks. The 2016 program will provide funding to professional artists, organizations and collectives to support free arts programming in any of 23 selected Toronto parks located outside of the downtown core.

<http://www.torontoartscouncil.org/grant-programs/strategic-initiatives-funding/animating-toronto-parks>

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15. Toronto delegation to climate conference in Paris

Mayor John Tory will travel to Paris next week to participate in C40 and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) events for city leaders, organized in conjunction with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP 21). Toronto's delegation will include Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell; the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Christopher Eby; and the City's Director of Environment and Energy, Jim Baxter.

"Our new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has made climate change a major priority, as has Premier Kathleen Wynne. I believe the best way for them to honour that commitment is to fund Toronto's priorities including building transit, repairing and retrofitting of TCHC housing, and investment in our infrastructure so we can further reduce our carbon emissions and conserve energy," said Mayor Tory. "The gathering of global mayors in Paris is happening because the impact of climate issues will be felt in our cities, and that is also where solutions will be found."

As a signatory to the global Compact of Mayors, Mayor Tory's itinerary includes a C40 Forum, a plenary for Local Climate Leaders, and the Bloomberg Reception for Mayors.

Mayor Tory will meet French Ambassador to Canada Nicolas Chapuis, and with Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna as well as other conference attendees such as former New York City Mayor and co-chair of the Climate Summit for Local Leaders Michael Bloomberg, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Mayor of Paris Ann Hidalgo and Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emmanuel.

Mayor Tory will also be meeting with Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre to discuss the role of cities world-wide and how to expand their influence both internationally and within Canada. Further details of the Mayor's itinerary will be released next week.

The Compact of Mayors is the world's largest effort among mayors and city officials to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It commits cities to measuring and reporting their carbon emissions. By doing so, cities can make local progress and allow national governments to set more ambitious targets.

As an internationally recognized leader on the environment, Toronto has reduced its community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 25 per cent below 1990 levels. To meet its 2020 and 2050 emission reduction targets, Toronto will need to effect deep carbon reductions.

In 2015, the City launched TransformTO, an initiative to engage the community in generating ideas for emissions reductions, and in creating a detailed action plan to reduce emissions by 30 per cent by 2020. TransformTO will also create a long-term (2020-2050) approach that will identify how we can reduce emissions by 80% by 2050 while generating a healthier, more prosperous and equitable city. A series of free, public TalkTransformation! events are currently underway and the public is invited to share their ideas by completing an online workbook. More information about TransformTO is available at <http://toronto.ca/transformto>.

Mayor Tory will also represent Toronto at the C40 Cities Awards, in which Toronto is a finalist. The awards provide global recognition for cities demonstrating world-leading policies and programs that reduce emissions and improve sustainability. The focus of Toronto's designation in the Finance and Economic Development award category is the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF), an agency dedicated to funding actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. When Toronto City Council established TAF in 1991, it was the first municipal agency of its kind in

the world. To date, TAF has invested more than \$60 million which has helped the City save more than \$55 million on its energy bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25 per cent below 1990 levels – exceeding the Kyoto target.

About COP21

From November 30 to December 11, 2015, national governments will convene in Paris for COP21, the 21st session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The goal is to reach a binding universal climate agreement for keeping global warming below two degrees Celsius, as compared to pre-industrial levels. Keeping global warming below two degrees is recognized as necessary to reduce and avoid significant changes to the world's climatic systems, an increase in extreme weather, and other global changes such as sea level rise, all of which will have serious global economic and social implications.

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16. Council Highlights

NOTICE OF MEETING 2016 TAX SUPPORTED BUDGET LAUNCH DECEMBER 15, 2015

Notice is given for the following special meeting related to the 2016 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budget:

Date: December 15, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Committee Room 1 Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor 100 Queen Street West

Council Highlights

Toronto City Council meeting of November 3 and 4, 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>.

Poverty reduction strategy

Council adopted the vision, objectives, recommendations and actions for a poverty reduction strategy called TO Prosperity, with a work plan for 2016 that includes 75 City initiatives, many of them involving partnerships. Almost one in five adults between the ages of 18 and 64 in Toronto and more than one-quarter of the city's children below the age of six are living in low-income households, according to Statistics Canada.

Cold weather protocol

Council authorized funding for the provision of cold weather drop-in services 24-hours-a-day in Toronto for this January and February. In addition, Council directed that the City must be prepared to offer the 24-hour cold weather drop-in services if needed in November and December. The City issues an Extreme Cold Weather Alert, with related

services, when Environment Canada forecasts a temperature of -15 degrees C or colder or a wind chill of -20 degrees or colder. Council also addressed the City's shelter capacity during cold weather, as noted in the next item.

Hostels/emergency shelters

Council approved financial allocations to shelter providers to expand existing, or create new, emergency shelter capacity in Toronto. Specifically, a new permanent shelter program will be established on Bloor Street West in Ward 19 and seven existing programs at various locations will expand. In addition, more beds will be made available for temporary winter services. Toronto's shelter system includes 10 shelters directly operated by the City and another 49 shelter sites operated by community not-for-profit agencies under contract with the City.

George Street revitalization

Council authorized next steps for the revitalization of George Street in the east downtown area through the co-location of long-term care, assisted living, affordable housing, emergency shelter and other community services in a new facility that will replace the current Seaton House on George Street. Council also requested reports on the transition plan for shelter clients during demolition of Seaton House and construction of the new Seaton House facility, and on the project's impact on the City's overall shelter capacity.

Ban on use of hookahs

Council approved prohibiting the use of hookahs/waterpipes in City-licensed establishments effective next April. The prohibition follows Toronto Public Health's confirmation of the need for a legislative approach to address the significant health risks associated with this alternative form of smoking. Council also agreed to ask the Ontario government to enact legislation prohibiting the use of hookahs/waterpipes in restaurants, bars, entertainment establishments and patios.

Updated plan for managing traffic congestion

Council endorsed a Congestion Management Plan for 2016-20. The plan is an update/enhancement of the 2014-18 plan that Council adopted in 2013, which has improved the management of traffic congestion on Toronto's streets and expressways through technology and operational improvements along with increased enforcement and information sharing.

Waterfront transit reset

Council called for a review of waterfront transit initiatives and options in response to the observation that waterfront transit planning has been incremental, lacking a comprehensive plan for a transit network that can respond to the rapid transformation of the entire Toronto waterfront extending east from Etobicoke. According to a report considered by Council, the absence of a comprehensive plan has resulted in little progress in securing funding for new transit infrastructure on the waterfront.

Capital renewal of long-term care homes

Council approved a plan for renewing five of Toronto's long-term care homes run by Long-Term Care Homes and Services, including one that is part of the broader George Street revitalization project. The other four are Castleview-Wychwood Towers, Lakeshore Lodge, Oriole Yard/Esther Shiner Boulevard and Seven Oaks. The renewal is taking place in the context of Ontario's strategy for long-term care home renewal.

Long-term care homes' service plan

A service plan covering the Long-Term Care Homes and Services division's operations from 2016-20 received Council's approval. Work on the plan involved gathering information from many sources and engaging a wide range of stakeholders in the process. The City of Toronto operates 10 long-term care homes that provide 24-hour care and service.

Internet connectivity in Toronto

Council voted to ask for a study assessing Toronto's current internet connectivity and broadband capacity, especially as it relates to economic development objectives and the City's strategy for reducing poverty in the context of the digital divide. The term digital divide refers to economic and social inequality in people's access to, and use of, information and communication technologies that connect to the Internet.

Replacement of lead water service pipes

Council voted to direct Toronto Water to take steps to support the ongoing replacement of residential lead water-service pipes across the city. Among the steps specified, staff were asked to approach local financial institutions about the feasibility of low-interest or easily accessible loans to homeowners for replacing the private-side pipes on their properties. At present, about 1,500 residential property owners a year replace their private-side lead water service pipes with copper piping, done in conjunction with the City's ongoing efforts to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water by replacing corroded lead water pipes.

Uber in Toronto

Council adopted a motion calling for the City to provide additional information to the public about the current status of Uber in Toronto, including the risks associated with using the UberX ride service. The City is engaged in ongoing communications with representatives of Uber Canada about the City's taxicab broker application process and Uber's continued non-compliance with the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing.

Revitalization of distressed retail areas

Council directed staff to establish a pilot Capacity Building Program in two neighbourhood improvement areas as part of a broader economic revitalization program to assist distressed retail areas. The revitalization program involves working with local business communities in distressed commercial areas so they are better positioned to address the economic challenges particular to the neighbourhood.

Appointment of interim Ombudsman

Council appointed Kwame Addo of the Office of the Ombudsman as interim Toronto Ombudsman effective November 17. The current Ombudsman's term concludes on November 16. The appointment of an interim Ombudsman is required pending the outcome of an external review of the City's accountability offices that Council requested earlier this year. The Toronto Ombudsman investigates public complaints about decisions, actions or recommendations made or omitted in the course of implementing City policies and administering City services.

Appointment of new Poet Laureate

Council approved the appointment of Anne Michaels as Toronto's Poet Laureate for a three-year term beginning December 1. Michaels, who is the successor to current Poet Laureate George Elliott Clarke, is a Toronto poet and novelist who has received major literary awards. The role of the Poet Laureate includes serving as Toronto's literary ambassador at events promoting the literary arts and creating a legacy project for the people of Toronto.

Aga Khan Museum

Council confirmed its support of the Aga Khan Foundation Canada in its efforts to obtain provincial legislation that would enable Toronto City Council to exempt the Ismaili Centre Toronto, Aga Khan Museum and Aga Khan Park at 49 and 77 Wynford Dr. from having to pay property taxes.

Future use of Old City Hall

Council voted to notify the Province of Ontario that its lease of the Old City Hall building at 60 Queen St. W. will not be extended/renewed beyond 2021. Council requested a feasibility study for museums and complementary public uses of the building, which currently houses provincial and municipal court operations. Staff have identified criteria to be considered in determining the best future use and tenant fit for the historic building.

Toronto's oldest red oak tree

Council took steps to protect a 250-year-old oak tree that stands on a residential property at 76 Coral Gable Dr. in North York. The tree is thought to be the largest and oldest red oak in Toronto. Council directed staff to report on the feasibility of establishing a fund dedicated to contributions received for the maintenance of the tree and the cost of possibly acquiring the property at 76 Coral Gable Dr.

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17. Holiday Season – How You Can Help

How Torontonians can help homeless people this holiday season

The City of Toronto is advising residents who would like to help people in Toronto who are homeless and vulnerable this holiday season to consider the 2015 Holiday Wish List created with input from community agencies. The City surveyed agencies that run shelters, drop-ins and other services for homeless people, asking them what would bring cheer to their clients during the holidays.

The 2015 Holiday Wish List is now available at <http://www.toronto.ca/housing>.

The Wish List website identifies the agencies that responded to the survey and lists specific items their clients need, along with contacts and information about volunteer opportunities and holiday events.

The most common items on this year's Wish List are winter clothing, toiletries and gift cards for groceries – items that may seem routine but that can make a big difference to a person or family in need. Many agencies are also looking for volunteer help with activities such as sorting donations, serving food and wrapping gifts.

East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough – Located at 100 Mornelle is reaching out to you

Giving Families the “little extras” This holiday season we would like to provide families with the little extras that they need for day to day living.

[View Details - link here](#)

1. Your donation of \$5 will fill a box with the every day essentials that a family could use
2. You could fill a shoebox with all the essentials families could use and drop it off to 100 Galloway Road by Friday, December 18th, 2015

*To register and receive a list of acceptable items please email info@esbgc.org
- subject; Holiday Box*

Each year we provide hundreds of children with a toy and stocking stuffers to receive on Christmas morning.

1. Host a toy drive and donate to the Club!
2. Toy Drive Focus– birth-10 years old (toy) or 11-16 years (Gift Cards are a good alternative)
3. Drop off the unwrapped toys/stocking stuffers by Friday, December 18, 2015 at 100 Galloway Road

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**18. Toronto Hydro LED Street Lights Pilot Project –
Repeated Quick Facts – Severe Weather – Power Outages and**

Toronto Hydro has a number of pilot projects to test LED lights across the City.

In ward 43, South Marine Drive is included in this pilot. In the New Year Toronto Hydro will send out a survey asking residents who reside on South Marine Drive what they think of the LED Lights

Across the City, Toronto Hydro have delivered surveys asking constituents what they think about LED lights that were placed on their streets. Over 100 responses in favour of the lights were received.

With the Cold Weather here, I found it important to repeat this information for residents to ready for any emergency situation.

Customers should make sure their cell phones are charged, and should be checking their emergency preparedness kits – and if they don't have one, now is a good time to think about putting one together.

QUICK FACTS

- Residents are asked to call [416-542-8000](tel:416-542-8000) (press 1) if they see wires that are on a tree or wires that have been knocked down.
- Residents should stay at least 10 metres away from a downed powerline– about the length of a school bus
- Toronto Hydro's emergency preparedness guide can be found at torontohydro.com/emergencykit This guide is available in six different languages: [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), [Somali](#), [Tamil](#) and [Urdu](#)

DIY Savings Booklet [link](#)

With storm season approaching, we are making it easier to be prepared. Our new and improved power outage map provides timely status updates as well as the ability to search outages by address.

Energy Saving

- Fall Maintenance Preparation Energy Checklist
- Shop & Save! In-Store Coupon Event
- Advantages of LED Lighting
- Energy Management Technology - Managing Home Energy Use
- Winter Preparation – Save Heat Energy Costs

Keeping Up-to-Date

- Power Outages Map
- Clare R. Copeland Transformer Station
- Toronto Hydro peaksaver PLUS
- Heating & Cooling Incentive
- Snap & Share! Win a WINK Smart Home Starter Kit Contest (\$219 Value)
- Toronto Hydro Contact Information

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19. Toronto's Great War Attic project launches First World War stories online

To help commemorate Remembrance Day, Toronto's Great War Attic project now features 100 personal First World War stories online along with images of Torontonians and Canadians.

Toronto's Great War Attic project is a collaboration between City of Toronto Museums & Heritage Services, York University and Historica Canada. It began in the fall of 2014, when more than 100 people attended public sessions at City-run museums, a library and a community centre. Everyone brought objects connecting them to the Great War a century ago.

From a well-worn trench coat to a Canadian army nurse's set of medical tools, artifacts were presented, examined by Museums staff and historians, and documented on film along with uniquely personal tales of heroism, sacrifice, survival and loss. These stories are now available to view through the City's Great War Attic web page at <http://bit.ly/1mmzakg>.

"The public sessions were a rewarding experience for the participants as Museums staff were able to share their expertise on the objects and stories being shared as well as telling them about the war and Toronto's involvement in it," said Councillor Michael Thompson (Ward 37 Scarborough Centre), Chair of the City's Economic Development Committee.

"We all learned so much from the people who shared stories and listened to the interpretations of family heirlooms by museum staff and historians. The project was an important model for museums in community engagement and people's history," said York University History Professor Craig Heron.

Toronto's Great War Attic is funded by Canadian Heritage and the City of Toronto.

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20. Flag Raising

FLAG RAISINGS and HALF-MASTINGS

December 2015

December 6 Half-mast Canadian Flag to mark the Annual National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 18–25* Flag Raising - The Salvation Army Red Shield Flag Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

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21. Toronto Renovates Program Affordable Housing Office with funding from the federal/provincial governments for health and safety repairs to the homes of seniors and disabled persons.

Information Link

Toronto Renovates Homeowners Program, which is administered by the Affordable Housing Office with funding from the federal/provincial governments for health and safety repairs to the homes of seniors and disabled persons. Toronto Renovates is now accepting Assessment Requests.

The new form, together with details about Toronto Renovates, can be found under Toronto

Renovates Homeowners Program in the Financial Assistance section in our web site:

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

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22. Rouge Valley Centenary Hospital

Local health care matters

Rouge Valley Centenary hospital is an excellent acute care community hospital with many programs, including 24/7/365 emergency, advanced maternal and neonatal care in a state-of-the art birthing Centre, with extensive specialized pediatric services, surgery, cancer care, mental health and regional cardiac care.

Rouge Valley Health System Foundation is the best way to support your community hospital and health care close to home.

Through donations, events and planned gifts, the Foundation helps provide your community hospital with leading edge equipment, to provide the best patient experience possible.

If you are looking for a way to support great health care in your community, consider a gift to the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation.

Learn more at www.myrougevalley.ca. Rouge Valley Centenary hospital, 2867 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, ON M1E 4B9, [416-281-7342](tel:416-281-7342).

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23. Employment in Ward 43 - Apply

The Storefront is hiring there very first Co-ordinator of Workforce Development. Please view the opportunities to see If you qualify to work at this fantastic organization.

<http://www.thestorefront.org/get-involved/opportunities/>

In the late 1990's, East Scarborough was a community in desperate need. Families were leaving the inner city where low cost housing was becoming increasingly scarce, and moving to the inner suburbs to find more affordable housing. Vast numbers of refugees were being housed in the motel strip along Kingston Road. Few services for these new residents were available nearby. The suburban transit infrastructure was inadequate. Simply getting to where the services existed was an enormous barrier.

Fortunately, a group of people working and volunteering in the community (Public Health workers and volunteers from the Caring Alliance – a group from various faith communities), overwhelmed by the need, knew something had to change.

They contacted various agencies that were mandated to serve people in the community but had been unable to identify and reach those who would have benefited from their services. They developed a survey asking residents what they needed. Then, they went door to door, engaging the residents. This was the beginning of the resident-focused approach. Rather than assuming they knew what residents needed, they took the time to ask about – *and really listen to* – what residents wanted.

Once we had feedback from the residents, the solution to providing services in the community was disarmingly simple. It was clear that no ONE agency or organization could meet all of the challenges and serve all of the varied needs, but *collectively the possibilities were enormous*.

We spent two years establishing a model that made sense, building trust among agencies, creating a framework within which all players could work. The final result was a partnership of agencies, all of which understood the value of collaboration and who were able to work within a collectively created framework.

After two years of discussion, consultation and building trust among agencies, East Scarborough Storefront opened its doors in a local shopping mall. It was within walking distance of many of the apartment towers in which residents lived. Before we knew it, clients began arriving, thanks to word of mouth. It was clear the services we offered were desperately needed in the community.

<http://paulainslie.com/files/2015/Place%20Based%20Workforce%20Development%20Strategy.pdf>

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24. Quote of the Month

“Trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit.” [Molière](#)

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25. Websites for Community Use

Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival

www.guildalivewithculture.ca

Toronto Public Library Kids Space and Programming

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

frozen pipes

www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes

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.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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