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Dear Residents of Ward 43,

I had the privilege of hosting two community barbeques this summer. Both the Seven Oaks Community BBQ and the Cornell Community BBQ were very well attended. I would like to thank all the volunteers, the Toronto Zoo, Toronto Police, Toronto Fire, Parks Forestry and Recreation and the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club who provided the always popular skate board exhibit.

The summer of 2011 has City Hall in full swing. The Core Service Reviews heard at last month's standing committees, remain the key measure at hand. The KPGM report outlined a number of suggestions for change in how City services are delivered. Some of the suggestions have been more pronounced in the media. The City's public library system has received a heightened amount of attention. There is no proposal under consideration to close, let alone privatize any of Toronto's libraries.

The reports objective was to closely look at the city's operations to ensure taxpayers' dollars are responsibly spent towards city services. I fully support this effort. This process is necessary, just as we review our own household budgets. The city cannot continue on its present course if it intends to balance its' books.

Before we can look to a solution on the revenue side; either by raising taxes or fees or by requesting help from other levels of government. City hall must first go through a core service review by considering the suggestions made in the report for improvements in performance on the cost side.

Services delivered by the city are now being reviewed to determine which are "core" municipal government functions and which are not, and which core functions are being carried out to a standard that exceeds core requirements. A further round of analysis will take place to determine which non-core functions are of particular value to residents as a whole. A further analysis will also take place to determine efficient ways of delivering the services that we maintain.

I value your input and have would like to hear your comments.

Again this year I am proudly supporting The Terry Fox Foundation in its ongoing work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. To support the foundation click on the link below: <http://my.e2rm.com/personalPage.aspx?SID=3079890&Lang=en-CA>

For more information on how you can participate in The Terry Fox Run or for more information about The Terry Fox Foundation, please visit [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org)

Thanks for your support!

Paul Ainslie

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**1. Your Turn**  
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**Feed Back**

You will find a "Your Feedback" section on my website [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com) I want to know what's on your mind and what is important to you and your family. The "[Your Feed Back](#)" survey will help me improve on how I serve the community and what community issues you would like me to focus on. (If the above link does not work, please visit my home page and click on surveys [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com))

**It's Your Turn**

I am also asking residents to send me questions in relations to municipal government. I will answer some of the questions monthly on my website via web-cast. Please send in your questions to [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca), with the subject line: It's Your Turn. Visit my website for the monthly web-casts.

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**2. Seven Oaks**  
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The connection of the new Neilson Road watermain to the existing 1800mm watermain at the intersection of Neilson Road and Ellesmere Road had been completed. Work is

continuing to enhance the area: sidewalks and driveway access to hydro corridor have been paved, repairs to asphalt is in process where needed, railings will be installed for the wheelchair ramp at the 401 this should be completed the week of August 21, the final grading on the boulevard south of the 401 along with re-seeding is also underway.

There are 60 tree planting sites designated on Neilson Rd. in the area that has been under construction. These are to replace the trees destroyed on the east side of Neilson Road during the construction. The planting is anticipated for late September.

On July 16, I celebrated with the Lakeview community as we officially opened the pathway which leads from Cindy Nicholas Drive to Morningside Avenue. The pathway will allow residents to gain access to public transit on Morningside Avenue.

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### **3. Curran Hall Community**

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

As part of the Trees Across Toronto/Toronto Water tree planting program, Urban Forestry will be planting trees in Botany Hill Park in Scarborough. This planting request came through the Park Supervisor's office in response to a request for shade trees in the Dogs Off Leash area. The plan is intended to increase the urban forest canopy, increase habitat and biodiversity and provide shade for park users. If you have any questions regarding this planting please feel free to contact me. [Link to map and tree species.](#)

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

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

After consulting with the Scarborough Preservation Panel, the name put forward for the new private lane in the new townhouse development located a 232-234 Galoway Road will be "Camps Lane". Research was done to find a suitable name. "Camps Lane" name meets the criteria of the policy and is acceptable to Police, Fire and EMS.

According to the records of St. Margaret's In The Pines Anglican Cemetery, located just east of the development, a listing of 12 persons are buried at this cemetery with the surname "Camps", dating back as far as George Camps who was born in 1860.

<http://www.canadianheadstones.com/on/cemetery.php?cemID=480&pg=1>

The book Fact & Folklore: Highland Creek, Hillside, Port Union, West Hill (Pg 103) mentions that the first school in the district was built in 1850 and in 1870 became the house of the Camps. The Camps were also listed as early pioneers in the Port Union area.

On Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>, the East Scarborough Storefront celebrated it's 10<sup>th</sup> year. Festivities were held to celebrate their vision and mission: "Scarborough is a safe, well-educated and prosperous community. The Storefront contributes to making the impossible possible by providing accessible sites for community members of all ages and cultures to find and share solutions they need to live healthy lives, find meaningful work, play and thrive. We are seen as an excellent model for sustainable social innovation and transformation in

communities. We are a partnership of community members and services working together to create a thriving community in East Scarborough. We do this by acting as bridges between people, services and communities, working together in safe, welcoming and accessible environments, nurturing diversity and harmony and exploring possibilities."

East Scarborough Storefront, Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, Scarborough Arts and Mural Routes are proud to announce the SUBTEXT Festival & mural unveiling on Saturday, August 27. The festival runs 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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Cedar Ridge Creative Centre: Did you know that you could rent the property for a private function? The Grand house accommodates up to 80 guests. For rental information contact: Tel: (416) 396-4026

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre is available for rental seasonally, from the last weekend in June to the first weekend in September. There are select available dates in the latter part of December. All bookings must fall within the specified rental period, as during the fall/winter/spring the hall space is used as a gallery and permitted to artists exhibiting their work.

The facility is available for special occasions such as weddings, anniversary parties, birthdays, showers, or retirement parties. Cedar Ridge does not permit the hall for children's or teen birthday parties. For rates and further information please visit: [http://www.toronto.ca/culture/cedar\\_ridge/pdf/rental.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/culture/cedar_ridge/pdf/rental.pdf)

Programs: A full program guide for adult programs may be viewed at [http://www.toronto.ca/culture/cedar\\_ridge/adultart.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/culture/cedar_ridge/adultart.htm). Programs include classes in Pottery, Visual Arts, Open Studios, Fibre Arts, Community and Theatre Arts.

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## **6. Guildwood Village**

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Guildwood Village Community Association website: [www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)  
The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG): <http://guildrenaissancgroup.com/>

### **Guild Inn:**

Centennial College had approached the City with the concept of adding condominiums to their proposal for the Guild Inn property, since then it has been noted in the media that Centennial College is now advising that it is part of their proposal. When approached with this new concept I made it clear to Centennial College this was not part of their initial proposal which was given support by the Guild Park Advisory Committee, and that if condominiums would have been part of the plan from the start they would not have been considered as proponents. This new development is discouraging and the community have been very optimistic as we had thought that we had found the perfect partner.

### **Emerald Ash Borer:**

Toronto's private tree by-law allows for exemption of the permit requirement for removal of trees that are dying or dead from EAB infestation. All requests for exemptions of privately owned ash trees that are EAB infested will be considered through an expedited process outlined below. This process will help keep City of Toronto Urban Forestry informed of the extent of EAB spread and ash tree mortality.

1. Confirm that your tree is an ash and that it is infested by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).  
Go to: <http://www.toronto.ca/trees/eab.htm> and click on "City of London ash tree identification document." If you wish to learn more about EAB, on the same page click on: "EAB Public Presentation."
2. Call 311 requesting a Private Ash Tree with EAB Removal Permit Exemption. (Until early September, 311 will refer you to an Urban Forestry Office.) Alternately, (prior to September, 2011) contact the Urban Forest Office directly by e-mail: Scarborough District: [tppreast@toronto.ca](mailto:tppreast@toronto.ca)
  - Provide your name, address and contact information.
  - If you have had a tree care professional examine your tree (this not a requirement in order to receive exemption) provide any data they have given you. You may also provide photographs. (also not required, but will be welcome)
  - Confirm that you have verified that your tree is an ash and that it is suffering from EAB by visiting the Urban Forestry web site as noted above.
3. You will be issued your exemption confirmation by return e-mail.
4. In some cases, Urban Forestry will follow up with a request for additional information. As well, Urban Forestry will conduct some random inspections to ensure that the exemption process is working and that healthy, non-ash trees are not being removed in error.

#### **Elizabeth Simcoe Park:**

Parks Technical Services have replaced both swing sets and the climbing apparatus at the park due to normal wear and tear. One swing set was wobbly, upon inspection it was determined that other playground pieces also had deficiencies. The work was completed on August 4, 2011.

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

The festival was a success! With over 50 artists vendors we are continuing to work towards seeing 100 vendors on the site. I would like to thank all the committee members, volunteers and the City of Toronto Staff who beautifully worked together to put on a great festival. If you would like to volunteer or participate as a vendor for the 2012 festival please contact my office.

#### **Skateboard Park:**

Many children of all age have been asking me for a skate board park in the community for over two years now. At a recent visit to Jack Minor P.S. the Grade 8 class brought the issue to the forefront as they complained that there was no space for them in the community and that they were interested in having a skate board Park. As I believe it's important to keep our youth busy keeping them away from idle time, I have asked the City Staff to approach the request to see if there is any space or opportunity for a public private partnership to address the possibility of installing a skate park in the community for your youth.

Last summer I also met with youth from the Guildwood community who have formed a group on facebook "make a skate park in guild wood" as of today they have 1,639

members. Please take some time to take a look at the postings to open a conversation with the community youth.

I am well aware of our budget restraints the City of Toronto is experiencing I do however believe that communities abundant in amenities for the youth are thriving neighbourhoods. The youth require a welcoming space where they can enjoy their sport and friends. I feel that we should be listening our youth and explore if this need can be met through private financing.

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## **7. The Residents Rising Community Association**

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Your residents action community belong to a number of committees to serve you. Their participation on the safety committee ensure that your safety concerns are brought to the forefront to community leaders. If you have any issues you need to discuss with the committee please do not hesitate to contact them.

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 647-347-2342.

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## **8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition**

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[www.mornellecourt.webs.com](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com)

The homework club and walk to school program will be in full swing again this fall. The program operating out of Military Trail Public School with the full support of Principal Keneth Morden has been a success. Congratulations to the Mornelle Court Coalition and its volunteers for all their community work.

New Pool Area and Basketball Court unavailing and ribbon cutting on Saturday September 3, 2011. Event will run from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Toronto Community Housing's and the City of Toronto will be conducted safety audit with the community on August 26th starting at 6:30pm. Please meet at 110 Mornelle Court.

The Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition: Association meetings take place at 1:00 p.m. @ 110 Mornelle Court in the community room. New members are encouraged as there are many events planned for the upcoming months.

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## 9. The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough Official Building Launch

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On Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough held it's official building launch. I am very proud of the administration, families and youth who participated in this re-build of a cherished building.

As someone who used this Club throughout my childhood I fully understand the important role it plays for children of all ages, as was featured this past June in the Toronto Star <http://www.thestar.com/freshairfund/article/1006780--paul-ainslie-from-campe>. I'm proud to see the Club growing, to meet the needs of eastern Scarborough.

The Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough has been an important staple in the community offering support of all kinds to the youth of the neighbourhood for more than 50 years.

Located at 100 Galloway Road, The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough is a jewel where our youth have an opportunity to share their hopes and dreams.

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## 10. Government Management Committee – Transparency in Government

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Jesse Hirsh addressed the Government Management Committee at it's June session upon my invitation to discuss open government. Mr. Hirsh's address was inspiring and can be viewed on my website: <http://paulainslie.com/Paul-Ainslie-Videos.html>

Jesse Hirsh, Broadcaster, Speaker, Researcher and Strategist has a passion for educating people on the potential benefits and perils of technology in government.

He is an internet strategist, researcher, and broadcaster based in Toronto, with a weekly nationally syndicated column on CBC radio. Mr. Hirsh explains and analyzes the latest trends and developments in technology relevant to our everyday lives

I will be inviting individuals to speak to the committee on open government and other measures to strive for a transparent municipal government.

I am interested in hearing your views on ways to make our local government more accountable please share them with me via e-mail at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca).

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## 11. Events in the Community

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Saturday Aug. 20<sup>st</sup> Heron Park Family Fun Day  
11:00-3:00

Fri. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Community safety audit in the Mornelle Court Ccommunity  
6:30p.m – 9:30p.m.

Saturday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> SUBTEXT Festival & mural unveiling  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Saturday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Mornelle BBQ and Ribbon Cutting  
12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Councillor Ainslie's annual environment day starting at  
10:00 a.m. Morningside Yard 891 Morningside Ave
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Terry Fox annual Run and unveiling of new Terry Fox  
Commemorative Km Markers. Morningside Park  
8:30 a.m. Unveiling of Commemorative Markers  
9:00 a.m. Run Start

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## **12. Council Highlights**

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### **Council Highlights City Council meeting of June 14 and 15, 2011**

Council Highlights provides informal summaries of some of the decisions made by Toronto City Council at its business meetings. The City Clerk's Office provides full and authoritative documentation of all of Council's business and decisions, available online at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

#### **Toronto Community Housing - sale of houses**

Council authorized the sale by Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) of 22 of its houses on the open market and directed TCHC to invest the proceeds into the renovation of some of its other social housing units in Toronto. TCHC will honour commitments made to tenants who live in the 22 houses and will relocate households affected to other suitable units in the TCHC portfolio.

#### **New board for TCHC**

Council appointed a new board of directors for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation. The board is made up of City Councillors Norm Kelly, Frances Nunziata, Cesar Palacio and John Parker (who is the Mayor's designate), along with seven community members and two tenant-elected representatives of TCHC. The board serves for a two-year term that began June 15.

#### **Toronto's ash tree infestation**

Council approved a plan for informing residents - and agreed to request financial assistance from the federal and provincial governments - with regard to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation and the resulting loss of the tree canopy in Toronto. The City will use various means to inform the public about the problem and will expedite property owners' removal of infested ash trees from their properties. More information: <http://www.toronto.ca/trees/eab.htm>

#### **Paid-duty policing**

Council adopted recommendations made by the Auditor General with the intention of reducing the City's annual expenditures on paid-duty policing for works projects and special events. City divisions, agencies, boards, commissions and corporations spend millions of dollars annually for paid-duty services. Among its actions, Council directed

Transportation Services to develop a new policy for traffic control at City construction sites and called for changes to the paid-duty requirements that are tied to special event permits.

### **Toronto bid for 2017 Police and Fire Games**

Council authorized a City bid for Toronto to host the 2017 World Police and Fire Games, conditional upon the Province of Ontario confirming it will contribute \$6 million if the bid is successful. The games are typically a 10-day event attracting about 12,000 competitors in more than 50 sports.

### **Review of winter transportation services**

Council directed staff to review the City's cost of providing winter maintenance services, which include clearing snow from residential windrows, bike lanes, trail paths and transit lanes. Another focus is updating the City's long-term strategy for snow disposal operations.

### **Support for hospitality initiative**

Council agreed to encourage City divisions and agencies to support a hospitality promotion program called We've Been Expecting You, which involves participation by the public and the private sectors alike. The three main streams of activity consist of training for front-line staff, more help for visitors seeking information about the city, and resident participation in this welcome-to-Toronto initiative.

### **Competitive kite flying in parks**

Council supported a recommendation to prohibit from City parks any kites with strings made of hazardous materials, and to prohibit competitive kite flying in parks that have significant bird activity. Council also agreed to encourage the federal government to ban the importation of kite string that is chemically treated or contains glass fragments. The City will allow competitive kite flying activities that are arranged through the Parks, Forestry and Recreation permit process.

### **Whistle blower protection**

Council adopted a Whistle Blower Protection Policy that clarifies the protection from reprisal that is provided to City employees who report fraud or other wrongdoing. The policy complements mechanisms already in place for reporting fraud to the Auditor General for investigation. The new policy protects City of Toronto employees from reprisal when they report fraudulent activity or wasteful work practices.

### **Management of Casa Loma**

Council confirmed the termination of an agreement between the City of Toronto and the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma for the management of Casa Loma. The City will set up a corporation to operate Casa Loma until the City establishes a long-term strategy for the castle. Current staff at Casa Loma will be transitioned to the new corporation. The City owns Casa Loma, which the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma managed for the past 74 years.

### **Sale of shark fin products**

Council referred to the Licensing and Standards Committee a motion from a Council member concerning the sale of shark fin products in Toronto. The motion requests the introduction of a bylaw that would prohibit the possession, sale and consumption of shark fin products in this city.

### **Animal hoarding**

Council referred to Executive Committee a motion from a Council member about the practice of collecting or "hoarding" a large number of animals/pets, usually cats - generally by people who are unable to care for them properly. The motion calls for City inspections

staff to report properties that show signs of animal hoarding to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Toronto's Animal Services for investigation.

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### **13. HERITAGE TORONTO WALKS**

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Until October, thousands of people attend our free neighbourhood walking tours. Covering all areas of the city, Heritage Toronto Walks tell the stories behind the people, landscapes and historic buildings that bring Toronto's neighbourhoods to life.

Weekend walking tours are free of charge and no reservations or pre-registration are required.

2011 summer schedule is now online at <http://www.heritagetoronto.org/>

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### **14. Outsourcing Garbage (RFQ)**

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The Request for Quotes for daytime residential curbside collection for District 2 has been issued. The RFQ will close on September 27, 2011, with a report on the successful bidder going to the October 24/25, 2011 City Council meeting for approval.

The issuance of the RFQ is the next step in the process of moving towards the contracting out of residential curbside solid waste collection west of Yonge St. to the Etobicoke border.

The additional contracting out west of Yonge St. will create an almost 50-50 split, private vs. in-house, and allow the city to do a side-by-side analysis, comparing the area contracted out with the area retaining in-house collection. This will help inform future decision making regarding the contracting out of city services.

The contracting out of residential curbside collection in District 2 is expected to save the city \$6 million per year while maintaining current service levels.

The new program is expected to commence in July or August 2012.

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### **15. Terry Fox Commemorative Kilometre Markers and Exhibit**

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**Terry Fox Commemorative Kilometer Markers:** The Annual Terry Fox Run will have more to celebrate this year's as Terry Fox commemorative Markers will be unveiled at the annual run. The markers will be unveiled on Sunday September 18, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the start location in Morningside Park. The run will follow at 9:00 a.m. want to give a big heartfelt hanks to Toronto Community News for sponsoring the creation of he markers.

**Terry Fox Exhibit:** To commemorate the 30th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope an I have been working with staff to open a Terry Fox exhibit in the Scarborough Civic

Centre Rotunda. The exhibit will be on display from September 19th through to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## 16. Volunteer at the 2012 Ontario Summer Games

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Students may use their volunteer hours towards their mandatory high school requirement.

From August 16 to 19, 2012, the Ontario Summer Games will bring together almost 2,500 athletes competing in 28 sports in multiple venues across Toronto and surrounding regions, as well as coaches, managers and officials from across the province. It is a unique opportunity for many young athletes, as this multi-sport competition serves as a stepping stone to many national and international competitions. With more than 1,000 volunteers required, the Games will provide a wonderful opportunity to develop a legacy of volunteerism.

The 2012 Ontario Summer Games will be funded by the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport through the Sport Alliance of Ontario, in partnership with the City of Toronto, the Toronto Sports Council, Tourism Toronto and various other funding sources.

For more information visit: [http://www.toronto.ca/ontariogames/osg\\_evite.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/ontariogames/osg_evite.pdf)

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## 17. Nature in our City

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**CAMPING:** For those who want the "feel" of wilderness camping, Glen Rouge Campsite is perfect for you! It offers a taste of the outdoors, a sandy beach and trails, with the added security and comfort of basic services readily available. More info at: [\[http://www.rougepark.com/index.php\]](http://www.rougepark.com/index.php)

**CANOEING:** Looking for a Canadian wilderness adventure that combines freedom, remote settings and excitement? Then experience the Rouge Beach and Marshes by canoe! The Marshes is very wide, ideal for canoeing, and will allow you a beautiful view of Lake Ontario and observe and discover various animals and birds!

**HIKING:** Scarborough is proud to announce that its' most prized possession, The Rouge Valley, has recently been declared one of Canada's National Parks! Come and explore the park for yourself on one of its scheduled walking tours. These tours are offered through the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre and Rouge Park. [\[http://www.rougepark.com/hike\]](http://www.rougepark.com/hike) [\[http://www.rougepark.com/hike\]](http://www.rougepark.com/hike) and [\[http://www.rvcc.ca\]](http://www.rvcc.ca)

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## 18. Graffiti Management Plan

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At its July 12, 13 and 14 meeting, City Council adopted a new Graffiti Management Plan. The proactive plan has four essential action areas that are dependent on each other for its success:

- Rigorous enforcement against illegal tagging and graffiti
  - Support for the public reporting or those victimized by illegal tagging and graffiti
  - Support and recognition for legal graffiti, murals and street art
  - Creation of a co-ordinating graffiti function
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- The graffiti management plan was developed after research and consultation with a cross-section of internal and external stakeholders including City divisions; councillors; the Toronto Police Service; Toronto Youth Cabinet; Crime Prevention Association of Toronto (CPAT); Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA) and members of the graffiti arts community.
  - Essential to the plan is a centralized community and graffiti transformation function, co-ordinating all the City's existing graffiti initiatives under one clear umbrella for efficiency.
  - This is an ambitious plan that relies on the co-operation of City divisions, property owners, small and large businesses, agencies, boards and commissions with land holdings in the city, the Toronto Police Service, and the volunteer and philanthropic communities. In order to succeed, youth and the graffiti arts community will be encouraged to abstain from tagging and other illegal graffiti. Graffiti programs and sites to create legal graffiti art will be established.
  - The City will enter into a partnership with the Toronto Police Service focused on enforcement, intelligence gathering/management, community partnerships, education and restorative justice diversion.
  - The City will work together with the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto (CPAT) to establish community-based graffiti removal assistance for homeowners especially those with limited resources and fixed incomes, or those unable to access removal materials or assistance.
  - Since the City began a graffiti blitz over the winter, 4,365 Notices of Violation and 10,655 inspections have been issued. Of the notices of violations, more than 4,400 properties removed graffiti without further need for further enforcement. This is a 72.5 per cent compliance rate through the co-operation of property owners and occupants.
  - Since March 1, over 13,000 square metres of graffiti have been removed from City-owned property. It is estimated that City divisions including Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Transportation Services, Facilities Management, Toronto Water and Economic Development and Culture incur cumulative costs of over \$1 million a year to remove illegal graffiti from City-owned property.
  - MLS has proposed collaborations with TABIA members and is actively working with the Downtown Yonge BIA, the Chinatown BIA and others to strengthen efforts to achieve compliance.
  - The Graffiti Bylaw will be amended as necessary after the Graffiti Management Plan systems are in place to, for example provide for revised terminology to reflect the permitted graffiti art and areas where graffiti art will be permitted and under what conditions (e.g. Graffiti Alley)

- The existing Graffiti Transformation Program is being reviewed.
- The City's website at <http://www.toronto.ca/graffiti/> will be updated as systems are in place.

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## 19. Our City Roads

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Another year of significant road work is taking place in the City of Toronto in an effort to improve road conditions for all users. In addition to the work, there's going to be lots of fun as the city plays host to a variety of special events.

In 2011, the City will be spending more than \$130 million to improve the quality of the City's roads and bridges.

Major road work planned for 2011 includes Dundas Street from Dovercourt Road to Howard Park Avenue, Victoria Park Avenue from Highway 401 to Finch Avenue, Humber College Boulevard from Highway 27 to Carrier Drive, Dufferin Street from Rogers Road to Eglinton Avenue and Finch Avenue from Yonge Street to Bayview Avenue. In addition, \$80 million will also be spent on other work including road work in conjunction with watermain and sewer replacement and public realm initiatives.

It's critical that with the amount of work taking place, the City continues to coordinate the work very carefully in order to keep disruptions to a minimum. To do this, roadwork, sidewalk repairs and routine maintenance as well as work performed by utility and communications companies continues to be coordinated by the City to avoid having road work done repeatedly across Toronto.

The City has also continued its efforts to fill potholes, repairing an average of 237,000 potholes over the past three years.

But it's more than just road work that will keep our streets busy. This summer marks a very busy time due to the number of special events taking place in Toronto. Regular events such as the Pride Parade, Beaches Jazz Festival, Honda Indy and more will take place this summer as will smaller festivals, street celebrations, road races and other community events.

To make it easier for motorists to find their way around City streets, the City has developed a website <http://www.toronto.ca/torontostreets/> that shows on-going and emergency road construction, existing travel conditions on city roads and a variety of special events taking place.

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## 20. Quote of the Month

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"Figuring out who you are is the whole point of the human experience." Anna Quindlen, American journalist and author

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## 21. Websites for Community Use

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[www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar](http://www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar).  
[www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm).  
<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtdkrth/e/>  
<http://www.toronto.ca/golf>  
<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm>  
[http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency\\_4.php](http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency_4.php)  
<http://www.dementiatoronto.org/0303.asp>  
[http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6\\_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf](http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf)  
[www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow](http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow)  
[www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)  
[www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsml/](http://www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsml/)  
[www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com)  
[www.ourkgocommunity.com](http://www.ourkgocommunity.com)  
[www.toronto.ca/city-update](http://www.toronto.ca/city-update)  
<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>  
[www.seetorontonow.com/](http://www.seetorontonow.com/)  
[www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/pro\\_march\\_break.jsp](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/pro_march_break.jsp)  
[www.sportacularevent.com/leaside-GHL\\_2009.php](http://www.sportacularevent.com/leaside-GHL_2009.php)  
[www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/marchbreak.htm](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/marchbreak.htm)  
[www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com\\_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/](http://www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/)  
<http://www.ourkids.net/march-break-camps.php>  
[www.ago.net/gallery-school](http://www.ago.net/gallery-school)  
[www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation\\_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm)  
[www.starfall.com/](http://www.starfall.com/)  
<http://www.coronationca.com/>  
<http://www.curranhall.ca/>  
[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)  
[www.mornellecourt.webs.com](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com)

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## 22. ENews Policy and Contact Information

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