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Dear Friends,

I hope you had an opportunity to attend my annual New Year's Levee last month. The Levee has always been a great venue to speak to many residents on many City topics. Local employment is very important to me, my office has started talks with Dynamic Hospitality to work with the City's employment services and the East Scarborough Storefront to ensure that local residents have an opportunity to apply for employment at the Guild Inn (Bickford Residents) Estates restaurant and banquet centre.

Public transit is the topic on everyone's mind today. The newly released plan from Mayor John Tory greatly affects our community. Your participation in the public consultations is important, I have been advised meetings are to take place in the Ward to allow easy access for our residents. The light rail transit Cross Town East proposes 19 stops along Eglinton, Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue. To view the plan please visit www.scarboroughsubwayextension.ca/ Send in your comments to myself at councillor_ainslie@Toronto.ca and the planning staff.

All residents have been invited to join the discussion about Toronto's 2016 budget. You have options for submitting a written comments by emailing buc@toronto.ca, by mailing Attention: Budget Committee, 100 Queen St. W., Toronto City Hall, 10th floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, or by fax at 416-392-1879, Attention: Budget Committee. More information about the 2016 budget and the budget process is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/budget2016>.

Guildwood GO Station Expansion -Lakeshore East Corridor is adding Train Service. Construction for the expansion has started with an expected completion date for 2019. The project will include upgrades to Guildwood GO Station to make it easier and more convenient for customers to access the station, two-way all-day service, bringing fast, frequent, reliable and electrified GO train service to your neighbourhood. A new, expanded station building with larger indoor waiting areas, improved lighting levels, expanded washrooms and an outdoor waiting plaza. The Parking lots and Kiss & Ride areas will also be enhanced for traffic flow. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email distribution list to receive updates, please contact us at salza.kassam@metrolinx.com or 416-581-1300 or follow us on Twitter @metrolinx. Metrolinx is also beginning their GO Transit Rail Network Electrification - Public Meetings please see [section 15](#) of this report for details.

A topic of discussion in the media and in your communities is the matter on regulations surrounding the sale of marijuana and all the legislations which will be required if it is legalized by the Federal Government. [In section 9](#) you may read the licensing and Standards Committee request to the Federal Government to have a seat at the table to ensure that the City's interests are addressed, one of which is to recognize appropriate distance requirements with schools, daycares and residences.

Rouge Valley Health Hospital - Rouge Valley Centenary hospital has some exciting additions with the opening of a Hyperbaric Medical Centre, a Smilezone to support paediatric patients and their families for

children going through treatment for cancer, a new neurology clinic and the opening of two Ronald McDonald House Charities Family Rooms. All the details are available in [Section 22](#) of this report.

The City of Toronto has proclaimed February as Black History Month. In 1979, Toronto became the first municipality in Canada to make the proclamation. Mayor Tory has announced a Black History Creative Writing Contest. In 500 words or less, in any written format, young people ages 11-17 are invited to share a story about black Torontonians, past or present, who have contributed to Toronto's diverse heritage and identity. More information about the contest is available at <http://ow.ly/XBQFp>.

The Toronto Reference Library hosted a special Black History Month Kickoff Gala on January 29 hosted by CTV's Marci Ien, as well as an appearance by 2015 Booker Prize winner and celebrated Jamaican author Marlon James on February 18. Other highlights of this year's library programming are the National Film Board Mini-Film Festival, The eh List Author Series, and a panel discussion entitled, Before the 6ix. More details and events are available at <http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/blackhistory>.

May you have a happy and prosperous New Year.

City of Toronto Councillor
Paul Ainslie
Ward 43 – Scarborough East

GRACE (Guildwood Refugee Action Committee's efforts) Fundraiser Breakfast/Brunch - Please join your community from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday February 20th for a fun, family-friendly breakfast fundraiser in support of the Guildwood Refugee Action Committee's efforts to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. Prizes, draws, local musical entertainment and more. Old Stone Cottage Pub, 3750 Kingston Road Scarborough Old Stone Cottage Pub, 3750 Kingston Road Scarborough Paul needs to buy a ticket if going – Tickets are \$25.

I 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.

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1. Calendar

- February 1, 2016 – Guildwood Village Community Association Sub-Committee Meeting
- February 2, 2016 - TPLB - Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting
- February 2, 2016 - Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
- February 2, 2016 - Coronation Community Association of West Hill Meeting
- February 3, 2016 – Toronto City Council
- February 4, 2016 – Toronto City Council
- February 5, 2016 - Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration by Scarborough Town Centre
- February 8, 2016 - Scarborough Subway Extension Public Meeting
Bendale Library, 1515 Danforth Road (South of McCowen/Lawrence)
- February 9, 2016 - Executive Committee - Budget (Special)
- February 9, 2016 - Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
- February 11, 2016 - Mobile Constituency -110 Mornelle Court
- February 12, 2016 – Constituency and City Staff Meetings
- February 14, 2016 – Happy Valentine's Day
- February 15, 2016 – Family Day
- February 16, 2016 - Community Meeting TCHC - East Tenant Engagement
- February 17, 2016 – Toronto City Council Budget
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- February 23, 2016 - Scarborough Community Council
- February 23, 2016 - Morningside strong neighbourhoods meeting
- February 23, 2016 - Guild Park and Gardens Resource Group Meeting

February 25, 2016 – Toronto Zoo Board Meeting
February 25, 2016 - Toronto Sport Hall of Honour Induction Ceremony
February 26, 2016 - AGM – Toronto Region Conservation Association 60th Annual Meeting
February 27, 2016 - 5TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
February 29, 2016 – Monthly Town Hall Meeting – Seven Oaks Community

City and Community Events

February 5 7- 9:00 pm	Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration Hosted by Scarborough Town Centre Scarborough Town Centre Court
February 8 6 pm - 8 pm	Scarborough Subway Extension meeting Update Bendale Library Community Room 1515 Danforth Road
February 11 2:30 pm	Community Police PLC Meeting Brigadier Room 43 Division - 4331 Lawrence Ave. E.
February 16 6 pm – 9 pm	Community Meeting TCHC - East Tenant Engagement 65 Greencrest, Community Room
February 20 9 am - 11 am	GRACE (Guildwood Refugee Action Committee's efforts) Fundraiser Breakfast/Brunch in support of efforts to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. Old Stone Cottage Pub, 3750 Kingston Road Scarborough. \$25.
February 25, 2016 5 p.m.	Toronto Sport Hall of Honour Induction Ceremony Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre Celebrate and promote exceptional sport contributions and accomplishments of those who have served as inspirational role models in sport and/or have brought sport recognition and honour to the City of Toronto.
February 27 3 p.m.	5th Annual Black History Month Celebration East Scarborough Storefront - 4040 Lawrence Ave East

Family Friendly February Events – Celebrating Valentine's Day

Valentine Card-Making Family Workshop - Todmorden Mills

Saturday, February 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For ages 6 and up. Create personalized Valentine cards to share with loved ones while you learn about the history of Valentine's Day. Pre-registration required. [Details.](#)

Jewelry Art Show and Sale - Gibson House Museum

Saturday, February 6, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Stop by Gibson House Museum for a jewelry art show and sale by local Canadian artisans - just in time for Valentine's Day! Beautiful, one-of-a-kind necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and more will be available for purchase. [Details.](#)

Hearts and Kisses Baking Workshop - Montgomery's Inn

Sunday, February 7, 10 a.m. to Noon

Prepare your own 1840s treats and make a Victorian box in which to present them! Heart cake, meringue kisses, and chocolate puffs, all packaged and ready to present to loved ones a week later! Pre-registration required. [Details.](#)

Sweetheart Tea - Gibson House Museum

Saturday, February 13, Two sittings: 12 and 2:30 p.m.

Treat your special someone, friends or family to a Victorian-inspired tea, including finger sandwiches and sweets in Mrs. Gibson's parlour. Costumed interpreters serve afternoon tea in the setting of the elegant mid-19th century home. [Tickets.](#)

Valentine's Fireside - Montgomery's Inn

Saturday, February 13, Two sittings: 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Spend a cosy evening at the Inn near a roaring fire, listening to live music and enjoying a mulled beverage with crepes, cookies and chocolate. Pre-registration required. [Details.](#)

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2. Seven Oaks Community

Seven Oaks Community Association - Call for Membership

I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Monday February 29, 7 p.m. to speak to residents on any municipal matter they would like me to address. The meeting will also be used as a vehicle to revive the Seven Oaks Community Association. The association has a long history with many volunteers hosting community events and producing a community newsletter. Many on the membership have since retired or wish to retire, new members are needed to continue the tradition. If you have any questions please contact my Executive Assistant, Antonette DiNovo at 416-392-4007,

Transportation Services Traffic Study

Request for Pedestrian Crossing Protection: [Link to Report](#)

Agenda Item at Scarborough Community Council

2016.SC12.11 - Pedestrian Crossover Review - Military Trail, West of Bonspiel Drive

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.SC12.11>

Cross Walk PXO on Military Trail between Bonspiel Drive and Cindy Nicholas Drive

This request will be heard at the **February 23, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. Scarborough Community Council** meeting. 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. The agenda item for the PXO has now been posted and speakers can make a request to speak or interested parties may make comments.

You will notice upon opening the link buttons close to the top of the screen. The buttons allow anyone to easily request to speak, comment on the item.

Agenda Item 2016.SC12.11 - Pedestrian Crossover Review - Military Trail, West of Bonspiel Drive
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.SC12.11>

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.

Requests from Community Residents **Traffic Lights at Military Trail and Ellesmere**

Transportation Services are consulting with staff with the Traffic Signal Operation Group regarding the activation of this transit priority feature, for traffic going northbound on Military Trail and turning westbound onto Ellesmere. (it is already installed) When the existing transit priority feature is activated it will be for transit vehicles only.

Transportation Services also has two Service Request (SRs: SR 7134615 & 7126214) to study the warranted need for NB to WB advance left turn feature during the am peak at this intersection for non-transit vehicles (general motorists) at this site. They have yet to conduct these studies however, they are in the SR scheduling.

Must Turn Right Sign

Morningside and Tams road. A service request#3764259 has been submitted to Transportation Services for implementation of lane designation for a right turn lane.

Sewer Re-lining and Inspection on Ellesmere Road from Mornelle Court to Morningside Avenue

[Link to Notice](#)

The City of Toronto will be conducting sewer re-lining and inspection of the sewer system on Ellesmere Road, from Mornelle Court to Morningside Avenue on the date specified above. This project, which is part of the Council-approved 2015 Capital Works Program, will help improve local sewer collection system.

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3. Curran Hall Community

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

Update on Heather Heights Walkway and Playground Community Meeting

The meeting on December 3rd was well attended and constructive. Residents have decided to have the new playground structure placed closer to the street entrance to allow for more visibility. The area residents also chose a hybrid option for the playground which will include activities for children from toddler through to 12 years of age. There was also a request for adult stationary exercise stations, these have been implemented in some City Parks. Staff will take this into consideration and install if the budget allows. The Path that will lead to Orton Park Road/Ellesmere Avenue will be lit and the City will maintain the path during the winter months. Construction is slated to commence in 2016. [View final Plan](#)

Tiffany Park (Botany Hill) Ltd. At Brimorton Road and Orton Park Road

During the January 2016 Scarborough Community Council Meeting the assumption of services was adopted for the Tiffany Park Development. All obligations of the Subdivision Agreement have been completed, all relevant City Divisions have signed the Development Acceptance Form and it is now appropriate for the City to assume the services and for Legal Services to authorize the release of the performance guarantee in respect of this Subdivision.

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4. Coronation and West Hill Community

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

Artificial Outdoor rinks in Scarborough

New outdoor artificial ice rink will be built at McCowan District Park Rink scheduled to be operational for December 2016. Your City of Toronto Parks Department helps volunteers build over 30 outdoor ice rinks across the city every winter, including 3 in Ward 43.

Morningside Park Improvements Throughout 2015

1. \$90,000 repairs to asphalt roadway from Orchard parking and third washroom parking lot
2. Replaced old picnic area signage with new picnic area signage
3. Installation of curb stones along parking lot islands and orchard parking area augmented with armour stone to control weekend illegal parking and blocking of emergency access
4. Line painting in first parking lot area
5. Toronto Region Conservation Authority repaired damages to first parking lot area
6. Washroom building 1 interior painted and floor tiled (washroom building 3 was tiled and roof repaired in 2013)
7. Clean up of illegal dumping along ravine area flanking 400 Lawrence Avenue in the spring and clean up again mid-summer to remove furnishings placed on hill south of playground.
8. Culvert's cage to keep beaver's out rebuilt north of service road
9. Natural Ice Rink area extended area was aerated top-dressed and seeded
10. Woodchip pathway re-chipped by picnic area 7
11. Winter/spring drainage swale north of gate between second parking lot and orchard parking lot was re-established
12. Winter/spring drainage swale adjacent marsh area along pathway west picnic area 5 was cleared
13. Livingston Road and Greenvale Terrace entrance to Morningside Park, forested area by dead end area cleaned up for illegal dumping of yard and construction waste
14. Canoe installed in Toronto Region Conservation Authority meadow area by fire pit No. 4 and planted with pollinator species
15. Water bottle filling stations installed at each of the washrooms
16. Temporary repairs of concrete bridge railing and new railings fabricated by parks construction to be installed in 2016
17. All deer exclusion mesh around newly planted trees raised for ease of line trimming
18. All park benches painted
19. Metal railing around Greenvale Park east of Livingston Rd / Greenvale Terrace painted
20. Concrete ping pong table placed near breezeway at washroom building 1 donated by Forest Hill Rotary Club.
21. Stream area south-west of parking lot 3 planted with riparian species and vegetation removed which was smothering plantings
22. Military trail flanks illegal dumping cleaned up numerous times
23. South-east of Progress Avenue and Markham Road illegal dumping and general litter cleaned up
24. Are near Woburn Park litter and illegal dumping cleaned up
25. Monthly inspections and replacement of missing damage equipment at all 27 lifesaving stations – need to re-install 3 lifesaving stations that were lost to the stream due to bank erosion. Will be replaced in 2016
26. Forestry Natural Environment staff surveyed Weir Crescent entrance to Morningside Park and started to do work on this pathway. This work is to be completed
27. Cleaned up stairs and pathway that leads to Centenary Hospital

28. Cleared vegetation to flanks to all bridges, removed graffiti and painted wood hand rails where they existed
29. Removed illegal dumping and litter from Templeton Court and Celeste Drive entrance to Morningside Park
30. Removed illegal dumping and litter from north-east flank of Lawrence Bridge and cleared back vegetation behind the guard rail
31. Removed graffiti on the asphalt trail near Lawrence Avenue entrance
32. Filled ruts and holes from dogs, volley ball play, illegal metal detector enthusiasts and Storm Water Management vehicles in picnic turf areas
33. Repaired water erosion area west of parking lot 1
34. Repaired vandalized gate south of parking lot 1, between parking lots 1 & 2 as well as 2 & orchard area
35. Repaired vandalized chain gate at west dead end of asphalt driveway just north of washroom building 3
36. Removed boulders that breached turf areas in picnic areas and constitute hazard to mower decks and pedestrian patrons
37. Filled large sunken area along west flank of parking lot 3
38. Worked with school boards to find new routes for their cross country events so that ESA areas and areas with ticks were not entered by students; forestry work, trip hazards and encroaching vegetation removed from routes used by cross county students

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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

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>

Biotechnology: DNA Extraction

Sat Feb 27, 2016 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Learn about Biotechnology and how it affects everyday life!

Extract DNA from fruit like in a real laboratory....

Arcade Gaming

Fri Mar 18, 2016 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Test your video gaming skills on our consoles and challenge your friends! Ages 10-18. No registration required.

Youth Hub

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm on recurring dates listed below

Drop in for homework help or just to play Wii, PS3, Xbox and other games. Tutors are here to help you. Laptops are available for research and homework.

Upcoming Dates:

Thu Feb 04

Fri Feb 05

Rap N' Roll

Sat Feb 06, 2016 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Author Dalton Higgins discusses his new book Rap N' Roll which looks at the politics, messages and global reach of hip hop and rap in today's pop culture....

"Get Your Money! - Understanding Ontario's Tax Credits and Benefits

Fri Feb 05, 2016 | 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Are you and your family members receiving all of the Ontario tax credits and benefits you may be entitled to? Do you know how to identify additional government programs and resources that help all Ontarians, including seniors.

Writing Real-Life with Karen Krossing

Sat Feb 20, 2016 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join author Karen Krossing in a writing workshop to learn how to create stories from real life details. Registration required.

Create Your Own Terracotta Army

Sat May 28, 2016 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Qin Shi Huang, the First Emperor of China, was buried with an astounding army of terracotta soldiers. Discover this amazing piece of Chinese history and build a clay warrior of your own!...

Beatboxing 101

Sat Mar 19, 2016 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Learn to make music without instruments with well-known poet, recording artist and beatboxer, Eddy David (Eddy Da Original One).

Henna Designs

Fri May 27, 2016 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Celebrate the diversity of South Asian cultures with beautiful henna designs! Design your own patterns and get a free, simple design on your hand. Children under 12 must have a parent/guardian present to receive henna applica...

At Home Alone: Five Easy Steps to Independence

Tue Mar 15, 2016 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

A fun family workshop to help families prepare their 10-14 years-olds to be home alone safely. Parents and children must attend together. In partnership with Toronto Public Health.

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>

Knitters' Drop-In 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on recurring dates listed below

Do you love to knit? Do you want to learn? Join our group of knitters that meet in the 1st floor study room to chat, work on a project, share your skill and learn something new. All levels welcome. Supplies provided for beginners.

Upcoming Dates:

Mon Feb 08

Mon Feb 22

Mon Feb 29

Mon Mar 07

Mon Mar 14

Mon Mar 21

Mon Apr 04

Mon Apr 11

Mon Apr 18

Mon Apr 25

Mon May 02

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6. Guildwood Village Community

www.guildwood.on.ca

Community Meeting re: Arts and Culture at Guild Park and Gardens, Update

On December 16th a community meeting was held, presented by Toronto Arts and Culture and myself, at the Chartwell Guildwood Retirement Residence to gather feedback on future arts programming at the Guild Park and Gardens.

The room was full with 68 local residents, artists, educators and representatives. A total of 18 stakeholder groups participated. Everyone was divided into three groups who worked with facilitators to identify the who, what and why of arts programming in the park, in conjunction with the new arts and cultural centre. A wealth of ideas were generated with a vision emerging of an inclusive, creative hub which builds on the legacy of Rosa and Spencer Clark.

Going forward, additional consultations are planned using a multi-pronged approach including stakeholder group meetings, focus groups, survey (paper and on-line), and outreach targeted to specific areas and populations to gather diverse perspectives from a broad range of residents, including underserved groups.

Please see link below to the community survey re: arts programming at Guild Park & Gardens. Thank you for circulating – much appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GuildartsprogrammingCT6PXHW>

Anyone wishing more information or to be on the mailing list for future meetings and updates can email or call: Susan Kohler, Senior Arts Consultant Toronto Arts and Culture 416 396-5142
skohler@toronto.ca.

Scarborough Waterfront Project, Public Information – Options ready for your comments

A public information session was held on January 28, 2016 where residents participated in discussion for the Scarborough Waterfront project. Residents were shown the options open to them for the Western, Central and Eastern waterfront EA projects. You may view the process and options at [Scarborough Waterfront Project](#). Please visit the site and make your comments. I have requested that the TRCA post the options for the Central segment within the Guildwood Community to ensure that all residents are aware of the work being done.

I have also requested that the TRCA remove the rebar from the along the shoreline below the Guild Inn property. It is anticipated this work should begin after the final approval of the TRCA's capital budget to ensure that the funds are available. I was advised there should not be an issue with having the cleanup done.

Elizabeth Simcoe Splash Pad

The splash pad is complete with the water being turned on May 21st, 2016 for the community to enjoy! I will be hosting an opening for the community to come out and ensure the park is well used. An invitation will be sent out closer to the date.

The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival

The Festival committee held a meeting last month and voted to hold off on hosting a Festival this year due to the renovations taking place in the Guild Park and Gardens. The construction hoarding (fencing) once installed, will cover a wide area. Unfortunately it does not make it practical to hold the Festival, and have the grounds open to a standard which will make it an enjoyable time for visitors or vendors. In order to ensure the Festival is well supported and thrives it will return for its 10th Anniversary in 2017. This provides a great opportunity for planning our milestone anniversary!!

Constituency Requests to our office

Bus Shelter update at Rowatson and Guildwood Pkwy

Shelter with seating for seniors

The TTC is currently in the process of reviewing stop spacing. Street Furniture management will definitely re-assess a upgraded shelter once TTC has finalized changes to this stop and others (if applicable) on this route.

Guildwood Pkwy and Poplar Rd Speed limit Reduction request

Transportation services has Investigation No: D15-7288927open, this may involve extensive investigation and possibly Council approval.

Sewer Inspection and Condition Assessment of the Laterals on Annis Road from Hill Crescent to Parkcrest Drive

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7. High Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods

MornelleCan Community

Programming for the community is in full swing. Residents are working to ensure that the programming needs voiced at the Community Speaks are fulfilled. A complete list will be available shortly to all residents. My office has been attending a number of meetings for the Mornelle Community to ensure that our Resident voices and needs are addressed. I look forward to holding a Town Hall meeting at 90 Mornelle upon the completion of the renovations in the community room.

Do Something Special for your Community

4301 Kingston Road Community is looking for Volunteers/Mentors

Giving back for an hour can make a differences in the lives of these residents living in this community. Teach a class Share your talent/skills Plan a movie night Prepare healthy meals Donate to the food drive. Please contact jennifer_biggs@live.ca

My Mobile Constituency Office is on the Go

Please visit my Constituency Assistant Jennifer Paredes as she waits to assist you in your building lobby. If you would like to book a mobile office visit please call 416-396-7222 or councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca.

January 28 & 29 90 Mornelle Court 10 am – 12noon

February 11 110 Mornelle Court 10 am – 12 noon

Tenant Representation – Have Your Say – Please Attend

[Link to Flyer](#)

Tuesday February 16, 2016 –

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

65 Greencrest Circuit (1 block east of Markham Road, off the south side of Lawrence Avenue East at Greencrest Circuit) - TTC bus route: #54 on Lawrence Avenue East

Toronto Community Housing is hosting meetings to discuss Tenant participation and how to create a better Tenant participation system. A Survey “Take 5” can be filled out at the meetings where Tenants will be able to comment on what type of representation system they would like to see – like a tenant association board. Light Refreshments will be provided along with TTC Token reimbursement.

If you require a language interpreter for your building please advise 5 business days before meetings or 10 business days before a meeting if you need an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter. For more information, call 416-981-4087

Free and paid CHOICE Pre-apprenticeship Carpentry program

The 12-week **CHOICE Carpentry pre-apprenticeship** program offers **free training** to youth interested in carpentry and provides **job placement** support once the program has been successfully completed.

You can register for the program if you:

- are 16-29 years old
- are out of school and out of work
- have completed Grade 10
- have basic math skills (a math assessment will be conducted at the information session)

Sign up for an information session to learn more:

For more information or to register for a session: (pre-registration is required)

Call: [416-771-7054](tel:416-771-7054) Email: Ameera.Mcintosh@torontohousing.ca

Visit: www.torontohousing.ca/choice

Program funding provided by: CHOICE is a partnership between: Tell us at least five business days before the meeting if you need a language interpreter or attendant care and at least 10 business days before the meeting if you need an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter.

Wednesday, February 17

6 to 8 p.m.

Toronto Public Library

Fairview Mall

35 Fairview Mall Drive

(Don Mills station)

Thursday, February 18

1 to 3 p.m.

North York YMCA

Employment Centre

4580 Dufferin Street #200

(Dufferin and Finch)

Wednesday, February 24

6 to 8 p.m.

Toronto Community Housing

Boardroom

931 Yonge Street

(Rosedale station)

Thursday, February 25

6 to 8 p.m.

Lawrence Heights Community
Recreation Centre
5 Replin Road
(Lawrence West station)

Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship program for TCH residents/ students under the age of 25 entering their first year of postsecondary education or training.

The Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program recognizes the commitment of young people involved in anti-racism, diversity initiatives and building safe and healthy communities.

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM OFFER? Scholarship recipients receive:

- Up to a \$4,000 scholarship to cover tuition fees for *first year* of post-secondary education or training (college, university, trade school, apprenticeship)
- Opportunity for second year scholarships of up to \$4,000 to be applied directly to your tuition if you attend one of the following institutions:
 - o Ryerson University, University of Toronto, York University, Humber College, George Brown College, Seneca College or OCAD University.

Everyone who applies for a scholarship will receive:

- Employment services offered through St. Stephen's Community House Employment and Training Centre. Assistance in looking for and getting a job, one-on-one job counselling to assist you with resume writing, job searching, and job matching to connect you with employers offering jobs in your area of interest.

I can provide assistance if needed to anyone who is interested in applying from the Kingston-Galloway-Orton Park area including Lawrence Susan, Danzig, Valia and Mornelle Court. The application requires certain documentation and letters of support so please ensure applicants are aware of this. **Applications are due by Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016 at 5:00pm.**

The form can be found here: <http://www.scaddingcourt.org/pdflibrary/scholarship-application2016b.pdf>

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. [Link to report](#)

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8. Council Highlights

December 9 and 10 Council Meeting

[Council Highlights](#) is an informal summary of decisions made by Toronto City Council.

Syrian refugee settlement in Toronto

Council endorsed the actions of staff in support of Syrian refugee resettlement, including efforts to address local xenophobia and provide financial and organizational support to groups sponsoring refugee agencies such as Lifeline Syria. Staff received authorization to enter into agreements with community partners and use City resources to implement Toronto's refugee resettlement program. Council designated Councillors Joe Cressy and Joe Mihevc as Newcomer Advocates, a role that entails promoting the inclusion of refugees in the civic, economic and cultural life of the city.

Open Door for affordable housing

Council approved the overall direction of the Open Door Program to improve the City's capacity to work with non-profit and private-housing sectors and create affordable housing in Toronto at a faster pace. Staff are to report back on the implementation of various Open Door initiatives. Open Door aims to kick-start construction by means that include designating surplus public land for affordable housing and fast-tracking planning approvals.

Two housing projects

Council directed the Affordable Housing Office to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to build affordable housing on a surplus City site in the Railway Lands area of downtown Toronto using the Open Door approach. Council also supported the City taking steps to pursue an affordable-housing opportunity in the east downtown area.

Private donation for park under Gardiner

Council authorized the City's acceptance of a \$25-million donation from the Judy and Wilmot Matthews Foundation to improve the public realm under the elevated Gardiner Expressway between Strachan and Spadina Avenues. The project is intended to transform 10 acres of vacant space with public art, landscape improvements, space for festivals and markets, and a pedestrian and cycling trail. The City and Waterfront Toronto will manage the project.

Action on intimate partner violence

Council supported taking a series of steps to address intimate partner violence against women, in response to a report from the Medical Officer of Health and recommendations by the Toronto Board of Health. In Canada, one in three women has experienced abuse at some point in her life. Toronto police data indicate 4,695 women were victims of intimate partner violence in Toronto in 2013. Toronto Public Health (TPH) has created an action plan to guide the City in the prevention, early identification and response to intimate partner violence.

Aboriginal employment

Council called for the creation of an internship strategy giving aboriginal youth experience working in councillors' offices as part of the City's strategy supporting aboriginal employment. Staff were also asked to consider making the hiring of people who identify as aboriginal part of the City's Social Procurement Policy requirements. In addition, Council endorsed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action and directed staff to work with the Aboriginal Affairs Committee on implementing those calls to action in the municipal government context.

Review of accountability offices

Council adopted several recommendations pertaining to Toronto's accountability officers – Auditor General, Ombudsman, Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar. Actions are to include consideration of a general hotline that would function as a central tip line for reporting allegations of all forms of local government wrongdoing. A recent external review affirmed that the City of Toronto's accountability framework is the leading structure of municipal government oversight in Canada.

Davenport Road rail project

Council agreed to communicate to Metrolinx that the City opposes construction of a rail overpass Metrolinx is proposing in the Davenport community as part of a plan for expanded GO transit rail service on the Barrie GO line, and will inform Metrolinx the City supports a tunnel option. Several related actions were also approved by Council, including direct communication with the Ontario Premier. Metrolinx's preliminary design involves an eight-metre-tall structure about 1.4 kilometres long extending from Bloor Street West to Davenport Road.

Water rate and garbage bin fee for 2016

Council approved Toronto Water's capital and operating budgets for 2016, including an eight per cent increase in the municipal water rate for flat-rate consumers. A three per cent increase in the fee for garbage bins was approved with Council's adoption of the 2016 capital and operating budgets for Solid Waste Management. A third rate-supported budget – that of the Toronto Parking Authority – also received Council's approval.

Right to a healthy environment

Council approved a Right to a Healthy Environment declaration for Toronto. The declaration is an expression of support for a campaign led by the David Suzuki Foundation to obtain municipal declarations as a way of encouraging actions by provincial and federal governments to strengthen their environmental rights legislation. The campaign's ultimate goal is to see environmental rights enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Acquisition of property for shelter

Council authorized the purchase of a property at 3306 Kingston Rd. for temporary and transitional shelter programs. The building, currently a motel, will replace the leased premises of the nearby Birchmount Residence, a 56-bed transitional shelter for senior men, and provide space for additional transitional and temporary shelter along with supportive programming.

Weston community/cultural hub

Council approved a funding model for the Weston community/cultural hub and 26 affordable artist live/work rental units that Toronto Artscape Inc. is developing as part of the revitalization of the Weston-Mount Dennis community. The City is using an innovative funding approach for this Artscape project.

The community hub will serve as a catalyst supporting the social, cultural and economic renewal of the local community, as well as contributing to broader city-building objectives.

Winter use of Grenadier Pond

Council supported introducing an ice-monitoring program at High Park's Grenadier Pond to test ice thickness and quality in a designated area, with signs to inform the public of the risks. Public use of Grenadier Pond during the winter months is currently prohibited for safety reasons but skating and other winter activities on the pond remain popular.

TOcore planning initiative

Council approved a series of actions for City divisions to pursue as the second phase of TOcore, an interdivisional initiative led by City Planning. TOcore is intended to ensure that ongoing growth of the city's core contributes to making the downtown a great place to live, work, learn, play and invest. The resulting secondary plan for downtown, expected to be completed before the end of 2016, will provide policy direction to shape future growth linked to the provision of the needed infrastructure investments.

Heritage designation for St. Lawrence Neighbourhood

Council designated the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood as a heritage conservation district in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. The district is generally within the boundary of Adelaide Street East to the north, Yonge/Victoria Streets to the west, the Esplanade/ Front Street East to the south, and Parliament Street to the east. Related planning guidelines are intended to conserve the heritage attributes of the district and ensure that development maintains or complements the area's unique character.

Legacy of Glenn Gould

Council endorsed supporting the efforts of the Glenn Gould Foundation to increase the visibility of the Glenn Gould Prize and promote Toronto as a centre of artistic excellence, innovation and arts-based humanitarian endeavours. Glenn Gould (1932-82), who lived in Toronto and was one of Canada's greatest musicians, was renowned as a pianist, composer and seminal interpreter of the music of J.S. Bach. Recipients of the Glenn Gould Prize have included Philip Glass, Robert LePage, Leonard Cohen, Yo-Yo Ma and Oscar Peterson.

Facility naming to honour George Chuvalo

Council approved the name George Chuvalo Neighbourhood Centre for a new community centre to be built in the Junction area. A Torontonians famous for his boxing matches against heavyweight greats like Muhammad Ali and Floyd Patterson in the 1960s and 1970s, George Chuvalo was Canadian heavyweight champion for many years and challenged for the world heavyweight title. He still travels extensively to teach youth about the benefits of a healthy mind, body and life. Chuvalo is a member of the Boxing Hall of Fame and the Order of Canada.

Heritage oak tree

Council directed staff to look into having a third-party organization take responsibility for raising funds to acquire a property in North York that is the site of a 250-year-old tree thought to be the oldest red oak in Toronto. The tree, situated at 76 Coral Dr., has been recognized as a heritage tree under Forests Ontario Heritage Tree program.

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9. Councillor Ainslie Governance at City Hall

2016.GM9.12 - Personalized .TO web address

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.GM9.12>

2016.GM9.13 - City\'s Open Data Program

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.GM9.13>

2016.GM9.14 Creation of a "Civic Hall"

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.GM9.14>

2016.GM9.15 - Departmental Efficiency Review System

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.GM9.15>

2016.GM9.16 - Annual Update on OMERS as it Relates to City\'s Employer Contributions

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.GM9.16>

2016.LS9.8 - Proposed Federal-Provincial-Territorial Task Force on Legalization and Regulations of Marijuana

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.LS9.8>

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10. Rouge Valley Centenary Hospital

Rouge Valley Health Hospital - Rouge Valley Centenary hospital has some exciting additions

Rouge Valley Health System's 2015 annual report highlights new services, achievements in patient care, new technology for patients, a new strategic plan, as well as new leadership and physicians who've joined the hospital's team in the last year. To view the report please visit <http://www.rougevalley.ca/>
There are many new additions to the hospital to serve residents better:

Regional cardiac care program celebrates Heart Month in the community

Scarborough residents invited to community clinics & education sessions

February is Heart Month, and the Central East Regional Cardiac Care Program is celebrating with its fifth annual Heart to Heart community cardiac clinics — and new this year, community education sessions on Heart Healthy Eating. [Link to Flyer](#)

Bed Races

[Link to information](#)

Mark your calendar and register a team for the May 27, 2016 Bed Races. To learn more about becoming a sponsor or to register a team visit www.bedrace.ca or contact Danielle De Luca at ddeluca@rougevalley.ca | 905-683-2320 X1501

February 2, opened a Hyperbaric Medical Centre (RVHMC) The dedicated staff physicians, led by Dr. Anton Marinov, are trained anesthesiologists with sub-specialty training in hyperbaric medicine. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy has been indicated for 13 conditions including carbon monoxide poisoning, enhancement of healing for wounds and thermal burns.

February 1, Smilezone was opened for paediatric patients and their families for children going through treatment for cancer, or receiving follow-up care, who live in Scarborough, and west Durham. Rouge Valley Centenary is home to the Paediatric Group of Ontario (POGO) satellite paediatric oncology clinic,

in partnership with the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). Smilezones are built with support from Hockey Day in Canada.

January 28, 2016, launched a new neurology clinic for kids focusing on **Paediatric neurologist help for children with epilepsy, seizures or concussions.** The neurology clinic is offered as part of the Galaxy 12 Child and Teen Clinics at Rouge Valley Centenary (RVC) hospital campus in Scarborough.

December 11, 2015 Ronald McDonald House Charities opened two Family Rooms at Rouge Valley Centenary on December 11, 2015 for Families of seriously ill children.

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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11. East Scarborough Storefront – KGO Community

East Scarborough Storefront February Mindfulness Workshop Series

Tuesdays February 2nd to the 23rd at 4040 Lawrence avenue east. 5-7pm

Upcoming four week movement work shop series. All KGO community members are welcomed to join

Black History Event

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our 5th annual Black History Month Celebrations: Black History Month over the years # 90 years.

Date: Saturday February 27th, 2016

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: East Scarborough Storefront 4040 Lawrence Ave, East, Scarborough

Sponsored by: Residents Rising and East Scarborough Storefront Planned and Executed by Wendy Fanfair, Anne James and the Planning Committee

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12. 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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13. Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough - Support A Second Harvest Hero

Programing for our Community

Early Years Programs for pre-school Children [Link to programs](#)

[Early Years Flyer](#)

[Healthy Families a Guide](#)

[Programs for Parents and Guardians](#)

Be a Second Harvest Hero and support the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough

Marlene Mason, Food Developer at the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough is taking part in the Second Harvest Hero workplace fundraiser alongside over 200 active fundraising campaigns to help Second Harvest rescue excess fresh food and deliver it to people that are in need across Toronto. This year's campaign goal is to raise \$420,000 that will provide over 800,000 healthy fresh meals. For every \$25 donation Second Harvest can provide food for 50 meals to Toronto's hungry. If you would like to participate please contact Marlene directly 416-281-0262 Ext. 238
marlenem@esbgc.org www.esbgc.org

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14. Flag Raising

February 1 Flag Raising - Covenant House Toronto
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

February 5 Flag of Grenada
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

February 15 National Flag Day
Large Canadian Flag on Main Flag Pole
No ceremony

February 19 Flag of Saint Lucia
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

February 22 Flag Raising - Scouts Canada

Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

February 24 Flag of Estonia
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

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15. Metrolinx – GO Transit Rail Network Electrification - Public Meetings

Transit Project Assessment Process GO Rail Network Electrification – Public Meetings
Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

As part of this project, they are expanding GO Transit to enable 15-minute service on most corridors with electrified trains, which will enable faster and more frequent service. Together, these infrastructure improvements will change how people move around Toronto and the region with four times the current number of GO train trips, service on evenings and weekends, and twice the number of trips during peak periods.

Building on the GO Electrification Study completed in 2010, which looked at the electrification of the GO Transit rail system network, Metrolinx is currently undertaking environmental studies under the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08*, to examine the conversion of several rail corridors from a diesel to an electric-based system. The project will include design and implementation of a traction power supply system (i.e. traction power substations and high voltage connections to Hydro One's existing grid), as well as power distribution components (i.e. electrical power distribution facilities) located in the vicinity of the rail corridors.

The Study Area includes six GO rail corridors, including potential locations for the electrical power supply and distribution facilities:

- Union Station Rail Corridor
- Lakeshore West Corridor – Strachan Avenue to Burlington
- Kitchener Corridor – UP Express Spur (at Highway 427) to Bramalea
- Lakeshore East Corridor – Don River to Oshawa GO Station
- Barrie Corridor – Parkdale Junction to Allandale GO Station
- Stouffville Corridor – Scarborough Junction to Lincolnville GO Station

A series of public meetings are being held as part of the TPAP process to provide information about the scope of the project, environmental studies, design and engineering components, preliminary locations for traction power supply/distribution facilities, project timelines and next steps. Interested persons are encouraged to attend:

http://www.gotransit.com/electrification/en/docs/Public_Meeting_Ad_FINAL_EN.PDF
<http://www.gotransit.com/electrification/en/default.aspx>

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16. Job Fair - Scarborough Centre for Employment

[View Invitation](#)

The Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility will be hosting a Mini Job Fair on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, and we are requesting your assistance in informing your clients.

Clients may register online at www.tdsb.on.ca/survey/SceaEvent or by calling us at 416 396 8100. They are also required to provide their SIN number and Photo Identification to attend..

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17. Scarborough Business Association's Breakfast/Speaker/Networking event

The Scarborough Business Association's Breakfast/Speaker/Networking event, **How to Do Business with the City of Toronto**, is scheduled for February 10th. [Invitation Link](#)

Certified Supply Chain Management professional, Nicholas Falcone from the City's Purchasing and Materials Management Division will explore Toronto's purchasing policies, how to get involved and who to contact.

I am writing in the hopes that you will pass along this information to your constituents. It promises to provide valuable information to Scarborough businesses.

Members \$25 plus HST Non-Members \$35 plus HST

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18. Adopt-A-Park-Tree and Young Urban Forest Leaders programs.

Through the [Adopt-a-Park-Tree Program](#), local communities work together to improve the survival rates and health of young trees in Toronto's parks. This program connects residents with newly planted park trees. Each young tree is adopted by an individual (or a group) who agrees to regularly water, weed and care for their tree from May to October, ideally in the first three to five years after planting while the tree is establishing its root system. This program helps to improve the long-term health of our city's green spaces and brings members of the neighborhood together, giving residents a sense of ownership and investment in their community. In 2016, LEAF will be offering support to three community groups interested in establishing Adopt-A-Park-Tree programs in their local parks. We are currently accepting applications, and will do so until **Sunday, March 6, 2016** at 5:00pm.

The [Young Urban Forest Leaders \(YUFL\) Program](#) is designed to provide young women with hands-on experience in the field of urban forestry (a field where women are historically underrepresented) and community engagement. This unique six month program includes 20 hours of formal arboriculture training, additional project-specific workshops and ongoing mentoring. In the culmination of the

program, participants work with a community group or groups to establish an Adopt-A-Park-Tree program in a local park. LEAF is currently accepting applications for the 2016 session of this free program. Applicants must be female-identified residents of Toronto between the ages of 18-24. Priority will be given to applicants with a need to participate in a fully-funded training program, and applications will be accepted until **Sunday, March 20, 2016** at 5:00pm.

We are inviting anyone interested in either of these programs to attend a [gathering and information session](#) on Saturday, February 6th at North York Memorial Hall. The event will explain how our programs work, tell attendees how they can get involved, and provide opportunities for networking with like-minded neighbors. We encourage attendance from current park groups as well as those who have no experience but are enthusiastic about caring for the urban forest and getting involved in their communities. Information about the event is as follows:

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19. Toronto Seniors Forum

Meeting Notice Link

Upcoming town hall meetings on transportation for seniors and residents with mobility issues. We are working with community partners to develop a co-ordinated, city-wide transportation plan for seniors and residents with mobility issues. In this phase of the project we are hosting town hall meetings at various city locations. The roadmap will be developed in May of this year and reported to Council in the Fall of 2106 part of the Poverty Strategy.

<http://paulainslie.com/files/2016/TSF%202015%20APPLICATION%20FORM%20-%20final.pdf>
<http://paulainslie.com/files/2016/TSF%20Flyer%20final.pdf>

The Toronto Seniors Forum is seeking members

The Toronto Seniors Forum is a diverse group of Toronto residents age 60 and above. The group is sponsored by the City of Toronto Social Development Finance and Administration Division. The Forum is comprised of 22 members who meet monthly to examine, advocate, and advise on seniors' issues that matter to older Torontonians.

Please find attached the Application as well as a Flyer to be posted broadly across the City. Applications will be reviewed by City staff and selected applicants will be invited to interview for membership.

Applications are to be completed online:

<http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/seniorsforum/>

or

Mailed to Tina Peach, Support Assistant: City Hall, 15th Floor, East Tower, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2. For telephone inquiries, please call 416-392-8630. Applications will be accepted until the full complement of 22 members is reached.

For additional information visit Toronto Seniors Forum

at: <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=c9d991cb228c9410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

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20. Pre-apprenticeship Carpentry program

Free and paid CHOICE Pre-apprenticeship Carpentry program

The 12-week **CHOICE Carpentry pre-apprenticeship** program offers **free training** to youth interested in carpentry and provides **job placement** support once the program has been successfully completed.

You can register for the program if you:

- are 16-29 years old
- are out of school and out of work
- have completed Grade 10
- have basic math skills (a math assessment will be conducted at the information session)

Sign up for an information session to learn more:

For more information or to register for a session: (pre-registration is required)

Call: 416-771-7054 Email: Ameera.Mcintosh@torontohousing.ca

Visit: www.torontohousing.ca/choice

Program funding provided by: CHOICE is a partnership between: Tell us at least five business days before the meeting if you need a language interpreter or attendant care and at least 10 business days before the meeting if you need an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter.

Wednesday, February 17

6 to 8 p.m.

Toronto Public Library

Fairview Mall

35 Fairview Mall Drive

(Don Mills station)

Thursday, February 18

1 to 3 p.m.

North York YMCA

Employment Centre

4580 Dufferin Street #200

(Dufferin and Finch)

Wednesday, February 24

6 to 8 p.m.

Toronto Community Housing

Boardroom

931 Yonge Street

(Rosedale station)

Thursday, February 25

6 to 8 p.m.
Lawrence Heights Community
Recreation Centre
5 Replin Road
(Lawrence West station)

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21. Quote of the Month

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde

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22. Websites for Community Use

Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival
www.guildalivewithculture.ca

Toronto Pubic 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/1/tlwukt/bhdtkrth/e/> - TRCA – The Don

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

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

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

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

www.toronto.ca - 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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23. E-News Policy and Contact Information

eNews is a monthly news communication from Paul Ainslie. Each issue of the newsletter is sent only to those who have provided us with their email address for the purpose of corresponding on municipal matters. Email addresses will be kept confidential. If you wish to discontinue receiving our newsletter, please reply with the word "unsubscribe" in the subject line. I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. Please contact me by email at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca, phone me at [416-396-7222](tel:416-396-7222), or send a fax to [416-392-4006](tel:416-392-4006). Alternately you can visit my Constituency Assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre located at 150 Borough Drive (Ellesmere & McCowan)

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