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Dear Friends,

The agenda at Toronto City Hall is jam-packed this Fall! Upcoming meetings will include debates on Uber and Taxi services, Smart Track, the Bloor-Danforth subway extension, what to do with the Gardiner Expressway, Billy Bishop Island Airport, and many other items. I will keep you informed on the committee dates as you may choose to speak or comment on these items.

Our community has seen a number of positive improvements over the summer with the repaving of local roads and resetting of curbs and sidewalks across the Ward, several of our parks are receiving improvements including the Guild Park and Gardens (with the Bickford Residence redevelopment commencing) and a number of traffic studies being investigated for ways to improve our roads.

**On Saturday October 3, 2015 @10 a.m.** I will be hosting the Official Ribbon Cutting of "Monument Walk" at Guild Park and Gardens located at 201 Guildwood Parkway. The artefacts have been placed in a strategic manner by a landscape architect to provide visitors with a wonderful experience leading them through the back gardens to enjoy the view of Lake Ontario, the gardens, the Greek Theatre and artefacts. The Mobius Curve concrete structure previously at the front property has been placed in a prominent place in the garden providing it a perfect location for visitors to view it in its full glory.

The Pan Am / Parapan Am Games were a great success. I want to thank all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work during the games as well as residents hospitality in welcoming the athletes and their families to our great City while cheering for our Canada Team was paramount in making the games a success.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Paul

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**1. Calendar**  
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September 8 - Scarborough Community Council Meeting

September 8 - Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting

September 10 – Toronto Zoo Board Meeting

September 10 - Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting

September 12 – Councillor Ainslie's Annual Environment Day

September 14 – Curran Hall Community Association Meeting

September 17 - Government Management Committee

September 19 - Fall Shoreline Clean-Up by Friends of Guild Park and Gardens

September 20 – Terry Fox Run

September 21 – City of Toronto Executive Committee

September 21 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting

September 25 - Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting

September 27 - Guildwood Community BBQ by Church of the Holy Trinity

September 29 - Minister Deb Matthews at the Storefront to announce receipt of a Poverty Reduction fund grant. Paul invited by Anne Gloger to attend

September 30 – Toronto City Council

October 1 – Toronto City Council

October 1 - 2015 Scarborough Trillium Garden Awards

October 2 - Toronto City Council

### **Community Events Hosted by Me!**

Saturday October 3, 2015 @10 am: Official Ribbon Cutting of "Monument Walk"  
201 Guildwood Parkway

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### **3. Seven Oaks Community**

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#### **Parking Enforcement**

Our office has received many calls regarding illegally parked cars in the community. Toronto Police Parking Authority will be aggressively monitoring the area for illegal parking in the Seven Oaks Neighbourhood, inclusive of Keeler Blvd, Oakmeadow, Trailridge Crescent and Purpledusk Trail although it does not eradicate the issue, aggressive ticketing may assist as a deterrent.

**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

**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 for information on becoming a Venturer here in 7 Oaks. Or visit [www.scouts.ca](http://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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### **4. Curran Hall Community**

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

#### **Transportation Services – Repaving in Curran Hall**

Several local roads in Curran Hall were repaved this summer, including repairs of damaged sidewalks and curbs

**Greenock Avenue**, from Scarborough Golf Club Road to Slan Avenue

**Thornbeck Drive**, from Brimorton Drive to Orton Park Road

**Hoshlega Drive**, from Welwyn Avenue to Dalehurst Avenue

**Marawa Court**, from Greenock Avenue to Cul-De-Sac

**Welwyn Avenue**, from Brimorton Drive to Greenock Avenue

**Wonderland Drive**, from Welwyn Avenue to Merkley Square

#### **Curran Hall Community Centre Programs - Registration Begins September 13th, 2015**

**First time registering:** To register in recreation programs you will need a Client Number and Family Number. Please call (416) 338-4386 to speak to a customer service representative from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

#### **To Register for Programs: (You need to have Client Number and Family Number)**

Touch Tone Registration (TTR) 416-338-0000

Operator Assisted Registration – 416-338-4386

Online Registration: <https://efun.toronto.ca/torontofun/Start/Start.asp>

In Person - Curran Hall Community Centre - 277 Orton Park Rd.

#### **Rouge Valley Health Services Foundation (Centenary Hospital)**

Rouge Valley Health System Foundation — Enhancing Care in Our Community

The Rouge Valley Health System Foundation's mission is to partner with the community to invest in superior health care at Rouge Valley Health System. The Foundation raises funds to support the purchase of leading-edge medical equipment and support major capital expansion projects.

#### **Firefighters kick up their boots Saturday**

Pickering Professional Firefighters looking for support in annual fundraiser

If you see a firefighter this Saturday, the only emergency will be just how much small change and bills you can find to support Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital, through the annual Boot Drive being held at various malls around Pickering.

Members of the Pickering Professional Firefighters Association, along with firefighter students and RVHS Foundation volunteers will be stationed at shopping plaza exits for most of the day, greeting motorists as they come and go, offering an opportunity for you to make a donation. Firefighters will have some of their fire trucks on display, but don't be surprised to see the crews jump when an emergency call comes in, and the trucks race off to help where they are needed.

This year's funds support the purchase of new Panda Warmers at the community hospital, machines that provide warmth to infants while making access to our smallest patients easier for medical staff and parents in the Maternal and Newborn unit. A long-standing event for local firefighters, in recent years the Boot Drive has supported a mini C-arm X-Ray machine, GreenLight Laser and other important equipment at RVAP.

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### **5. Coronation and West Hill Community**

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

#### **Transportation Services – Community News**

##### **In August, 2015 work on improving the Poplar Rd. Rail crossing was completed.**

A new sidewalk was constructed for residents to cross the safely across the rail lines on the west side of Poplar Road between Cultra Square and Portia Street.

The same project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2016 at Galloway Rd. Rail crossing.

##### **"Watch Your Speed" Trailer on Falaise Road**

As requested by my office, on behalf of resident of Falaise Road, the "Watch Your Speed" trailer unit will be installed displaying southbound vehicle speeds at 58 Falaise Road (placed mid-block between Warnsworth Street and Rodda Boulevard) from Monday, November 16 to Friday, November 20, 2015, along this 40 km/h road.

##### **Tree Planting**

Urban Forestry planted 18 new trees in Galloway Park this year. These plantings are part of their efforts to increase the urban forest canopy, the diversity of tree species in the City of Toronto, and to help compensate for tree loss due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

##### **The East Scarborough Storefront - 4040 Lawrence Ave East at Galloway Road**

"I am always fascinated to understand how people know the things they know. I am interested in what we know because we read it or heard someone speak about it and what we know in our gut, instinctually because we have lived it or witnessed its impact. From what I can glean from my 51 years of social research, there are many kinds of knowing." - Janet Fitsimmons

At the East Scarborough Storefront, staff work with local residents to connect them to systems and networks which can enable them to make meaningful change in our community. On the one side of the equation, staff often interact with people who have bulky CV's, a list of academic credentials and a

desire to support community development which is rooted in the best of intentions. On the other side, they interact with residents who have been marginalized to some degree, who are not used to having equal voice, and who struggle to have their perspective included as decisions are made which effect their lives and the lives of their neighbours.

John McKnight says the answer lies in asset-based community development: beginning from a place of “having” instead of a place of “needing”, and sure, that’s certainly part of it. Coupled with this however, is the necessity to connect. We are meant to be connected: to allies, to systems and to each other. At The Storefront, staff practice asset-based community development, and are acutely aware of the assets local residents bring to the table, but the impact is really felt when those assets are meaningfully connected to influential systems and networks, when the machinery which drives social systems acknowledges those assets, either by choice or persuasion, and acts in ways which are responsive to them.

Recently in the Kingston/Galloway/Orton Park neighbourhood staff and volunteers have undergone an exploration of the impacts of poverty on the community. The City of Toronto is developing a poverty reduction strategy and began by holding a number of community consultations: this was a catalyst for the KGO community to sink their teeth into this issue and take the considerable assets that exist in our community and throw them wholeheartedly at this problem. In response to this issue, residents are involved in conversations about local procurement and community benefit agreements, how corner stores can better serve the food needs of local families, and how to ensure that food access is addressed across the community in consistent ways. Resident groups have adopted positions on affordable housing, transit access and local jobs. And they have connected, to each other, to community allies and to the systems and networks that can enhance and drive forward their message. They have worked alongside academics from the University of Toronto to articulate their aspirations for the economic growth of their community.

Its important for residents to live in a city in which these conversations are not only heard in lecture halls and board rooms. The residents in KGO are having these conversations in coffee shops, in fast food establishments, in parks and in living rooms. And not to detract from the important work that is done by our allies in lecture halls and board rooms, it is the lens of lived experience that will ultimately enable sustainable change to take place!

To learn more about the East Scarborough Storefront and the wonderful work they do please visit their website: <http://www.thestorefront.org/>

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### **6. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

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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](mailto:crcc@toronto.ca)

## **Cornell Park Pathways Complete**

The pathways at Cornell Park, with the exception of the one from Beran Drive which was already rebuilt in 2013, underwent a state of good repair this year. The pathways were widened to 3m.

### **Toronto Hydro Underground Construction**

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging underground electrical system in your community to help improve service reliability. The rebuild includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and transformers within the City of Toronto's public property allowance in front of or adjacent to your lot.

The civil and electrical portions of this project started in mid June 2015 with an approximate completion date of late October 2015.

The boundaries include Lawrence Avenue East (North), Susan Street (East), Confederation Drive (South), and Scarborough Golf Club Road (West). Throughout this project, power interruptions may be necessary to switch from the old to the new electrical system. Toronto Hydro intends to provide you with advance notice prior to any planned outages.

Toronto Hydro crews and contractors will take extra care and precautions around your property. The portion of the driveway, sidewalk and other areas affected by our work will be restored upon completion of the project as season, weather and schedules permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Toronto Hydro PowerUp office at 416-542-3366 or [capitalprojects@torontohydro.com](mailto:capitalprojects@torontohydro.com).

### **Cedarbrae Public Library 545 Markham Road (Just south of Lawrence Ave East)**

This is the local District Branch in Ward 43 and has some interesting programs which are free for everyone!

#### ***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.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Mon Oct 05

Tue Oct 06

Wed Oct 07

Thu Oct 08

Fri Oct 09

Mon Oct 12

Tue Oct 13

Wed Oct 14

Thu Oct 15

Fri Oct 16

Mon Oct 19

Tue Oct 20

Wed Oct 21

Thu Oct 22  
Fri Oct 23  
Mon Oct 26

***Create a Personal Budget and Debt Solutions for Life***

Thu Oct 22, 2015  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This workshop is presented by Credit Canada Debt Solutions Inc. Learn how to create a personal budget that fits your lifestyle and teaches you debt solutions for the future.

Registration is required. Please visit the Cedarbrae Branch or call us at 416-396-8850.

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**7. Guildwood Village**

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[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)

The City of Toronto is investing a great deal in the Guildwood Community. We have a new splash pad under construction in Elizabeth Simcoe Park!! Many local road were resurfaced during this past summer, and the Guild Park and Gardens revitalization is underway! The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is continuing their shoreline work. The community has much to celebrate.

**Guild Inn (Bickford Residence)**

Work has begun on the Bickford Residence as it is restored to its' original early 20th century design. At this point, remedial work is taking place inside the building in preparation for the demolition of the two side wings. This will be followed by the new redevelopment by Dynamic Entertainment Group. If you would like to view the redevelopment plans they are available on my website [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com).

**Guild Park and Gardens**

Please remember the park will remain open throughout the redevelopment. I have ensured access to the Gardens is properly signed for everyone to enjoy. Please continue to visit the park. There will soon be a new feature in the park, The "Monument Walk" which highlights many significant artefacts which Rosa and Spencer Clark collected is going to be at the west side of the park near the Ousterhout Cabin. The artefacts have been placed in a strategic manner by a landscape architect to provide visitors with a wonderful experience. The layout leads people through the back gardens to enjoy the view of Lake Ontario, the gardens, the Greek Theatre and monuments. I will be hosting a ribbon cutting to officially open the feature on Saturday October 3 at 10:00 a.m. The Mobius Curve concrete structure previously at the front property has been placed in a prominent location of the gardens providing a perfect location for visitors to view it in its full glory. The City of Toronto Manager of Horticulture & Greenhouses, is working onsite to ensure the current and future flower beds continue to thrive.

My office has been working with City Staff and the community groups on the ongoing Guild Park and Gardens Management plan.

**Cultural Precinct Redevelopment and Programming**



The Cultural Precinct redevelopment is also underway. Programming staff will be hosting community consultation sessions to discuss onsite artistic programming to serve our community's needs. You will receive an invitation to participate. Please take advantage to have your voice heard on what type of art based programming we should have.

### **Splash Pad at Elizabeth Simcoe Park**

The Guildwood Community will be receiving a splash pad! The construction is well underway, and will continue through the month of September and October for operation in spring 2016. I would like to thank the Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Group for their hard work on this project. Your efforts are much appreciated by my office and all our neighbours. The project will be implemented in two stages with the splash pad being implemented in phase I. Phase II will include a small shelter with armour stone sitting.

### **Chartwell Seniors Living (65-67 Livingston Road)**

Chartwell Senior Living has made an application to the City of Toronto for the redevelopment of their site with a 5 storey, 175 unit retirement home. A community planning meeting will be held for residents to view the Chartwell proposal, providing everyone an opportunity to comment. At this point any questions or concerns can be addressed to the City Planner in charge of the application: Jeffrey Sinclair @ 416-396-7685. People interested in viewing the report can find it posted on my website at [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com)

### **The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival 2015**

I hope everyone had an opportunity to visit the Arts Festival this year. We featured over 100 booths and are working to increase our numbers to offer more variety to see an even bigger and better Festival in 2016. I would like to thank all our volunteers and the Festival committee for their dedication and hard work. Planning has already who started for the 2016 Festival. To volunteer please contact my office.

### **Guildwood Public Library (Guildwood Plaza 123 Guildwood Parkway Livingston Rd & Guildwood Parkway)**

This community library has some great programs for younger children on a weekly basis:



#### Toddlertime

10:30 am - 11:00 am on recurring dates listed below

A program of songs, stories, rhymes and fingerplays for toddlers and their caregivers. Ages 18 months to 3 years. Limited to first 12 toddlers. Drop-in. 10:30-11:00 a.m.

#### Upcoming Dates:

Fri Sep 25

Fri Oct 02

Fri Oct 09

Fri Oct 16

Fri Oct 23



### **Babytime**

10:30 am - 11:00 am on recurring dates listed below

A program of songs, poems, rhymes and fingerplays for babies aged newborn to 18 months. Limited to first 12 babies. Drop-in. 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Wed Sep 30

Wed Oct 07

Wed Oct 14

Wed Oct 21

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### **8. High Rise Community**

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The Mayor's Task Force on Toronto Community Housing is examining how Toronto Community Housing serves the people of Toronto and how it is governed.

Led by Senator Eggleton, the independent, six-person task force includes experts from the social housing, finance, real estate development and social policy fields. Background information about the task force, including members' biographies, is available at <http://bit.ly/1zGgaUe>.

Working with outside housing experts and researchers, as well as Toronto Community Housing and its residents, the task force will investigate areas critical to delivering high quality housing to residents and value to taxpayers. The primary areas of focus include:

- Toronto Community Housing's current operations and service delivery: What is the organization doing well? What needs to be improved? What changes should be made to improve service?
- Partnerships and innovation: Are there innovative models in use elsewhere that might work in Toronto to improve housing here? Are there better ways to deliver service to vulnerable residents with specific needs?
- Capital revitalization and new development: Are changes needed to the role of new development in Toronto Community Housing's mandate? Are there new partnership models that could leverage Toronto Community Housing's efforts?
- Governance: Is the status quo the best option, that is, a separate City-owned corporation governed by a City Council appointed board?

Changes such as transferring responsibility to other housing providers or back to the City, or a blended approach, will be considered.

The ultimate goal of the Task Force is to recommend to the Mayor what adjustments to the governance and operation of Toronto Community Housing are necessary to improve service to its residents. The

task force will provide ongoing progress reports to the Mayor throughout the year, an interim report by late July, and a final report in December.

Toronto Community Housing is the largest social housing provider in Canada and the second largest in North America providing housing to about 125,000 people. With a portfolio of 58,500 units in 2,300 buildings in communities across the city, Toronto Community Housing serves a diverse range of tenants with different needs, the vast majority of whom live under the poverty line.

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## 9. Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre

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The 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Games are over and we know will have the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (TPASC) re-opened for community use! . This world-class facility will serve as a beacon for those looking to pursue healthy, active lives. More than just a building, TPASC is a health and wellness environment where all members – from individuals new to physical literacy, to sports teams, to fitness enthusiasts, to high performance and Olympic athletes – are welcomed to help foster a culture of inclusivity.

As a part of the legacy of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, TPASC will offer sports and physical activity programming for residents of the community, University of Toronto Scarborough students, faculty and staff, in addition to recreational and high performance athletes. The new facility will be Canada's premier aquatics centre as well as a state-of-the-art training and competition venue, and will be home to the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario.

TPASC includes two Olympic-sized swimming pools and an Olympic diving tank. It also boasts four international-sized basketball courts, a rock climbing wall, running track, strength training and aerobic conditioning floors and fitness class studios. Accessibility features include a movable floor area to facilitate pool access for individuals with disabilities and will provide suitable conditions for new swimmers and a variety of shallow-water fitness activities.

A great deal of strategic planning, development and execution has gone into the opening of TPASC. The facility is a true symbol of the power of sport and collaboration. We are grateful to TPASC funding partners including the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, in addition to co-owners the City of Toronto and the University of Toronto. TPASC also sincerely acknowledges the contributions from the Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee.

I encourage you to tour the facility, obtain a membership, and enjoy the array of amenities offered at TPASC as you work towards achieving your health and wellness goals.

Please visit the Toronto PanAm Sports Centre and enjoy all the programs and fitness opportunities available to you as a resident. You may view the TPASC website at <http://www.tpasc.ca/view/tpasc> to view all the opportunities available by the City of Toronto and to students of University of Toronto Scarborough.

City of Toronto Programming at the Centre can be viewed at [Fall and Winter registration](#), spots are filling up fast so please register.

I am pleased to see that families are taking advantage of the welcome policy to participate in free programming. Please visit [Welcome policy](#) online to see if you qualify, visit the centre in person or call 311 for assistance.

For more information about this amazing new facility please go to <http://www.tpasc.ca/view/tpasc>

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### **10. Nuit Blanche**

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#### **Nuit Talks offers discussion and insight behind the scenes of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche**

Toronto's Nuit Talks series offers a unique look behind the scenes of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, featuring one-of-a-kind talks, experiences and films by artists, curators and thinkers from this year's event. Now in its sixth year, Nuit Talks boasts an impressive lineup from September 27 to October 28. Details about this year's Nuit Talks follow and are available at <http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca>.

#### **Sunday Scene with Christine Shaw**

Sunday, September 27 from 2 to 3 p.m. Free.

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, 231 Queens Quay W.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche curator Christine Shaw (Director/Curator of the Blackwood Gallery and Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Department of Visual Studies, University of Toronto Mississauga) will discuss Carlos Amorales' *Black Cloud* project at The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery. Co-presented with The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery.

#### **Across the city with curators**

Wednesday, September 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Free.

Pick-up and drop off location: 100 Queen's Park.

Curators from this year's Scotiabank Nuit Blanche will travel on a specially commissioned trolley to a site within their exhibition and describe the genesis of their projects. This tour offers a special behind the scenes look at how city, site, history, ideas and art come together to create the event.

Featuring: Agustin Pérez Rubio, Christine Shaw and Che Kothari.

Space is limited; to reserve a seat visit <http://ow.ly/S83Tj>.

#### **Here, Hear**

Wednesday, September 30 from 8 to 10 p.m. Free.

Pick-up and drop off location: 100 Queen's Park.

Artists from this year's Scotiabank Nuit Blanche will travel across the city on a specially commissioned trolley and discuss their projects in the context of different Toronto sites. The city becomes the backdrop to the work artists create in response to day-to-day life.

Featuring: Ivan Morison, Catherine Chan and Carolina Caycedo (from Colectivo Cambalache).

Space is limited; to reserve a seat visit <http://ow.ly/S83Q6>.

Regarding both trolley tours

Seat holders: Lineups for the trolley begin 30 minutes prior to departure time at 100 Queen's Park.

Ticket holders who arrive later than 15 minutes prior to departure, unless already on the prior trolley

tour, may lose their seats to those in line waiting for rush seats. At the end of each tour, the trolley will return to 100 Queen's Park.

Trolley capacity: Forty seats available. Seating assignments will be on a first come, first served basis.

Rush seats: A limited number of rush seats may be made available on the day of the event, beginning 10 minutes prior to departure. Rush seat tickets are not guaranteed.

### **Pre-Nuit Sneak Preview at AGO First Thursdays**

Thursday, October 1 from 7 to 11:30 p.m.

Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W.

Tickets: [www.ago.net/firstthursdays](http://www.ago.net/firstthursdays).

19+ (ID required). Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended.

General admission advance tickets: \$12/\$10 AGO members.

At the door: \$15/\$13 AGO Members.

This continued partnership with the AGO includes an artist talk with internationally acclaimed artist JR and moderator Sol Guy (from 8 to 9 p.m.); Scotiabank Nuit Blanche project previews by artists JR, Ekow Nimako, Lisa Myers, and Christof Migone and Marla Hlady; pop-up talks with Christof Migone and Marla Hlady, and Ekow Nimako; and a headlining DJ set from k-os, as well as DJ sets from Rollie Pemberton (formerly Cadence Weapon) and DJ General Eclectic.

### **It is Difficult – Keynote Lecture with Alfredo Jaar**

The Power Plant International Lecture Series

Friday, October 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

Studio Theatre, Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queen's Quay W.

To reserve tickets visit <http://www.thepowerplant.org/> or call 416-973-4949.

A unique talk by world renowned artist Alfredo Jaar, who will present a selection of recent public interventions realized around the world and a selection of his canonical works, including *A Logo for America*. Scotiabank Nuit Blanche curator Agustin Pérez Rubio, curator and artistic director of Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires (MALBA), will respond to Jaar's presentation and facilitate questions. Co-presented with The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery.

### **Nuit Talks: Putting the extra-in-ordinary**

Saturday, October 3 from 6:55 p.m. to 7:18 a.m. (during Scotiabank Nuit Blanche). Free.

City Hall (council chamber), 100 Queen St. W.

A meaningful engagement. Step into the life, intention, journey and constantly evolving practice that is the artist, JR. With a series of short films and documentaries featuring his present and early works, 2011 Ted Prize winner JR's narratives are explored in his gallery that is the world.

This project is extended from Sunday, October 4 to Monday, October 12, but re-locating to City Hall (rotunda), 100 Queen St. W. and viewable 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Art Toronto - Power Talks - Carlos Amorales: Black Cloud**

Saturday, October 24 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St. W.

Art Toronto admission is required. For more information visit <http://ow.ly/S83HW>.

Artist Carlos Amorales' large scale installation, *Black Cloud*, will be on view at The Power Plant and is one of the 14 extended projects from Scotiabank Nuit Blanche this year. It consists of 30,000 black moths cut out of paper. Amorales will address *Black Cloud* within the context of his artistic practice including his *Liquid Archive*, a digital database of images he has been building since 1998.

Co-presented with The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery and Art Toronto.

## **Carlos Amorales: A Film Trilogy**

Wednesday, October 28, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

TIFF Bell Lightbox, Reitman Square, 350 King St. W.

Free for Power Plant members, \$12 for non-members. Visit [thepowerplant.org](http://thepowerplant.org) or call 416-973-4000 to purchase tickets.

The Canadian premiere of Carlos Amorales' recently completed film trilogy, curated by Scotiabank Nuit Blanche curator Christine Shaw. Amorales' films begin with a rigorous research process, which in addition to infusing the works with life and substance, place each project within a particular historical and political narrative. The films will be introduced by Shaw, followed by a Q&A with Amorales. Co-presented with The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery. Program: *Amsterdam* (2013, 21 minutes), *The Man Who Did All Things Forbidden* (2014, 40 minutes) and *The Eye Me Not* (2015, 50 minutes).

### About Scotiabank Nuit Blanche

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche is Toronto's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art, produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community. Since 2006, the event has featured more than 1,200 official art installations by 4,500 artists and has generated over \$227 million in economic impact for Toronto. The event has received many accolades including most recently the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) Awards of Excellence for Public-Private Partnerships, Sponsorship Marketing (SMA) Award of Distinction for Festivals, Best Free Cultural Happenings in Now Magazine's annual "Best Of" poll for a seventh year in a row and number seven All-Time Favourite Festivals, Fairs and Events in Field Day's fourth annual Toronto entertainment survey. Look for information and updates at <http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca>, on Facebook at [facebook.com/sbnuitblancheTO](https://www.facebook.com/sbnuitblancheTO), Twitter at @sbnuitblancheTO, #snbTO and Instagram at @sbnuitblancheTO, #snbTO.

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### **11. City of Toronto Historic Sites**

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#### **New exhibit at Archives**

You can tell a lot about a city by what it builds - but what it fails to build also tells a story. Through archival plans, photographs, drawings and models, the City of Toronto Archives' new exhibit "No little plans: alternative building & transportation visions for Toronto" examines significant municipal projects that were never realized or were built from a choice among competing designs. [Details](#)

#### **This week at Toronto's historic sites**

Montgomery's Inn will host its weekly farmers market followed by a landscaping workshop on Wednesday. On Thursday, an art exhibition called Walking Together: Inspired by Residential School Survivors will open at Mackenzie House. Over the weekend, Fort York will present Small World On Common Ground, a festival of music, arts and community, Gibson House Museum will host a fall festival, and Spadina Museum will offer a guided walk. [More details](#)

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## 12. Scouts Canada

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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 for information on becoming a Venturer here in 7 Oaks. Or visit [www.scouts.ca](http://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!

**Scouting has never been more active in 7 Oaks...**are 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 that 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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## 13. Fall/Winter recreation programs registration opens

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[Fall and Winter registration](#) for Parks, Forestry and Recreation programs started on September 12. Participants of all ages can enjoy a multitude of exciting programs across the city in community centres. From swimming to fitness, skating, skiing, arts and crafts or dance, there is something for everyone. Program FUN Guides are available at civic and community centres, libraries and [online](#).

If there are vacancies in the classes, lessons, or sessions you are interested in....you can register at any time

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#### **14. Learn about City jobs at Career Fair**

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At the [City's Career and Information Fair](#), attendees can meet City staff from a variety of City divisions, explore a range of careers and hear about what the City can offer as an employer. The fair includes speakers and tips on how to apply for City opportunities. This free event will be held at the [Toronto Reference Library](#) on October 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information about [employment with the city](#).

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#### **15. Libraries look to increase e-book titles**

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Despite booming borrowing rates and high demand for ebooks, public libraries face challenges in ensuring universal access to this content because of prohibitively high prices set by major multinational publishers. Library associations across Canada and Toronto Public Library have joined forces to raise awareness of these issues. For more information visit [fairpricingforlibraries.org](http://fairpricingforlibraries.org).

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#### **16. Toronto ward boundaries invitation for public input**

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The purpose of the report is to present options for new ward boundaries for the City of Toronto and receive input from residents, stakeholders and members of Council.

There are two ways to provide input:

1. Complete a survey: The survey can be completed online or in hard-copy format.
2. Attend a public meeting: Twelve public meetings will take place across the city this fall, starting September 16.

The Options Report, as well as information about the survey and the public meetings, can be obtained at <http://www.drawthelines.ca>.

The Options Report and survey are available upon request in the following languages besides English: Chinese (Simple and Traditional versions), Farsi, French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil and Urdu.

Round two of the TWBR civic engagement and public consultation process is now underway. Input on the options will inform the Final Ward Boundary Review Report, which will include a recommended option and will be presented to the Executive Committee and City Council in May 2016.

About the Toronto Ward Boundary Review



The Toronto Ward Boundary Review is looking at the size and shape of Toronto's wards in order to ensure that each person in Toronto is fairly represented at City Council.

Toronto's significant growth has resulted in wards with populations above or below the current average of 61,000, with some wards 30 to 50 per cent above the average. The goal of the Review is to ensure that the population in every ward is similar in size throughout the city.

The City of Toronto has oversight of the Toronto Ward Boundary Review. The study is being done by an independent team of consultants responsible for making sure the process is objective.

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## **17. City revamps road closures & restrictions website, installs new traffic cameras & message signs to assist residents**

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City of Toronto revamped road closures and restrictions website, installs new traffic cameras and message signs to assist residents

The City of Toronto has revamped its website with a new road restrictions map that will provide real-time information on roadwork and other activities that are taking place on city streets so residents can get around the city easily. Residents will have the opportunity to look at the impacts of the road restrictions and see the level of severity – ranging from major to moderate to minor – as they prepare to travel.

The map can be accessed at <http://www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions>.

“Providing real-time information to residents is essential to helping tackle congestion on our roadways,” said Mayor John Tory. “The revamped road closures and restrictions website, as well as the installation of more traffic cameras, is an example of how the City is modernizing the way it communicates so residents can plan their commute more effectively and efficiently.”

In addition to the map, the City has installed 40 cameras on routes that run parallel to expressways as well as in the area of Pan Am Games venues. The additional cameras increase the City's capacity to monitor its road network and will enable staff to respond more quickly to incidents, thereby helping to keep traffic moving and minimizing congestion.

The City is also expanding its travel time services by installing two portable message signs – one on the approach to the Don Valley Parkway and one as drivers approach the Gardiner Expressway – to provide travellers with expressway travel time and traffic accident information before they reach the ramps that lead to the roadway.

As part of the pilot project, a sign has been deployed at the eastbound Eglinton Avenue approach to the DVP while a second sign, at the southbound Kipling Avenue approach to the Queensway and the Gardiner Expressway, will be installed within the next two weeks.

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## **18. Council Highlights**

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### **July 7 - 10 Council Meeting**

#### **Expanded gaming at Woodbine Racetrack**

Council debated expanded gaming at Toronto's Woodbine Racetrack and passed a resolution in support of the proposal, subject to conditions. The approval sets the stage for the development of an integrated entertainment complex including gaming and non-gaming development at the Woodbine site in the northwest part of the city. Council also agreed to explore the possibility of designating some of the revenues from expanded gaming to a community benefits fund, and supported certain employment-related requirements tied to the expansion of gaming.

#### **Confronting poverty in Toronto**

Council adopted an interim report on a strategy to address poverty in Toronto. In addition to adopting the vision and objectives for TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, Council directed staff to undertake further discussions with residents and to provide Council with a final poverty reduction strategy and detailed implementation plan. Council also supported taking action on subjects such as eye examinations for schoolchildren in specific neighbourhoods and pursuing partnerships with the private sector to support the City's poverty-reduction efforts.

#### **Traffic management**

Council authorized Transportation Services' expansion of the City's traffic-monitoring-camera program as part of the implementation of the earlier-approved Congestion Management Plan and for monitoring work zones. The Congestion Management Plan focuses on strategies for managing traffic in Toronto, using methods/initiatives such as intelligent transportation systems, congestion and engineering studies, enhanced incident/event response, improved construction co-ordination and the provision of better information for travellers.

#### **Construction projects and traffic**

Council authorized the City's introduction, on a pilot-project basis, of contractual measures to help address anticipated traffic disruptions associated with a delayed/prolonged construction project. Construction contract provisions that take into account the monetary worth of early or late completion projects are a proven way to support the reduction of traffic congestion related to construction projects. The City plans to test contract measures such as addressing "acceleration and delay" costs for pertinent contracts to be tendered this fall and in early 2016.

#### **Social housing in Toronto**

Council adopted a series of recommendations pertaining to the report Transforming Social Housing: Renewing the Partnership with the City's Social Housing Providers. The goal is to make the social housing system more sustainable, effective and better integrated with the range of affordable housing options available to low- and moderate-income households in Toronto. The City administers and funds social housing that provides about 95,000 units, including about 70,000 rent-geared-to-income (RGI) units. The system includes City-owned Toronto Community Housing Corporation and more than 240 community-based, non-profit and co-operative housing providers.

#### **Waterfront revitalization**

Council adopted recommendations and provided direction to staff aimed at ensuring continued work

on, and effective management of, Toronto's waterfront revitalization. Council expressed support for a second phase of waterfront revitalization supported by tri-government funding and governance, and for Waterfront Toronto to continue as the primary delivery entity for the revitalization. Council supported the City's initiation of an intergovernmental negotiation process on funding commitments.

### **Emergency preparedness**

Council provided direction for further work by City staff and Toronto Hydro in light of the latest in a series of reports on the City's response to the 2013 ice storm and on the City's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies in general. For example, Council is requesting that Toronto Hydro continue with efforts that will make Toronto's electricity supply more resilient and will reduce power disruptions – in part by converting overhead power lines to underground lines.

### **Cycle tracks for east downtown area**

Council approved extending the Richmond Street and Adelaide Street cycle tracks to Parliament Street in the east downtown area, with associated regulations for vehicles, on a pilot-project basis. The Richmond Street pilot will extend from Parliament Street to York Street for westbound cyclists. The Adelaide Street pilot will extend from Simcoe Street to Parliament Street for eastbound cyclists. Council also supported having staff look into the possibility of upgrading the bike lanes on Dundas Street East in the Don Valley area to become protected bike lanes.

### **Car-pooling app – UberPool**

Council supported a motion to request a report on the anticipated effect of the public's use of Uber's new car-pooling app, known as UberPool, on Toronto Transit Commission/public transit ridership. UberPool, which was recently made available in Toronto, tracks similar ride requests and links them, enabling passengers to share a ride and split the cost with another person who requested a ride along a similar route.

### **Canada Post's community mailbox program**

Council agreed to ask Canada Post to provide detailed information in response to questions the City is asking about Canada Post's plans for implementing the community mailbox program in Toronto. It is anticipated that Canada Post will begin its transition from door-to-door mail delivery to a community mailbox system in Toronto starting in 2017. The City's questions address matters such as the accessibility, financial and public realm implications for the City of Toronto.

### **Name changes for board and committee**

Council approved new names for the City's film board and disabilities committee. As a result, the former Disability Issues Committee is now called the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee. The former Film, Television and Commercial Production Industry Committee is now called the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board.

### **New fireboat – the William Thornton**

Council approved the name William Thornton to identify a fireboat recently acquired by Toronto Fire Services. Originally a Canadian Coast Guard vessel, the William Thornton will serve as a backup vessel to the City's William Lyon Mackenzie fireboat. The name William Thornton is historically significant for Toronto Fire Services and the City. The death of William Thornton in 1848 was recorded as the first fallen firefighter in Toronto, and the first in Ontario.

### **Bike racks**

A motion to donate to Toronto's school boards 150 bicycle racks that the City bought and installed at

Pan Am Games venues this summer received Council's approval. The bike racks, each of which provides parking for eight bikes, will be given to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board after the Games as a legacy of the TO2015 Games. Council also supported authorizing the allocation of City funds to provide for more bicycle parking at parks and community centres across the city.

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## 19. Quote of the Month

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"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." - Hellen Keller

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## 20. Websites for Community Use

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[www.guildalivewithculture.ca](http://www.guildalivewithculture.ca)

<http://kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programsandeventsadu.html>  
Toronto Pubic Library Kids Space and Programming

[www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes](http://www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes)  
frozen pipes

[www.toronto.ca/water](http://www.toronto.ca/water)  
Toronto Water home page

[enterprisetoronto@toronto.ca](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo) - Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

[www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar](http://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](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](http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf) - Service Directory for Seniors

[www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) - City of Toronto

[www.toronto.ca/city-update](http://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/](http://www.seetorontonow.com/) - Tourism Toronto – Official website

[www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com) - Crime Stoppers

[www.ourkgocommunity.com](http://www.ourkgocommunity.com) - Kingston Galloway Community Network

[www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) - Toronto Public Library

[www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca) - Toronto Botanical Gardens

[www.toronto4kids.com](http://www.toronto4kids.com) - Great ideas for what the kids can do in Toronto

[www.ago.net/gallery-school](http://www.ago.net/gallery-school) - Ontario Art Gallery

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) - Star fall – great to get the little ones reading

[www.coronationca.com](http://www.coronationca.com) - Coronation & West Hill Community Association

[www.curranhall.ca/](http://www.curranhall.ca/) - Curran Hall Community Association

[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca) - Guildwood Village Community Association

[www.mornellecourt.webs.com](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com) - Mornelle Court Action Coalition (Mornelle CAN)

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**21. E-News Policy and Contact Information**  
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