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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

On Tuesday April 14, 2009 I held a media announcement along with Ann Buller, President of Centennial College, Timo Puhakka, President of the Guildwood Village Community Association, and Sandy Muir, Chair and Janet Heise, Director of the Guild Renaissance Group to mark the beginning of a new phase for Guild Park & Gardens, and a new relationship with Centennial College. The announcement marked the demolition of the 1965 hotel tower which has been in a state of disrepair for several years. The demolition work will begin on Monday April 20, 2009 and is expected to be completed within a three month period.

A copy of the Project Evaluation Report documenting Toronto Hydro's Class EA process / proposal to install wind turbines off the Scarborough Bluffs was received in my constituency office on Tuesday April 14, 2009. More information on the proposal may be viewed in section 8 of this report.

The discussion of City wages has been in the media again; specifically City Councillor's wage increase due to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Understanding the hardships of many who are experiencing the effects of the economic downturn, I felt it was unacceptable to receive the adjustment.

Following City policy, I made a decision to donate the amount directly to the community making contributions to Rouge Valley Health System Foundation, The Toronto Public Library Foundation and The Rotary Club of Scarborough; three organizations which contribute a broad spectrum of programs in our neighbourhoods.

I was given the option to donate the funds back to City of Toronto directed charities, but this way I know the funds have reached community organizations directly which assist local residents.

The 2009 salary increase for members of council was 2.42%. This results in an approximate annual gross increase of \$2348.00 and approximate net increase of \$1200. On a per pay period, it works out to a net increase of approximately \$46.15.

Also a topic in the media, are Council office budgets. Being prudent with the tax payer's money, in the 2008 year the Ward 43 office expenses reached \$29,979.41 a savings to the City of over \$24,000 as the allotted budget is set at \$53,100.00. These monies are spent on my ability to host community meetings, town halls, community updates, a community news letter, printing of flyers for several community groups and the general expenses needed to run an office. This information in detail is on the city website at http://www.toronto.ca/city_council/salaries.htm#quarterly.

Paul Ainslie

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

April 1st, 2009 East Scarborough Pow Wow Meeting
April 1st, 2009 Tam Heather Board Meeting

April 2nd, 2009 Toronto Public Library Jane/Sheppard Branch Re-opening
 April 3rd, 2009 Rouge Park Alliance Committee Meeting
 April 3rd, 2009 Giant Tiger Open House 6:30 p.m.
 April 4th, 2009 Giant Tiger Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 7:00 a.m.
 April 4th, 2009 Progress Church Of God 15th Anniversary 4242 Kingston Rd.
 April 6th, 2009 City Council
 April 7th, 2009 Executive Committee
 April 7th, 2009 Coronation of West Hill Community Association Meeting
 April 9th, 2009 Toronto Public Library Board Naming Committee Meeting
 April 9th, 2009 MAGIC @ the Intersection Event at Scarborough University of Toronto Campus
 April 9th, 2009 43 Division Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting
 April 14th, 2009 Demolition of Guild Inn Hotel Tower Media Event
 April 14th, 2009 Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
 April 14th, 2009 Scarborough Community Preservation Committee
 April 15th, 2009 Neighbourhood Action Partnership - Safety Committee meeting
 April 15th, 2009 South East Scarborough Pow Wow Planning Committee Meeting
 April 15th, 2009 Malvern Toronto Library Branch Launch of Rita Cox: Caribbean Heritage Collection
 April 16th, 2009 Community Development and Recreation Committee
 April 16th, 2009 East Scarborough Storefront Volunteer Appreciation Night
 April 17th, 2009 Toronto Zoo Management Committee Meeting
 April 18th, 2009 East Scarborough Storefront Community Clean-up Day
 April 20th, 2009 Toronto Zoo Fundraising Liaison Committee
 April 20th, 2009 Toronto Public Library Board meeting
 April 20th, 2009 Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
 April 21st, 2009 Scarborough Community Council
 April 22nd, 2009 Neighbourhood Action Partnership Safety Subcommittee
 April 23rd, 2009 Toronto Zoo Board Meeting
 April 23rd, 2009 Community Association Founding Meeting -Cedar Ridge community
 April 24th, 2009 Budget Committee
 April 24th, 2009 Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
 April 24th, 2009 Daily Bread Food Bank's 4th Annual Gala, Le Cirque

April 25th, 2009 Coronation of West Hill Community Association Clean
Up Day
April 25th, 2009 Curran Hall Community Spring Clean Up Day
April 25th, 2009 Guildwood Village Clean up day
April 28th, 2009 Monthly Town Hall Meeting at Elizabeth Simcoe PS
for the Guildwood community
April 29th, 2009 Toronto City Council
April 30th, 2009 Toronto City Council
April 30th, 2009 Guild Alive with Culture 2009 Festival Meeting

2. Seven Oaks

Spring Clean Up: On May 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. I will be joined by community members to clean up the ravine area at the Military Trail Ravine. Invitations have been sent to the area schools, the ratepayer association as well as the area Beavers and Cubs. All volunteers are welcome so please do your part and pitch in. The Seven Oaks Community is blessed with beautiful ravines, unfortunately dumping does occur at these locations. If you believe that additional clean up events should be organized please contact my office so we can get to work. I will be attending the Morningside planting directly after our clean up. You are welcome to join me after our clean up.

Centennial College's Environmental Student Society Planting/Rehabilitation Day is also being held on Saturday May 2nd, 2009 (Rain or Shine). This is their *11th Annual Spring* Planting in Morningside Park. You are welcome to start the day at the Military Trail Clean up at 10:00 a.m. and then join me to attend the planting. If you would like to only attend the planting their registration is at 9:30 a.m. in the last Parking lot. 12:00 p.m. - FREE BBQ for all participants! Planting will take place until 3:00 pm. Even if you only have 1 hour, it would be well spent ☺ please bring lawn chairs and a reusable water/coffee cup.

3. Curran Hall

New Traffic Lights at Slan Avenue and Scarborough Golf Club Road: Notices were sent out to the community regarding the new traffic control lights at Slan Avenue and Scarborough Golf Club Road. The intersection formerly a pedestrian cross over progressively has had an increase of traffic flow creating the need for traffic control lights. My office did receive calls regarding the need for traffic lights and I am sure that they will serve the community well.

New Traffic Lights at Brimorton Road and Orton Park Road: Staff have advised me that the traffic lights which were scheduled for this location for the Fall have been fast tracked and will be installed in early summer. Construction for this location will commence shortly.

Curran Hall Ravine: This spring I will be joined by members of the Curran Hall Community Association to do a walk about to the Ravine trails. The purpose is to address issues with the trail system. If you have any comments to enhance the walking trails please bring them to my attention so that I may review them during the walk about.

East Scarborough Festival Market: Every Thursday afternoon starting June 4th the East Scarborough Festival Market will take place at St. Margaret's in the Pines Parkette. This year's market features fresh fruits and vegetables at a reasonable prices, many vendors selling crafts, second hand items, jewellery and artwork, musical entertainment, contests, dancers, children's activities and BBQ meals. The Festival Market is a weekly event that brings residents from the neighbourhood together to socialize, have fun and participate in healthy activities. It is a partnership venture of Residents Rising, West Hill Community Services, East Scarborough Storefront, Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough and local churches. This is the 3rd year of the Festival Market and it has been a very successful event for newcomers, seniors, young parents and children. The atmosphere is fun and just like a festival every week.

A Winter Festival in Botany Hill Park for January 2010: Plans for a Winter Festival will commence shortly. We are excepting volunteers to join the Curran Hall Community Association and I in organizing this event. If you are interesting in participating please contact my office at 416-392-4008.

4. Coronation and West Hill

Transportation Services, received a request to investigate the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing protection at Morningside Avenue and Gardentree Street/Pixley Crescent. Staff reviewed the request and found that the intersection does not at this time warrant a traffic control signal or a signalized pedestrian crossing. The Traffic volumes recorded over the peak eight hours of a weekday did not meet the technical warrants. The study showed that in an eight hour period pedestrian volume was at 38%: 5 being assisted children, 0 seniors or handicapped persons. During 2003-2007 there have been 3 collisions at this site.

Staff concluded that this intersection has good site lines of approaching vehicles for pedestrians with adequate gaps in the traffic flow. In lieu of this finding staff investigated the possibility of installing a centre island but found that Morningside Avenue did not have the adequate width to accommodate it.

Telecommunication Tower: On March 24th, 2009 Bell Mobility held a meeting to place a Telecommunication Tower on the CNR property located on the south side of the Guildwood GO Station, near Galloway Road. I along with Staff from the Toronto Board of Health attended the community meeting. I had invited Health Canada to attend but unfortunately they have sent regrets, they suggested that residents to view information on their site at: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/radiation/cons/stations/index-eng.php

Some residents suggested that the notice was not sent out to enough homes. I have spoken to the City Clerks department and have confirmed that the mandated 138 meter radius was covered to residents to notify them of the meeting. I do however agree that the distribution area is very small and did put a motion forward last January to Industry Canada through our Telecommunications policy to have notices sent out to a 400 meter radius which would have covered a wide area. Industry Canada quashed this motion along with a list of other motions I put forward. The one motion which did carry was that all meeting notices be sent by first class mail. The City of Toronto does not have any legislative authority over the placement of these towers. The City can only mandate that a community meeting take place.

You and your neighbours do have the opportunity to make comment to the Federal Government as Industry Canada has authority to receive, review and issue or deny applications. Your local Member of Parliament John [McKay](mailto:jmckay@johnmckaymp.on.ca). jmckay@johnmckaymp.on.ca, 416-283-1226 is your federal representative and would be able to speak to you on the issue as it falls under his level of government.

The Industry Canada contact for this file which is receiving comments on this file and will determine whether or not to issue a permit is Joe Doria District Engineer Industry Canada - Spectrum Management ,Toronto District Office 55 St. Clair Avenue East, 9th Floor Toronto, ON M4T 1M2 **Email: doria.joe@ic.gc.ca**. All letters or petitions can be sent to Mr. Doria.

As I did with the previous application in the Guildwood community, I can also forward any petitions on your behalf along with a letter supporting the residents position. The letter would also be sent to [The Honourable Tony Clement](#), Minister of Industry, [The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq](#), Minister of Health and your local Member of Parliament John [McKay](mailto:jmckay@johnmckaymp.on.ca). jmckay@johnmckaymp.on.ca

If you will be collecting a petition please do forward a copy to me so that I may also consider a motion to City Council for an impasse on the location if the number of signatures (households) reaches a reasonable amount for me to be able to convince my colleagues on Council.

One of the questions asked at the March 24th meeting was how was the previous application quashed? The answer is simply, the previous application was on private property and the Church withdrew their interest. Residents had contacted the church and corresponded with them directly. This application is on CNR lands.

June 20th, 12 Noon Splash Pad Opening Mark your calendars for the Eastview Park Official Splash pad opening. Local residents are invited to splash, meet your neighbours, have a hot dog. Please bring your lawn chairs.

June 26th Pow Wow, sunrise ceremony will be at 5 a.m. with the celebrations commencing at 12 noon. Last year the event attracted more than 200 participants to Eastview Park; where the celebrations commenced with the sunrise ceremony. Please plan to join your community in the celebrations.

5. Cornell Community

Town Hall Meeting: I was very pleased to see residents at my town hall meeting on March 26th, 2009. Residents were updated on initiatives in the community and issues were also brought to my attention by residents.

Park Improvement: Residents were updated on the replacement Playground equipment being placed in Cornell Park: Junior and Senior play structures to accommodate more play and a more balanced area for toddlers and older children. The equipment is scheduled to be installed by June, 2009. Residents were also reminded of the new volleyball net and field installed last fall.

Cricket Pitch Request: After receiving requests for the installation of a cricket pitch, I had instructed staff to advise me on the possibility of its installation. Cornell Park is unfortunately not large enough to support an official cricket pitch, the green space is also owned by both the City and the Toronto District School Board. Therefore, any further investigation would require the approval of the school board and local school, without the school support a cricket pitch of any size would not fit.

Upon speaking to the Principal of Cornell Public School my office learned that the school has several soft ball teams as well as soccer teams which play twice a week as well as hold games with surrounding schools. The removal of these two fields to accommodate a cricket pitch would therefore have a negative impact on the schools sports program. A cricket team has been recently included in the school sports. My office was advised that this is a happy set up which accommodates both the sport of soccer and cricket.

Trees for Holmfirth Terrace: Staff have confirmed that trees will be planted along the Boulevard on the north side of Holmfirth Terrace. Currently a brick retaining wall exists along this route, which does not add any enhancement to the community. The new trees will be a welcome improvement to the area.

Community BBQ: I am looking for volunteers for this year's community barbeque to be held on Tuesday June 16th at Cornell Park. This event promises be a fun filled one for the whole family. To Volunteer please contact my office at 416-392-4008.

Community Association for Community East of Scarborough Golf Road: A Community Association founding meeting will be taking place on Thursday April 23, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre located at 225 Confederation Dr. This will be a good opportunity for residents to become more involved in their neighbourhood. Currently there are five community associations in Ward 43. The Cedar Ridge community would benefit in forming one as well.

The purpose of such an association is to create a friendly community environment to support itself as one unified voice when dealing with issues, hosting festivals, working together, as well as bettering the neighbourhood through volunteerism.

I work very closely with all the associations in the Ward, and I have found that they are very beneficial as through them I have been able to organize festivals, spring clean up

events, respond to community initiatives and much more. The Associations offer a great opportunity for us to work together to deal with matters directly and quickly.

The meeting on April 23 is the first step in the process of forming an association, to determine if there is an interest from the community.

Community West of Scarborough Golf Club Road: If you reside west of Scarborough Golf Club Road and are interested in arranging for a founding meeting for your community please contact my office.

6. Guildwood Village

Congratulations to Timo Puhakka , the newly elected President of the Guildwood Village Community Association. I have known Timo for many years and will enjoy working with him in his new capacity as president.

Lori Metcalfe has been a tremendous President for the GVCA and I can't thank her enough for all of her dedication to the Guildwood community. Lori has been a strong advocate for the community and has dedicated much of her time to the betterment of the Guild community, and also the Kingston Road/Galloway area. I'll miss sitting beside her at the head of the table at the monthly executive meetings.

Guild Inn Property and Revitalization: The process to dismantle the concrete hotel towers which sit behind the main Guild Inn building will begin on April 20th, 2009. An official media announcement took place on Tuesday April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. on location with Ann Buller, President of Centennial College, Timo Puhakka, President of the Guildwood Village Community Association, and Sandy Muir, Chair and Janet Heise, Director of the Guild Renaissance Group to mark the beginning of a new phase for Guild Park & Gardens, and a new relationship with Centennial College. The News Release can be viewed on my website at www.paulainslie.com.

Construction crews are beginning the process from inside the building. Safety precautions have been put in place for the resident's safety. Please be cautious if you are walking on the grounds and keep a distance from the construction area. I have been advised that the take down process will be within a three month period. The removal of the hotel towers marks the success of the first phase in the project marking the beginning of the Guild Inn Grounds revitalization. Residents have volunteered many hours of their personal time and energy to the Guild Park Advisory Committee, It has been a pleasure to work with them and I look forward in continuing our work as we begin the next phase of the project.

Centennial College is committed to work with the City to revitalize the main building. I will be hosting a community open house for residents after the negotiations are completed to display the Centennial College project, as well as the City of Toronto Cultural Precinct . Community involvement has been in place for this phase since its inception and will continue as we move forward.

The Guild: Alive With Culture Arts Festival: Building on the success of last years event, residents can look forward to a two day event this year. Currently, plans are well underway for a larger more exciting event to return to the Guild Park & Gardens on August 15 & 16th this summer. The organizational committee has been working hard to see a larger group of exhibitors in place, a range of musical and literary entertainment, as well as an enhanced children's area. With the demolition of the hotel tower, we even hope to have a hot air balloon which will be able to get off the ground! This year also sees the return of Lord Simcoe and our Town Crier! Returning as well will also be a tour of the many different architectural features of the grounds, but this year it will be self-guided.

New Stop Signs: After several calls to my office and to the transportation office from Guildwood residents several new stop signs were installed in the Guildwood Community. City Staff investigated the complaint area and identified six three-way intersections and five intersections with posted yield signs which were determined to be in need of proper signage for both vehicle and pedestrian safety. Once locations have been identified the City must act on them for liability reasons. Street stop signs at eleven intersections have been installed at Bournville Drive and Earswick Drive, Catalina Drive and Bledlow Manor Drive, Catalina Drive, and Bournville Drive, Grandor Court and Prince Philip Boulevard, Rowatson Road and Fareham Crescent (north intersection), and Rowatson Road and Fareham Crescent (south intersection), Avonmore Square and Prince Philip Boulevard (north intersection), Avonmore Square and Prince Philip Boulevard (south intersection), Bournville Drive and Prince Philip Boulevard, Prince Philip Boulevard and Sonneck Square (north intersection), and Prince Philip Boulevard and Sonneck Square (south intersection).

Guildwood Village Farmers' Market: launches this June at the historic grounds of The Guild Park & Gardens. The market season is June to October, Thursdays 2pm-6pm. www.marketsbythebluffs.com. I am very enthusiastic about this event taking place on the grounds of the Guild. This is the same market which is currently taking place at Warden Ave & Kingston Rd. They were good enough to take part in my Guild: Alive With Culture Arts festival last summer. They are bringing many of same farmers to our area.

Wind Turbines: To date there have been three public meetings about the Toronto Hydro Renewable Energy's proposal to construct wind turbines off of the Scarborough Bluffs. Its unfortunate the provincial government with the creation of their latest green energy legislation, spent quite a bit of time labeling Guild area residents as "NIMBYs" for their concern about this project. While there are a number of environmental concerns I have about this project, my chief one has to do with economics. I have yet to see a viable economic case for the construction and use of wind turbines. As Toronto residents, we are the largest shareholder in Toronto Hydro. This project is not a viable use of our tax dollars. I think there are many other methods to be "green, including solar power, and a variety of successful energy conservation programs available. None of which Toronto Hydro has any interest in looking at.

Telecommunications Towers: This has been a divisive issue for the community over the past year and a half. It began with Bell Mobility wanting to place a very tall relay tower in the middle of the Guildwood community. Since then, I've been using what little

authority I have to find a more suitable place for a tower. As a municipal politician, I have a very limited amount of resources to find viable solutions. Industry Canada, a federal agency has complete authority over these towers. Telecommunications companies aren't even legally required to come to City hall to apply for a building permit for them. I attended a community meeting last week to review the latest location on the south side of the CNR tracks, just west of Galloway Rd, in the forest. (the information is in the Cedar Ridge section of this report)

Guild Summer Concerts: The City of Toronto's Guild Summer Concert Series will return to the Guild Inn Greek Theatre for performances on June 11th, 18th, and 25th. Further information on the performers will be posted closer to the date.

7. The Residents Rising Community Association

East Scarborough Festival Market

Every Thursday afternoon starting June 4th the East Scarborough Festival Market will take place at St. Margaret's in the Pines Parkette. This year's market features fresh fruits and vegetables at a reasonable prices, many vendors selling crafts, second hand items, jewellery and artwork, musical entertainment, contests, dancers, children's activities and amazing BBQ meals.

The Festival Market is a weekly event that brings residents from the neighbourhood together to socialize, have fun and participate in healthy activities. It is a partnership venture of Residents Rising, West Hill Community Services, East Scarborough Storefront, Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough and local churches. This is the 3rd year of the Festival Market and it has been a very successful event for newcomers, seniors, young parents and children. The atmosphere is fun and just like a festival every week.

If you would like to be a weekly vendor or wish to share your musical/dance talents with the community, please call 416-847-4144.

The East Scarborough Festival Market starts Thursday, June 4th through to September 17th from 2 - 6 p.m. and is located at 4130 Lawrence Avenue East.

Residents Rising Community Association

If you would like to get involved and help create a new vision for the Kingston/Galloway/Lawrence & Morningside Community, the Residents Rising Community Association is looking for new team members. Meeting monthly, the RR team helps to plan events, brainstorm ideas and works with local partners to improve the neighbourhood. Members represent many cultures, ages, economic levels and abilities.

They are looking for local residents who care about the community and are willing to volunteer and participate. The office is located at 4117 Lawrence Avenue East, unit 100A or call 416-419-2766.

8. Proposed Wind Turbines

Toronto Hydro Proposal for Wind Turbines off the Scarborough Bluffs.

Report Available for Viewing Project Evaluation Report documenting Toronto Hydro's Class EA Process.

Residents have until May 14th, 2009 to comment on the report to:

Mark Patterson, Ministry of Natural Resources:

50 Bloomington Road West Aurora, ON L4G 3G8

Phone: 905 713-7386 Fax: 905 713-7361

Toronto Hydro has advised that they have placed ads in the newspaper to advise that the report is available for public viewing at the Guildwood Library, Taylor Memorial Library, Cliffcrest Library, Port Union Library or you may view the document online at:

www.torontohydroenergy.com/offshorewind

The Guildwood Community Association has sent a letter to the Minister and Toronto Hydro confirming their opposition to the Proposed Wind farm in Lake Ontario off the Scarborough/Toronto Bluffs.

During a recent meeting with Toronto Hydro the issues surrounding the turbines economic liability as well as all of the communities concerns with health, noise, birds and animal species, I reaffirmed to them that they have failed to substantiate their position in installing the anemometer or proposed turbines at this location. I continued by advising that the opposition of the community has not been realized by their corporation and that they need to have community backing for any projects for them to be truly successful. The "we know better than ", attitude, simply does not work here or anywhere. Many jurisdictions in Canada and the United States are facing our battle.

On Sunday March 29th, 2009, the grass roots community organization Save the Toronto Bluffs held an open house: Community roundtable synopsis at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI. Several community members attended to view and speak to their neighbours on the proposed wind turbines. You may also visit their website at <http://savethetorontobluffs.com/news.html>

WIND POWER: GREEN ENERGY OR GREENWASHING - posted for the Save the Bluffs Community Organization.

Ethanol production used to be the sweetheart of the **uninformed** segment of the green movement. It was realized after the damage was done, that taking food away from people to feed our cars was irresponsible. Is wind power another 'ill conceived cure' for Ontario's energy need?

Wind Power Cannot Provide Large Amounts of Useful Electricity

1/ Because wind blows irregularly, turbines produce a fraction of their theoretical output. The CNE turbine has only a 12% productivity and Pickering 18%.

2/ Wind does not blow in relation to precise human schedules. Wind power is often available when it is not needed and unavailable when it is most needed. Think for example of hot humid summer days when we need the most power to fuel our air conditioners, and there is absolutely no wind for weeks at a time. **No wind, no power!**

3/ Large amounts of energy, cannot be stored for future use.

Wind power is Not Green

1/ Because production of useful energy from wind factories is so tiny and unpredictable, conventional generating plants have to be immediately available in spinning reserve - running at less than top efficiency to supply electricity when the wind drops or disappears.

2/ Wind power has **not** resulted in the closing of even one coal plant anywhere in the world. In fact countries who have invested heavily in wind power, such as Germany and Denmark, continue to build new coal plants.

Are Wind Companies Corporate Welfare Bums?

Wind power is not free. Just follow the money. The wind energy business is a 'fool's paradise' relying on government subsidies, tax breaks and guarantees by the government that the power will be purchased at a rate twice the cost of other power.

Developers rush to claim sites for their turbines. Why? Because there's so much money to be made that it doesn't really matter whether the turbines run efficiently or not. Where does the money come from? Do you really have to ask? Check your property tax bill. Check your income tax bill. Check your Hydro bill. Yes, it comes from you. And you never get it back: it goes to the developers.

Wind Factories are Deadly for Birds and Bats

The Bluffs area is a known 'fly-way'. Numerous worldwide studies have demonstrated the serious risks to wildlife provided by wind turbines.

Noise Radiation

Blindly accepting the cliches offered by wind power developers can be dangerous to health and quality of life. The noise and vibration produced by wind turbines is extremely complicated and needs to be thoroughly studied and understood. Locating wind turbines close to families demands a precision, accuracy, and certainty of acoustic prediction and calculation that is just not available to the wind energy engineers and acousticians.

Here's what we know:

1/ Modern wind turbines generate high sound levels, close to 100 dB from each of 8 points on the turbine (blade, gear box, hub, generator...). To put that in perspective, the pain threshold for the human ear is 130dB.

2/ Sound travels much further over water than on land.

3/ Germany which is often quoted for its investment in wind energy, is launching a wind turbine project in the North Sea which will be built 40 km from the shoreline; as opposed to the totally inadequate 2 Km setback proposed by Toronto Hydro.

4/ The wind industry evaluates sound in self-serving ways. Instead of measuring the full spectrum of noise emanating from wind factories, it focuses on higher frequencies and understates the importance of lower frequencies (infrasound); the very frequencies that are most damaging to humans.

Health Effects of Wind Turbines

1/ There are frequent, often debilitating symptoms experienced by adults and children while living near large industrial wind turbines. Symptoms include sleep disturbance, headaches, tinnitus, ear pressure, dizziness, vertigo, nausea, visual blurring, tachycardia, irritability, problems with concentration and memory, and panic episodes associated with sensations of internal pulsation or quivering which arise while awake or asleep.

2/ These symptoms are not statistically associated with pre-existing anxiety or other mental health disorders. In other words, these people are not crazy.

3/ Not everyone near turbines has these symptoms. There are differences among people in susceptibility for any risk factor (including smoking).

In summary, wind turbines are the problem not the answer!

Wind turbines are the most damaging, expensive and fiscally irresponsible solution to Ontario's energy need. **Industrial wind factories are unfit to be in our back yard, or in anyone else's back yard.** We, the governed and those who govern, should adopt the physicians' oath: First, do no harm.

<http://savethetorontobluffs.com/news.html> Complete references are available on request.

9. Community Meetings and Events

ARISING WOMEN'S PLACE and the Trillium Foundation offer a weekly exercise program of yoga and belly-dancing for women and young girls, The East Scarborough Storefront, 4040 Lawrence Ave. E., Fridays 1 to 3 p.m. Call 416-281-6662 to register or visit www.arisingwomenplace.org.

THE ROTARY CLUB of Scarborough meets Tuesdays at The Scarboro Golf Club, 321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., 12:30 p.m. for lunch, fellowship and speakers. Contact Michael Cooksey at 416-266-3287 or visit www.rotary.org.

April 6th 6:00 p.m. Guild Inn Tower Demolition Media
Annoucement - On Site

April 18th 10:00 a.m. East Storefront Clean Up Day: Giffen-
Mack Funeral Home, 4115 Lawrence Ave E

April 25th 9:00 a.m. Curran Hall Community Clean at Curran
Hall C.C.

April 25th 9:00 a.m. Coronation Community Association Clean
 Up Day Eastview PS
 April 25th Guildwood Village Cleanup day
 May 2nd 10:00 a.m. Seven Oaks Clean Up Day - Military Trail
 Ravine
 May 9th 11: a.m.2:00 p.m. 43 Division Picnic & Open House
 May 23rd & 24th Doors Open Toronto, Various Sites including Cedar
 Ridge Creative Centre
 May 30th Councillor Ainslie's Compost Day @ Sir Wilfrid Laurier
 CI &
 Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club
 June 11th 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Summer Concert: Guild Inn
 Greek Theatre - Jeffrey Moulton
 June 14th 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.Celebration of the Arts, Cedar
 Ridge CC,
 June 16th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.Councillor Ainslie's Annual
 Cornell Park Barbeque
 June 18th 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Summer Concert at Guild Inn
 Greek Theatre - Island Accent
 June 18th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Councillor Ainslie's Annual
 Seven Oaks ParkBarbeque
 June 25th 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Summer Concert: Guild Inn
 Greek Theatre:
 Two for the Show
 June 20th 12 noon East View Park Official Splash Pad Opening
 June 26th Pow Wow at East View Park
 August 15th & 16th Guild Alive with Culture an Arts Festival
 September 13th Fall/Winter Recreation Program
 Registration
 October 3rd Councillor Ainslie Environment Day at Morningside
 Yard 10 a.m.

Scarborough Civic Centre Events Start Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm
 ADMISSION IS FREE!!!

April 5th North TorontoCommunity Band
 April 19th Uptown Swing Band
 April 26th Scarborough Music Lovers Orchestra

10. Guild Alive with Culture an Arts Festival

"THE ARTS FESTIVAL... IN THE GUILD"

Saturday, August 15, 2009 -10 am to 7 pm

Sunday, August 16, 2009 -11 am to 5 pm

The Guild Inn Gardens, 201 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough
Artist's Market
Community Group Showcase
Farmers' Market
Guild Heritage Self-Guided Tours
Storytelling
Musical Performances
Food
Children's Activities
Special Attractions

Free Admission -Free Parking

“Presented by the Community for the Community”

Join us again this year as Councillor Paul Ainslie, the Guild Renaissance Group, the Guildwood Village Community Association; Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation, Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, Scarborough Arts Council and TYR Event Management Corporation present a weekend in the park of performers, storytellers, community groups and artists. Building on last year's successful one-day event, we invite you to join us for our two-day celebration this year.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16 for the greatest celebration ever... in the Guild!

Keep a watchful eye out for further announcements closer to the event dates.

11. Volunteering in Your Community

There are many volunteer opportunities in the ward. Students may also perform the needed 40 - 150 volunteer hours required at the secondary school level. If you are interested in participating in one of the listed opportunities please contact my office at 416-392-4008. My website is also updated with new positions.

Morningside Park Citizen Advisory Group: Membership is being formed for this committee which will look at the parks potential to bring activities and programs to the site. Currently Sculptor Dorsey James has worked with youth from the Malvern community to create a hiking trail identified by totem poles which they have carved by hand from old hydro poles. Last summer a state of the art splash pad and playground was installed in the park. In the winter months many residents cross country ski in the park. Many deer and birds species can be seen in the park.

Winter Festival: Botany Hill Park: Membership is being formed to organize Winter Festival to take place in January 2010. We are excepting volunteers to join the Curran Hall Community Association and I in organizing the event. If you are interesting in participating please contact my office at 416-392-4008

Community Bus: Many of our neighbours are dependent on public transportation and unfortunately are subject to long waits and many transfers to reach their destinations. I have been speaking to the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission on your behalf, as

well as many community members. Route suggestions have been brought to my attention, which have been relayed to the TTC. Next month I will be holding a meeting with members of the community and TTC staff to address on how public transit can be improved in this community. I am aware that there is a lack of service on Scarborough Golf Club Road and Orton Park Road which makes it difficult for many people, especially seniors to reach their destinations. If you would like share your comments for improvements please email me at Councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca, so that they may be brought to the table for discussion. Your contribution will be well noted.

Community events: I have several events year round which include Compost day, Environment day, Community BBQ's and others. Volunteers are always welcome to participate and gain their community hours.

12. City of Toronto Council Highlights

Toronto City Council meeting of February 23 and 24, 2009

Freeze on Development Charges

Council adopted a structure for development charges, freezing the fee at current levels for the next two years (until January 31, 2011). The intention is to give the development industry some predictability and to help protect Toronto's prosperity. A new development charge bylaw will come into effect on May 1, 2009. It will replace the existing bylaw and will allow the City to continue to collect development charges to pay for a portion of municipal growth-related capital costs for municipal services. The new bylaw provides for a multi-year phase-in of updated charges on housing construction starting in February 2011 if construction activity reaches certain pre-determined levels - with exemptions such as affordable rental housing and industrial development. (More details in a news release dated February 25: <http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf>)

Toronto Beaches Plan

Council endorsed a plan to improve and enhance the City of Toronto's 11 swimming beaches as a key feature of the waterfront. The action plan identifies steps to improve water quality at the three City beaches (Sunnyside, Marie Curtis East and Rouge) that tend to have the poorest water quality. At Sunnyside, the City will undertake a three-year pilot project to enclose part of the swimming area at the beach in order to provide acceptable recreational water quality. The long-term vision is to have all Toronto swimming beaches rated at the international Blue Flag standard or better. The Municipal Code does not permit dogs on Blue Flag designated beaches. Council asked staff to look at ways to address concerns that dog owners/walkers have voiced about access to Kew-

Balmy Beach. (News release dated February 25:
<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf>)

Legacy Projects for Pan Am Games Bid

Council approved the investment of \$49.5 million to create an infrastructure of new and revitalized athletic facilities that will benefit priority neighbourhoods and leave a legacy for Toronto. The City's \$49.5 million investment, tied to the Toronto area's bid to host the 2015 Pan American/ParaPan Games, is expected to leverage about \$198 million from the provincial and federal governments to complete the necessary work at six City-owned athletic sites. The Toronto region's bid is competing with bids by Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia to host the 2015 games. (News release dated February 23:

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf>)

Appointees to Build Toronto and Invest Toronto

Council confirmed the appointment of boards of directors for Build Toronto and Invest Toronto. The two new boards of talented citizen appointees are at the centre of the City's strategy to enhance Toronto's economic competitiveness. Invest Toronto has a mandate to engage with the private sector to promote Toronto as an investment opportunity. Build Toronto's mandate is to work with private and public sector partners to unlock the value of underused City real estate, stimulating the creation of desirable jobs and regenerating neighbourhoods. (News release dated February 24:

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf>)

New top financial official for the City

Council appointed Cam Weldon as Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Toronto. (News release dated February 25:

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf>)

More outdoor rinks to open early next season

Council approved the early opening of 13 outdoor ice rinks across the city next fall to start the 2010 skating season. The City will schedule those rinks to open at the same time as the rink at Nathan Phillips Square in November. The rinks are Rennie Park Rink, Sir Adam Beck Rink, Sunnydale Rink, Dufferin Grove, Hodgson Rink, Kew Gardens Rink, Regent Park South Rink, Mel Lastman Square, Broadlands Community Centre, Glen Long Community Centre, Irving Chapley Community Centre, Albert Campbell Square and West Mall Rink.

Yonge-Eglinton Centre

Council took steps to establish the planning and zoning framework needed to proceed with the revitalization of the Yonge Street-Eglinton Avenue area, specifically the southwest quadrant of the intersection. The revitalization is to include investment in public transit infrastructure, the provision of major office space and employment, promotion of sustainable green development on the Eglinton TTC bus terminal lands, and improvement of the public realm and local amenities.

13. The Morningside Mural Project

Toronto Cultural Services, Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, and Toronto Public Library Morningside Branch presents the Morningside Mural Project a free mural arts mentorship program.

- Sketch, design and translate your ideas onto a canvas
- Learn to paint a large scale mural on canvas
- See your art on display in the Morningside Library

The City of Toronto Cultural Services - Cedar Ridge Creative Centre and Toronto Public Library

Morningside Branch are working in collaboration on a mural arts mentorship program. They are seeking 3 - 4 youth ages 14 - 18 to take part in a mural mentorship. The youth will learn various design and art principles and techniques. Youth will work with the lead artist, Rob Matejka, to design and paint a mural on large canvas (8 x 4') to be installed at the Morningside Library.

The **program starts Monday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.** and will continue to run on Monday evenings through April and May, with the occasional weekend day. The mural will be unveiled in late May at a storytelling festival at the Morningside Library.

For more information on the project, or to sign up to be an apprentice, please call Andrea Raymond

at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, 416.396.7043.

14. Free Community Use of Schools

The TCDSB will be offering free Community Use of Schools (CUS) from July 2009 to August 14, 2009. Due to the overwhelming response for the Community Use of Schools program, a new application process has been adopted. Prioritization will be given to those groups that meet the needs of the communities they serve.

In 2007, the Ministry of Education announced funding to support recreational and learning opportunities for children and youth in the priority neighbourhoods of Toronto. The Community Use of Schools program allows community groups, not for profit organizations, and other youth organizations access, at no cost, to one of 60 schools identified in priority neighbourhoods.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andre Fullerton at 416-222-8282 ext.2310.

15. East Scarborough Festival Market

East Scarborough Festival Market; Every Thursday afternoon starting June 4th the East Scarborough Festival Market will take place at St. Margaret's in the Pines Parkette. This year's market features fresh fruits and vegetables at a reasonable prices, many vendors selling crafts, second hand items, jewellery and artwork, musical entertainment, contests, dancers, children's activities and amazing BBQ meals.

The Festival Market is a weekly event that brings residents from the neighbourhood together to socialize, have fun and participate in healthy activities. It is a partnership venture of Residents Rising, West Hill Community Services, East Scarborough Storefront, Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough and local churches. This is the 3rd year of the Festival Market and it has been a very successful event for newcomers, seniors, young parents and children. The atmosphere is fun and just like a festival every week.

If you would like to be a weekly vendor or wish to share your musical/dance talents with the community, please call 416-847-4144.

The East Scarborough Festival Market starts Thursday, June 4th through to September 17th from 2 - 6 p.m. and is located at 4130 Lawrence Avenue East.

16. Giant Tiger

There is a new employer in Scarborough East.

When the Food land location closed in our community, not only was the convenient shopping location lost but so were jobs. Looking to find a new tenant, I called Giant Tiger's head office in Montreal and asked if they were interested. They were! My business relationship with Giant Tiger formed a year ago when I was asked by the community to contact them to determine if they would look into moving into the new Morningside Crossing plaza.

I am very happy that Giant Tiger did find a home in our Ward, bringing with it jobs, low prices and an easy access location for our seniors to access through public transportation. A Canadian company to serve our community.

The Grand Opening of Scarborough's second Giant Tiger store location occurred on Saturday, April 4 at 3750 Lawrence Avenue East. Scarborough residents have voted yes to Giant Tiger's famous Low Prices on grocery items, including dairy and frozen food, new fashion items arriving daily, special purchase deals and terrific items of seasonal interest.

There is always something new when visiting a Giant Tiger Store. They offer Low prices, speedy checkouts, fitting rooms and a friendly atmosphere. The addition of the new store

will offer convenience to those residents living and working in the more easterly portion of Scarborough.

www.gianttiger.com

17. Support Our Troops Banners

The City of Toronto was approached to display banners to support our Canadian Troops. I thought I would share the information with my constituents.

The banners are \$65.00 (19.5" x 42.5") , \$85.00 (2' x 5'). Custom sizes can also be made. They can be ordered either by email or by phone 905-263-8334.

Banner Background from Marg Maskell of Clarington

In Feb of 2006 our nephew, Corporal David Allison, came to visit us from New Brunswick to say good-bye as he was going to Afghanistan. He went back home and left shortly after for his tour of duty. David arrived in Kandahar and about 4 weeks later, 6 men out of his troop the R C R were killed. I will never forget standing on the bridge when these 6 men passed travelling on the Highway of Hero's to Toronto. My husband and I decided that we would go down east to visit his family and while there I was invited to a red rally. It was there that I met some of the 6 families. The feeling was something that you just can't describe. I was introduced to these people and not knowing what to say I just simply asked "What can I do to make things better"???? The answer was simple---wear red on Fridays and tie a yellow ribbon some place on your property where it could be seen by all. We returned home and I made a yellow ribbon and place it outside for all to see. I worked at A&P and approached the manager to see if we could possibly wear red shirts on Fridays, management agreed. The shirts where purchased from Trenton and we were on our way. Then the unforgivable happened-----
- Trooper Darryl Caswell---one of our own was killed in Kandahar in June. The people standing at the bridges increased in numbers. As more travelled down the Highway of Hero's the larger the crowds grew. I just knew that I had to do something else to show that the people and towns really Support the Troops, and the banner came to mind. I phoned Scott Taylor who made the banner and told him what I wanted to do and what I want on the banner and he sent me 3 choices of similar designs. It was easy once I saw it— Scott!-- had made just what I wanted, it said it all and thus the banner was born. There was a lot of conversation back and forth between the Legion(John Johnson), Bev Oda, John O'Toole, councillors and Scott. After going to council it was finally agreed the banners would hang in Bowmanville and in different towns in the Municipality of Clarington: 24 in all. Other people are now ordering the banner and my hope is that it will appear all across Canada...A special thank you to the one person who made it all happen for me. I had a dream and Scott Taylor "The Artshack" made it happen and the dream continues.....

18. 43 DIVISION CAR SEAT CLINIC

Once again our community officers at 43 Division will be serving our community to ensure that our children are properly secured when riding in a motor vehicle.

Attendance will be by appointment only and will be held at 43 division on the following dates.

Saturday, May 02nd. 2009 8am to 12 noon

Saturday, June 16th. 2009 8am to 12 noon

To book an appointment please call 43 Division Traffic unit at 416-808-4339, press option #5 and leave a message for Officer Horst Beniot. you may also e-mail Constable Beniot at horst.beniot@torontopolice.on.ca

For more information about car seat safety go to: www.mto.gov.on.ca.

19. Project Fusion

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in excess of 1,000 police officers

executed 161 search warrants throughout the GTA resulting, so far, in 125 arrests. In the course of executing these pre-dawn raids, police officers from various services from across

Ontario, including 38 tactical units, were utilized.

Project Fusion began in mid-2008, and focused on a series of violent crimes dating back to

2003. It is alleged that those involved in this investigation are leaders, members and/or associates who participate in two criminal organizations that operate in concert with each other, known as the "MNE" (*Markham Road/Eglinton Avenue East*), and the "400 Crew"

(400/McCowan Road). They're located in the southeast area of Toronto however their criminal

activities are not limited to this area but cross into Durham Region and throughout the GTA.

The focus of this investigation was not only the alleged criminal organizations MNE and 400

Crew, but the people alleged to be responsible for the supply of firearms and illegal drugs to

these criminal organizations.

This project was a joint investigation combining the TPS Integrated Gun and Gang Task

Force, Durham Regional Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police - Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, the Canada Border Services Agency, the TPS Firearms Enforcement

Unit, the TPS Drug Squad, the TPS Proceeds of Crime Unit, as well as Divisional Policing

Command.

A total of 100 homes and 61 vehicles were the targets of the search warrants in the following

jurisdictions: York Region: 5 Peel Region: 5 Durham Region: 12 Toronto: 78

The Toronto anti violence strategy has been making quite a difference in the Scarborough area, in identifying crime and disorder issues, reducing violence and making neighbourhoods safer.

Guns and Gangs task Force can be reached at 416-808-2500.

20. Community Bus

More than 100 Responses were received by community members excited about joining our campaign for a community bus. Flyers were sent out to residents asking for their feed back for the need of a community bus in Ward 43.

Ward 43 covers a large area where families, students and seniors reside without access to a vehicle, making them dependant on public transportation. My constituency has a need for a community focused bus which operates within the community without

Having, to constantly transfer from bus to bus, or walk a great distance to another bus route.

The Suggested Community Bus Route by the Committee is: From Scarborough Civic Centre, south on McCowan Road ,to Brimorton Rd. East to Scarborough Golf Club Rd, south to Kingston Rd., Kingston Rd to Guildwood Pkwy, east to Galloway Rd.North on Galloway Rd. to Kingston Rd., east on Kingston Rd and then west along Lawrence Ave to Orton Park Rd., to Ellesmere Rd. to Rouge Valley Hospital(Centenary Hospital) and operate over the reverse routing to arrive back to the Scarborough Civic Centre Station.

I am still accepting suggestions: Please email me your responses.

What do you think?

What are your needs?

Why you need increased service:

Your Route suggestions:

21. Quote du Mois

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.” - Margaret Atwood

22. Websites for Community Use

Here's a few websites to explore if you're thinking of ideas for winter activities....enjoy!:

www.toronto.ca/city-update

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/pro_march_break.jsp

www.sportacularevent.com/leaside-GHL_2009.php

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/marchbreak.htm

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/it/newsrel.nsf/82f55f14f8d6b46285256ef500408475/B4A0B9EC73E0C6EF85257299006F8D91?opendocument>

http://www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/

<http://www.ourkids.net/march-break-camps.php>

<http://www.ago.net/gallery-school>

http://www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm

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