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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

Last week Toronto Hydro Renewable Energy Resources began preparing for the installation of a wind anemometer. The wind testing device was approved by the Provincial Government on October 23, 2009. I along with many members of the Guildwood community have opposed Toronto Hydro's request to place the device in Lake Ontario from the onset. The purpose for testing is to gather information to determine if the location would support wind turbines which I do not support.

Toronto Hydro Renewable Energy Resources has reported to me that the object currently in Lake Ontario is a barge with a crane on a flat bed being used to work on the construction of the wind anemometer. Consistent with the Ministry of Natural Resources permit approval, construction equipment including a jack-up barge, crane, drill rig and tug have been mobilized to the general area the construction equipment was anchored approximately 800m west of the approved anemometer platform location, as identified in the Environmental Assessment Project Evaluation Report (PER). The anemometer platform will be approximately 1.2km south of East Point Park.

I will continue to work with the community and do everything I can as your City of Toronto Councillor to ensure we receive regular updates on the data being collected by Toronto Hydro. I along with one of the groups "Stop the Wind Turbines" have been working together to organize a fundraising concert to help halt the further planning by Toronto Hydro Renewable Energy Resources to install wind turbines off of the Scarborough Bluffs. Details for the concert will be forthcoming.

November 3, 2009 marked the date for the public release of the 2010 City of Toronto Capital Budget which may be viewed at: <http://www.toronto.ca/budget2010>.

Information on how you may make submissions on the 2010 Capital Budget and 10 year plan is listed under section 12 of this report. Toronto City Council will consider the Capital Budget at its meeting on December 8, 2009.

I will be hosting a Family Skate Day on Sunday February 7, 2010, and would like to provide skates and helmets to those who require them. If you would like to donate your gently used skates and helmets please drop them off at my Scarborough Constituency office or the East Scarborough Storefront located at 4040 Lawrence Ave. East. I will also collect items at any of my meetings or events. Thank you very much for your generosity and participation to make our community a strong one.

Thank you for all your e-mails. Please continue to contact me with your questions and comments.

Sincerely,

Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

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| December 1 - | Toronto City Council |
| December 1 - | Coronation of West Hill Community Association Meeting |
| December 1 - | Neighbourhood Action Partnership Youth Engagement |
| December 2 - | Special Toronto City Council |
| December 3 - | Community and Constituent Meetings |
| December 4 - | ECO Fashion Showcasing community youth |
| December 5 - | Toronto Star Santa Boxes |
| December 5 - | Bank of Montreal Guildwood Grand Opening |
| December 6 - | Santa Boxes |
| December 6 - | Arising Women: Dinner & Play |
| December 7 - | Neighbourhood Action Partnership: Spacing Committee Meeting |
| December 7 - | Curran Hall Winter Festival Meeting |
| December 8 - | Toronto City Council Budget Meetings |

December 8 - Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
December 8 - Scarborough Community Preservation Committee
December 9 - Community Staff Meetings
December 9 - Neighbourhood Action Partnership - TTC Meeting
December 10 - Toronto Zoo Management Board Meeting
December 10 - Maplewood High School Christmas Luncheon
December 10 - Neighbourhood Action Partnership: Building Committee Meeting
December 11 - 43 Police Division Meeting
December 12 - 43 Division Toy Delivery to Children in Shelters
December 12 - Guildwood Village Candy Cane Hunt and Food Drive
December 14 - Budget Review Meeting
December 14 - Toronto Public Library Meeting
December 14 - Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
December 15 - Budget Review Meeting
December 16- Neighbourhood Action Partnership: Safety Committee Meeting
December 16 - Guild Park Advisory Group Meeting
December 17 - Budget Review Meeting
December 18 - Budget Review Meeting
December 24 - Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 31 - New Years Eve

2. Seven Oaks

Town Hall meeting: The meeting took place on **November 5th, 2009** at St. Edmund Campion Catholic School. There were a number of topics discussed relevant to the community. Included was a former grow-op which has been sitting vacant, the work on Neilson Rd, and also an influx of school buses short-cutting through the community to get to Ellesmere Rd, using the Military Trail ravine.

Safety Street Audit: Together with area residents, TCHC staff, and the Toronto Police Services we conducted a safety community audit in Mornelle Court on Monday November 2. A list of items were documented which are in need of improvement to ensure safety for the community. City staff have the list in hand and are taking steps to ensure everything is addressed and completed. Thank you to all who attended the community audit. If you have any concerns in your community please contact me at 416-396-7222.

Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club Grand Opening: The October 17th grand opening was very well attended. Over 200 participants partook in the celebration. If you are interested in enrolling in winter tennis or curling please visit the club's website at: www.tamheather.ca or call: (416) 284-9251. Tam Heather is a city owned facility located at 730 Military Trail.

School Walking Club: hats off to the Mornelle Court Residents Coalition who has taken the positive first steps in organizing a parent/teacher walking club. So far 26 parents have signed on as volunteers. I was able to play my part and get some safety vests for parents to wear to ensure they are visible to the children under their care, and others in the community.

3. Curran Hall Community

Beautification Project for the Curran Hall Community: I have been working to bring a beautification project to the community to enhance the entrance point from Lawrence Avenue and Orton Park Road. Details of the design will be forthcoming with a late spring implementation. I have brought similar projects to Ward 43 with the installation of planters on Guildwood Parkway, installation of a community garden at the old water tower site and beautifying the 4040 Lawrence Avenue Storefront building along with several murals in the Ward.

Safety audit: was conducted for the Curran Hall Community on October 22nd. Community Police Liaison Const. Bill Campbell and Const. Dave Gray attended the walk with residents along Orton Park Road.

Winterfest: a date for the event has been set for Saturday January 23, 2010 at Botany Hill Park commencing at 11am. Mark your calendars as your Curran Hall Community Association together with several agencies including my office and the office of Minister Margaret Best are working together to bring this event to the community.

New Development at Brimorton Road and Orton Park Drive has been moving quickly to complete the new addition to the Curran Hall. I am confident that your new neighbours will be proud to be part of the community.

4. Coronation and West Hill Community

Dilapidated Properties: have recently been cleaned by the City of Toronto's Municipal Licensing Standards Division. The property owners were advised and given notice to clean the properties, they unfortunately did not. The City cut the grass, removed garbage, and cleared the properties of some other issues. The fees for this work are placed on the property owners property tax bill.

Replacement of light standards on pathway between Kitchener Rd. and Poplar Rd.: Last spring Toronto Hydro advised me that the light standards (hydro poles) on this path would be replaced as the current streetlights are difficult to repair as per their height and the narrowness of the pathway therefore, the existing poles will be removed and replaced with shorter poles and brackets. This will enable Hydro crews to easily access the streetlight fixtures by ladder for any future repairs. This replacement will be expensed through the Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. - Street Lighting Division.

5. Cedar Ridge Community

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre: is pleased to present several events

CEDAR RIDGE CREATIVE CENTRE – 225 Confederation Drive 416-396-4026 crcc@toronto.ca
Cedar Ridge Gallery Hours: Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Thurs.-Sun.: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Needle Felt a Snowman - For those with some previous needle felting experience. In this class you will be making a small (about 6" high) snowman that can be used as an ornament or part of a

centrepiece. Create your own version - smiling or sad, plump or skinny, even partially melted. Material fee of \$12 (paid directly to instructor), including needles and all materials. Instructor: Denise Powell/Day/Time: Thursday, December 3 from 7 pm - 9 pm/Cost: \$20 + kit fee of \$12

I-cord Decorated Mittens - Learn to knit your own mittens in three two-hour sessions. The first session will focus on casting on and following the pattern. The second session will be spent making the thumb. During the third session, you will work on I-cord finishing and embellishments. The instructor will provide kits for approx \$14. Please bring the following materials: 100 gr. wool main colour - DK weight, contrast colour wool for the I-cord - approx. 25-30 gr., double pointed needles size 8 US (5mm) or circular needles size 8US (5mm) 24" long, and stitch markers (optional). Instructor: Cristina Simionovici/Day/Time: Thursday, January 21, 28 & February 4 from 7 pm - 9 pm/Cost: \$35 + kit fee of \$14

Drypoint - This two-day 12 hour workshop is designed as an introduction to drypoint. Participants will learn about drypoint through observation and hands on experimentation. There will be the opportunity to look at the work of other artists famous for drypoint including Rembrandt and Picasso. In this workshop, participants will create a black and white drypoint using oil based ink. On the second day, participants may work more on their first plate, or if interested, they are invited to explore the coloured drypoint - a technique with many possibilities. Each participant work will be printed using an etching press. There will be a \$40 supply fee to be paid directly to the instructor, in addition to the course fee. Participants should bring: An apron, if desired. Image ideas. It is recommended that participants start with a simple image. The image should be 6" x 6".

Sketch book, note pad, pen, eraser and pencil. Instructor: Liz Menard/Day/Time: Sunday, January 24 & 31 from 10 am - 4 pm/Cost: \$65 + supply fee of \$40

6. Cornell Community

Community Association Meeting: On November 17, 2009 I held a community meeting to discuss the formation of a community association. The desire to form an association was brought to my attention by residents during the spring and confirmed during my June BBQ in the community when residents were asked if they were interested in pursuing it's formation. It was decided that a Special Events Committee be formed at this time with a meeting to be held on January 25 at Cornell Public School @ 7p.m. The meeting is open to all residents.

No Heavy Trucks Request: The City of Toronto's Transportation Division has received requests for "no heavy trucks" for the whole length of Confederation Drive from Greencrest Circuit east to Scarborough Golf Club Road. The by-law was tentatively approved at Scarborough Community Council, and should be dealt with at Toronto City Council on November 30.

7. Guildwood Village

Guildwood Parkway Beautification: to keep your tax dollars in your community I requested the installation of street planters at the intersection of Livingston Rd and Guildwood Parkway. The funds used for this project are part of the clean and beautiful program available to all wards across the City. Funds are set aside for all wards for enhancement projects, if the funds are not used in one ward they are transferred to another. The Guildwood Pkwy project is one of many which have been implemented in Ward 43 in the last 3 years.

Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project: The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will be finishing the construction for the this project towards Morningside Avenue, weather permitting. A notice was sent to the Guildwood Community Association and will be available on my website.

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Please be advised that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is preparing to re-commence construction of the “Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project”.

The Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project was approved under the Environmental Assessment Act in 2004 through successful completion of the *Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects*, with all approvals for construction received in 2006.

The current phase of work involves raising the elevation of the revetment to the east of the Guild Inn access road, which was partially completed in the fall of 2006. Due to fiscal constraints, the remaining shoreline protection features will be completed in subsequent years as funding becomes available.

Construction will be limited to the east of the Guild Inn access road throughout the month of November. During this time the Guild Inn access road will remain open and the public will be permitted to access the shoreline to the west of the Guild Inn. Public access to the east of the Guild Inn access road will be permitted after 5:00 pm daily and on weekends.

For more information on the Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project please contact:
Mark Preston, Senior Construction Supervisor, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Phone: 416-392-9722, Email: mpreston@trca.on.ca

8. The Residents Rising Community Association

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.

On Tuesday November 25 the Action for Neighbourhood Change hosted a Community Speaks at 4100 Lawrence Avenue east to get feedback from residents on a host of programs, as well as any concerns in the community. It was very well attended and my hat goes off in appreciation to all of the organizers, and the participants from the neighbourhood.

9. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition

Safety Walk: was attended by residents, Toronto Police Services and the Toronto Community Housing Corporation. A number of safety issues were listed and are currently being addressed. This community audit brought to light for the residents of Mornelle Court that we are to work together to make the community self sustainable and proud. The residents of the community are wonderful people with the desire to make their area a neighbourhood which is welcoming and safe. I feel very fortunate to be working with such a great group of people.

Community Garden: Live Toronto have granted funds to four highrises in our community which include 90 and 110 Mornelle. The Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition has started a garden club and is working with Live Green Toronto, TCHC and City Staff as well as my office for the creation of the community Garden.

Walk to School Safety Program: began on Monday November 30 with many participants. Community parents have volunteered their time to walk area children to school. Our Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition is working hard for the community and have developed a great group of residents working for the common goal to better the community. I have very much enjoyed working with and for the Mornelle Community.

The Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition is working diligently to reach out to the community. They held their first Community Speak to identify the needs of the community on Friday June 19, 2009 at Military Trail Public School. Many residents attended the evening and shared their hopes for the community. The Coalitions mission: "Is to improve the overall quality of life for residents of the Mornelle Court community by working together to achieve and bring forth change. We are dedicated to improving the health, welfare and safety of our neighbourhood and building a community for both young and old to play, work and grow. Together we can beautify our community and make a difference by providing resources and information that will be vital in building a secure, peaceful and flourishing neighbourhood." If you would like to get involved please contact: Rebecca at: 416-531-6235, Kiran at: 416-924-4640, ext. 2985 or Patrick at: 647-232-8155

10. Community Meetings and Events

- Dec. 5th – BMO Guildwood Village Branch Grand Opening 99 Guildwood Pkwy.
Dec. 12th - Candy Cane Hunt and Food Drive At Guild Inn Gardens 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Dec. 12th – A Christmas Carol presented by CBC Radio and Holy Trinity Church,
Guildwood @ Scarborough Bluffs United Church 3739 Kingston St.
tickets are \$20 to order call 416-464-9671
Dec. 12th- 41, 42, 43 Toronto Police Auxiliary Officers Annual Toy Drive
Jan. 9th - Councillor Paul Ainslie's Annual New Year's Levee at Cedar Ridge CC
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Jan. 23rd - Winter Fest At Botany Hill Park and Curran Hall CC 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

11. City of Toronto Council Highlights

Towers proposal in Don Mills: Council decided not to approve a proposal by developer Cadillac Fairview that included a series of residential towers as tall as 26 storeys on a Don Mills site that is zoned for a maximum height of eight storeys. City staff were instructed to continue discussions with the developer. On the related subject of a future community centre for that Don Mills neighbourhood, Council indicated that its preference is a combined community centre and twin-pad arena rather than a stand-alone community centre.

Queen's Quay redevelopment: Council approved two waterfront area environmental assessments that were conducted as a step in the planned redevelopment of Queen's Quay on the waterfront from Spadina Avenue to Parliament Street. The Queen's Quay project as envisioned will convert the two travel lanes north of the existing TTC median to a single lane in each direction. The current south lanes and sidewalk will be used to extend the Martin Goodman Trail through the corridor and to establish a more extensive pedestrian promenade.

Funding to move Transit City along: Council decided to increase the City's 2009-2013 capital budget by \$134.5 million to continue work on the priority Transit City lines. Most of the funding will come from the Ontario government through Metrolinx. In addition, Council authorized the City to enter into an agreement with Metrolinx and the Toronto Transit Commission for interim funding to cover implementation of components of the Sheppard East LRT, Finch West LRT, Eglinton Crosstown LRT and Scarborough RT projects.

Film and television industry: Council directed the City's film commissioner to thank the Government of Ontario for its actions to help secure screen-based industries in Toronto and Ontario. Council also decided to ask the province to work with the Toronto Film Board and Film Ontario to work out a mechanism that will financially support the development of new sound stages as part of the film industry's infrastructure in Toronto.

Grass for BMO Field: Council approved a letter of intent that will allow Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment to replace the artificial turf at BMO Field (soccer stadium at Exhibition Place) with natural grass, making it more viable for professional soccer games. The arrangement is to include relocation of the winter bubble from BMO Field to Allan Lamport Stadium so that facility can be used by the community year round. In addition, Council endorsed an agreement for the installation of artificial turf at Lakeshore Collegiate or another site in the area (Ward 6).

Appointment of new Poet Laureate for Toronto: Council approved the appointment of Toronto poet and novelist Dionne Brand as Toronto's third Poet Laureate. Dionne Brand will serve for three years as Toronto's literary ambassador, championing local literary arts.

Street parking for car-share vehicles: Council supported the establishment of a new class of parking permit for car-share organizations, with a fee of \$200 a year for each permit giving the operator dedicated parking spots. The City will work with local car-share organizations Zipcar and AutoShare in a new pilot project to identify other potential on-street parking opportunities throughout Toronto.

12. H1N1 from Toronto Public Health

Please check the public health website for information on when the vaccine will be available to the general public at: <http://www.toronto.ca/health/>

What you need to know before receiving the H1N1 Flu Vaccine

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is a respiratory infection that is caused by a virus. The H1N1 flu virus is new, so people have little or no natural immunity to it. The H1N1 flu virus spread quickly around the world and in June 2009, the World Health Organization declared an influenza pandemic.

The flu is transmitted from person to person via the respiratory route. Coughs and sneezes release the germs into the air where they can be breathed in by others. Germs can also rest on hard surfaces like counters and doorknobs, where they can be picked up on hands and transmitted to the respiratory system when someone touches their mouth and/or nose.

Symptoms almost always include the sudden onset of cough and fever, commonly include fatigue, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, runny nose and decreased appetite, and sometimes include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. People of any age can get the flu. Most people are sick for two to seven days, although the cough may last for weeks. The flu can sometimes lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, hospitalization, and even death.

Groups at risk of complications from the H1N1 flu virus include children under five years of age, especially those less than two years old; women who are pregnant; and people with chronic conditions such as heart/liver/kidney disease, blood disorders, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma, chronic lung disease, people with compromised immune systems, and those with neurological disorders.

13. 2010 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan

Submit a written presentation concerning the 2010 Capital Budget to:

Budget Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto City Hall
10th Floor, West Tower
Toronto, On M5H 2N2
Fax: 416-392-1879 E-mail: buc@toronto.ca

3. Send a letter or e-mail to your local City Councillor

For information on how to contact your City Councillor, please call 3-1-1, e-mail 311@toronto.ca or visit <http://www.toronto.ca> TTY: 416-338-OTTY (0889)

For more information about the City Budget and the 2010 budget process, please visit the website <http://www.toronto.ca>

Toronto City Council will consider the Capital Budget at its meeting on December 8, 2009.

The 2010 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan was introduced by City staff at a meeting of Toronto's Budget Committee. The proposal intends to increase job creation and maintain the City's infrastructure by moving more capital spending into the first five years of the plan. The 2010 capital budget and 10-year capital plan introduced today totals over \$16 billion with \$2.4 billion earmarked for 2010 and over \$2.5 billion budgeted for each of 2011 and 2012. The City's total capital budget plan, including Water and Waste Management is \$25.7 billion over the next 10 years.

The proposed budget and plan includes funding for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the City's major infrastructure such as transit, roads and bridges, police stations and emergency communications systems. The capital budget also funds ongoing environmental initiatives, improvements to the waterfront and Toronto's many parks, trails, libraries and community centres. Maintaining the City's assets is an important component of the capital plan. Over the next 10 years the City will spend \$9.9 billion - more than 60 per cent of all capital spending - to maintain the City's existing assets.

More than 50 per cent of the City's 2010 capital budget and 10-year plan (over \$8.7 billion) will go towards the infrastructure required for the operation, maintenance and expansion of the TTC. The proposed capital budget will pay the cost of major infrastructure for the TTC, including new streetcars. In total, the 10-year capital plan sets aside over \$11.7 billion for transportation in Toronto (including TTC) - more than 70 per cent of the total capital budget.

The City and Federal governments recently announced funding for more than 500 infrastructure projects that will begin construction across Toronto as soon as possible, including upgrades to roads, water and sewage infrastructure, public transit, municipal buildings, community centres, and cultural facilities. More than half a billion dollars will be invested, with the Federal Government contributing about \$200 million through the federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, and the City providing the remaining two-thirds of the cost.

In addition, the City and the Provincial governments recently announced \$80 million in funding for more than 100 projects through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIc) and the Ontario Recreation Program. Approximately \$40 million of the projects funding comes from the City with the remainder being funded by the Federal and Ontario governments.

To meet the requirements of stimulus funding from the Federal and Provincial governments, and meet the needs of the TTC, Council approved the acceleration of capital budget investments in 2010 and 2011 and therefore the capital budgets for the next two years will increase.

Details on the partnership funding for these programs and the need to accelerate capital investments and information on the specific projects can be viewed in the report that was approved by Council at its meeting last September: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cc/bgrd/cc40.10.pdf>

A web based map with all of the projects can be viewed at: http://www.toronto.ca/stimulus_fund

The capital budget addresses several categories of funding. In total, the capital budget plan proposed today dedicates 61 per cent to funding the maintenance of City assets, 24.5 per cent to projects to meet the demands of growth and 9.8 per cent to enhance existing programs, with the balance going to meet the needs of health and safety or legislated requirements.

To accelerate capital plan spending in the next five years; the City will accelerate borrowing during this period. In accordance with the City's Long-Term Fiscal Plan Toronto City Council has established an affordability guideline that limits the City's debt (including principal and interest) to 15 per cent of the property tax revenues forecast for any given 10-year plan period. The City's current tax supported debt is approximately \$2.4 billion to the end of 2009.

To properly fund the capital needs of the City needs of the next five years, meet affordability guidelines, protect the City's excellent credit rating and take advantage of the very low interest rates now available for longer-term loans, the City will refinance parts of its current and future debt by paying down existing debt, and borrowing funds for selected projects on 30-year terms as opposed to the current 10-year term. The 30-year debt will be used to finance long term assets such as subway tunnels and subway

cars. This means that the period of time for which money is borrowed will more closely match the life span of the infrastructure being built or purchased.

Municipalities can only borrow money to pay for capital projects - not day-to-day operating expenses.

At present, the City borrows money for shorter terms meaning that higher re-payments are made in shorter periods for major infrastructure which has a much longer life span than the term of the loan. Moving to this financing strategy for some of the City's borrowing needs will also help manage the pressures of debt repayment on the annual property tax base. Repayment of principal and interest on the City's debt continues to be the second highest expense on the annual property tax bill. Lowering the annual debt payments, and spreading them out over a longer period, will allow the City to direct more property tax dollars to services each year and less to debt repayment. To implement this approach the City will use the proceeds of the Toronto Hydro promissory note, which had been dedicated to two specific areas of investment (Spadina subway and Waterfront development), and pay down approximately \$600 million of existing debt. The projects previously funded from this reserve will be refinanced for that amount over a 30-year period and only when the funds are actually required.

In their remarks at Budget Committee today, both Mayor Miller and Councillor Carroll spoke about the importance of the continued partnership with both the Federal and Provincial governments that is required for the City of Toronto, and all Cities in Canada, to succeed. Councillor Carroll recently appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance pre-budget consultations in Toronto and detailed a series of recommendations that will assist the federal government in preparing the next budget. Read the full presentation here:

<http://wi.toronto.ca/inter/city/newsrel.nsf/d632920b56e322cb85256dad00585dad/dfd7106884cdbff98525765800738d3e?OpenDocument>

The City has both a capital and operating budget. The capital budget funds major infrastructure and the operating budget pays the day-to-day operating costs for City services such as police, fire, emergency medical services, employment and social service programs, libraries, transit, and includes costs such as wages, fuel, hydro, supplies, etc. The operating budget will be considered beginning in February, 2010. The presentation made today at Budget Committee can be viewed at

<http://www.toronto.ca/budget2010>

14. Olympic Flame

Scarborough native Vicky Sunohara has been chosen to bear the Olympic Torch on **December 17 to the Nathan Philips Square podium.**

Vicky Sunohara is a three time Olympic medalist, with two gold medal wins: one in Salt Lake City and one in Torino, along with a silver win at the Nagano Games.

The Scarborough Walk of fame honoured her as an inductee in 2006.

15. TTC Scarborough Malvern LRT Proposal

A flyer was distributed in the community this month advising residents that: The Toronto Transit Commission has plans to construct a Light Rail Transit line on Kingston Road and has completed an

Environmental Project Report.

The report is now ready to view and receive public comment. All comments were due by November 18, 2009. I sent out a flyer residents and business to comment on the proposal.

TTC Notice: Scarborough Malvern Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. **City Clerks Office Toronto City Hall** 100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor West Tower 416-392-8032, **Guildwood Library** 123 Guildwood Parkway, 416-396-8872

Highland Creek, 3550 Ellesmere Road, 416-396-8876, **Kennedy/Eglinton Library**, Liberty Square Plaza 2380 Eglinton Avenue East, 416-396-8924 **Malvern Library**,

30 Sewells Road, 416-396-8969 **Morningside Library**, 4279 Lawrence Avenue East, 416-396-8881

TTC Office, 5160 Yonge Street (adjacent to North York Civic Centre)

6th Floor, 416-393-3911, **Central Region Ministry of the Environment** 5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor North York, ON M2M 4J1 416-326-6700 Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, **Environmental**

Assessment & Approvals Branch Ministry of the Environment 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A Toronto, ON M4V 1L5 416-314-8001 or 1-800-461-6290 Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Transit Project Overview

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the City of Toronto have completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the fifteen kilometre Scarborough Malvern Light Rail Transit (LRT) which would connect Kennedy Subway Station with north-eastern Scarborough. The Scarborough Malvern LRT would begin at Kennedy Subway Station, travel east along Eglinton Avenue to Kingston Road, connect with the new Kingston Road Transit Improvement Study area, and turn north-east on Kingston Road to Morningside Avenue. It would proceed north on Morningside Avenue – crossing Highland Creek on a new LRT only structure adjacent to the existing bridge – to the University of Toronto (Scarborough Campus) via Ellesmere Road and Military Trail and continue north on Morningside Avenue to Sheppard Avenue East. At that point it would connect with the Sheppard Avenue East LRT. The Kennedy Subway Station redesign study will be the subject of a separate report. The Scarborough Malvern LRT would provide modern, accessible, comfortable light rail transit service along three of Scarborough's major roads, serving the adjacent residential and business communities and major institutions including the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus and Centennial College Ellesmere Campus.

The Process

The Scarborough Malvern LRT Environmental Project Report was completed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings. Its environmental impact was assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process. The EPR will be available for review starting on October 19, 2009 for a 30 day review period on the project website (toronto.ca/transitcity see: Scarb. Malvern LRT) and at the locations listed below. The Minister of the Environment has authority to require further consideration of the transit project, or to impose conditions on it if the Minister is of the opinion that: importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or Aboriginal or treaty right. Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project received within 30 days after the Notice of Completion is published. Interested persons are encouraged to review the EPR and provide comments by November 18, 2009. Comments or concerns should be directed to the project contacts listed below. If you have unresolved concerns, you may submit an objection to this transit project to the Minister of the Environment no later than **November 18, 2009**:

Honourable John Gerretsen 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor, Toronto, ON, M4V 1P5
minister.moe@ontario.ca A copy of your objection should also be copied to the TTC project manager.
Locations for 30-day Review Period If you would like to provide comments or obtain more information, please contact:

Public Consultation Unit,
Scarborough Malvern LRT
City of Toronto, Metro Hall, 19th Floor
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16. Community Bus

A Community Bus Committee was struck last fall to open the discussion on requesting a community bus for under-serviced areas. The membership made up of community association members, the East Scarborough Storefront and Maseryk Town decided to move ahead with a campaign. The responses were very favourable and presented to the Toronto Transit Commission Board Meeting on September 24, 2009 where they were received and delegated to staff to report back to the Commission in 2010. An opportunity to speak as a deputant on the report will be given at this time. I would like to congratulate the Committee as we have carried our request to this stage.

We will continue to collect input from the community with a second request for comments.

17. Morningside Park Committee

Morningside Park: I have met with Parks Forestry and Recreation Staff to commence the formation of a committee for Morningside Park. As one of the biggest parks in the city I believe we are not using it to its potential. Several community members have come forward interested in joining the committee. An invitation to join will also be extended to Live Green Toronto, University of Toronto, and Centennial College. If you have any suggestions for the park please forward them to me at Councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca with the subject matter: Morningside Park.

18. Toronto Hydro Anemometer

There has been an abundance of media surrounding wind turbines in the recent weeks, as well as an editorial letter in the Toronto Star on November 5:
<http://www.thestar.com/comment/article/721300>, if you would like to comment on the editorial you may send your comments to lettertoed@thestar.ca.

On October 15, I also sent a release upon receiving notice that Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. has received the final approval they required from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to build a wind research platform (anemometer) in Lake Ontario.

News Release: Wind Testing to Go Ahead Despite Opposition from Councillor Paul Ainslie & Community Members

Scarborough East - Councillor Paul Ainslie (Ward 43 Scarborough East) today received word that Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. has received the final approval they required from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to build a wind research platform (anemometer) in Lake Ontario, approximately 1.2 km offshore.

Councillor Ainslie has commented that "I am not supporting this project for several reasons. Economically, the project will cost millions of dollars to the taxpayers for very little return. Environmentally, the visual pollution the anemometer will bring to the area will be immense as the purpose for the testing if positive will be to introduce over 60 wind turbines to the Lake Ontario bed at the foot of the Scarborough Bluffs".

"It is simply a bad project to be off the Scarborough Bluffs". Councillor Ainslie added.

Councillor Ainslie has had continuous contact with the community directly effected by the proposal as well as an ongoing dialogue with the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources, Toronto Hydro, local MPP the Hon. Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion and the Hon. MPP George Smitherman, Deputy Premier, Minister of Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to express his disapproval of the wind anemometer installation and has advised them that the Scarborough Bluffs is not the proper location for the possibility of the installation of wind turbines.

Early this week Councillor Ainslie together with Councillor Brian Ashton and Councillor Ron Moeser agreed to request that Dr. David McKeown, City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto prepare a study, and report on any potential negative health impacts wind turbines may have on communities and their respective surrounding ecological system.

Letter to Dr. McKeown:

October 19, 2009

In October of this year the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources granted Toronto Hydro permission to proceed with the installation of wind testing anemometer in Lake Ontario off the Scarborough Bluffs.

During this time the Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment for Ontario, officially denied a 6 Part II orders (bump up requests) for an individual environmental assessment for this proposed offshore anemometer. In an effort to protect the community a request was made to the Minister of Environment to conduct an environmental assessment on any possible negative health effects wind turbines could contribute; specifically what could take place if a number of wind turbines were installed in close proximity to a community.

This request was denied as the application from Toronto Hydro was not for the implementation of wind turbines, but for the installation of a wind anemometer. If the testing is agreeable then Toronto Hydro may apply to install wind turbines in the bed of Lake Ontario.

I, along with Councillor Brian Ashton and Councillor Ron Moeser, would like to request that you, in your capacity as the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto prepare a study, and report on any potential negative health impacts wind turbines may have on our communities and their respective surrounding ecological system.

The potential impact area of the wind turbines could influence health conditions for residents in all three of our Wards. The impacted area sits on top of the Scarborough Bluffs where up to 12,000 residential homes are situated. Within this community are also situated schools of every educational level from preschool to college, as well as homes for the aged and daycares.

Natural attributes such as the Scarborough Bluffs, Lake Ontario, and a Carolinian forest which supports a natural area described on the Environment Canada website as "an ecosystems found nowhere else in Canada, along with levels of biological diversity unsurpassed elsewhere in the province and possibly the nation".

Few health studies are available concerning wind turbines and their impact on populated areas. As the provincial government moves swiftly to implement the Green Energy Act, the undersigned three City of Toronto Councillors, along with the residents of our communities respectfully request our health not be taken for granted, but be taken into consideration.

19. Girl Impact Presentation at Scarborough Community Council

On Tuesday November 10, 2009 Principal Wendy Blain from Maplewood High School , along with two students from a group of female students chosen from Scarborough area high schools, told of a very exciting experiences from their trip along with 9 other Toronto girls who recently visited Africa.

Their blog containing their daily journals and experiences may be viewed at www.girlimpact.org.

20. New City website gives public access to City data

The City of Toronto's new open data website, www.toronto.ca/open Open TO initiative. This website will enable the public to access and download City of Toronto data more easily, allowing it to be used freely by the public in a number of ways, including research or the development of new applications.

Prior to launching the open data website the most common types of information requested from the City were for map data, client services, performance of service and events data. The launch of the open data website now means that datasets for apartment standards, the Toronto Address Repository, festivals and events, TTC route schedules, child care centres and a number of GIS map layers (e.g., Transit City, food banks, parks and Business Improvement Areas) will now be easier for the public to

access. More datasets will become available in the future. Each new dataset will be reviewed to ensure that the privacy of the public is protected.

The City's venture into open data goes beyond just posting datasets. Public engagement is vital to the success of the information exchange between the City and dataset users. The City wants to hear from users about the types of data they wish to see posted in the future and how the data could be made more useful.

Although there are no restrictions with obtaining or using the data, the City does have some terms of use by which users should abide. Where appropriate, users should credit the City of the uses of the datasets. Users should not wrongfully claim copyright or other proprietary interest in the datasets.

For more information on the City of Toronto's open data website visit <http://www.toronto.ca/open>

21. Heron Park Community Recreation Centre – Public Skating

Public Skate (all ages)	FREE	Sat 7:30-9pm	Sun 2:30-4pm
Parent & Tot Skate	FREE	Mon, Wed, Fri	9:30-10:30am
Older Adult Skate	FREE	Mon, Wed, Fri	10:30-11:30am
		Tues & Thurs	9:30-11:30am

22. Supporting our Troops In Afghanistan

The Toronto Police Services 43 Division in conjunction with 33 and 51 Divisions are collecting parcels for our troops overseas and who are currently serving in Afghanistan. If you know anyone on a tour, you could just bring the package to 43 Division and we have it mailed out at no cost to you. Otherwise, you could put together a general package and it will go to the members of Royal Canadian Dragoons and their support soldiers in Afghanistan.

Please keep in mind that for our family and friends overseas it's the thought that counts and every little piece of mail brings a little piece of home closer to them. I know how much these packages are appreciated and really hope we can make this happen.

If you would like to contribute, please do the following: - Place items listed below into a shoe box - Mark your return address on the inside and outside of the box - Seal it and attach a list of contents to the top (required for customs)

If the package is put together for a male or female soldier specifically, please indicate so on the outside

The goal is to have the packages out by mid November, to make sure troops get them by Christmas. That being said, there is no actual deadline and we can send out parcels all year round.

If you're unable to put a parcel together but would still like to contribute, you can bring loose items and place them into a box, which will be set up at the front counter of the station. Even the donation of one or two of the following items will be appreciated.

Also feel free to drop in Christmas cards (signed) and notes, to make

The Best Items To Include In Military Care Packages:

Hand & face wipes - #1 ITEM!!!, Lysol wipe, Deodorant, Shower to Shower body powder, Jelly beans, Disposable camera, Rice Krispie treats, Altoids/mints, Beef jerky, Snack mixes, Sunflower seeds

Chewing gum, Nuts, Ziploc bags, Coffee, Gatorade, Jaw breakers

Poker game, Playing cards, Dice, Footbag/hacky-sack, Toothbrushes & toothpaste,

Inflatable pillow, Cookies in individual packages (Big bags often fill with dust if not eaten right away.) , Dominoes, Canned food items, Pringles chips, Individually-wrapped licorice, Microwave popcorn

Disposable shower towels , Cereal bars/granola bars , Hot cocoa mix

Soup mix , M&M's (plain or peanut), DVD's , Newspapers , Magazines

AA batteries, D batteries, Air fresheners (...like stick-ups, F'breze.)

Canned air to blow dust out of electronics, Stress relief squeeze balls

Sewing kit , Poker chips, Board games, Razors, Ink pens, Word Puzzle books, Icy/hot patches, Air activated heat wraps for sore muscles

Foot massager, Foot powder, Vitamins, Paperback books

23. Historical exhibit frames Toronto's oldest neighbourhood

In celebration of Toronto's 175th anniversary, the City of Toronto's Market Gallery presents a special exhibition focussing on the history of its original neighbourhood. The St. Lawrence Ward: A Pictorial View of Toronto's Oldest Neighbourhood opens on November 14, 2009 and runs until March 13, 2010. Maps, photographs and art will provide a pictorial essay illustrating the architecture, economic development and political life of this area.

The history of this neighbourhood dates back to 1793 when land purchased from the native people was settled by the British and named the Town of York. From the original 10 blocks including today's Front Street East, King Street East, Jarvis Street, The Esplanade and George Street, the St. Lawrence neighbourhood is today known for its thriving market, cultural attractions and 19th century architectural landmarks such as St. Lawrence Hall. Wharfs, railway tracks and muddy streets once claimed this area which later developed into a major industrial area of warehouses by the early twentieth century.

Showcased in this exhibit are early views such as Fish Market, Toronto (1840-42) by William Bartlett, Goad's insurance atlases from the late 1800s documenting buildings, and photographs of King Street East in the 1870s when it was Toronto's main shopping street.

The Market Gallery is a program of Toronto Cultural Services and presents changing exhibitions dedicated to Toronto's art, culture and history and offers educational programs for school groups and

adults. Located in Toronto's oldest neighbourhood, the main gallery occupies the 19th century city council chamber - which is all that remains from the City Hall that stood on this site from 1845-1899.

Admission is free. The Market Gallery is located on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday and holidays.

For more information on museums and art centres in the City's Cultural Services, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/culture>.

24. Tenant Information

As the weather has started to cool I have been receiving calls from residents regarding tenant landlord matters specifically when the heat is to be turned on. The landlord is to provide heat to a dwelling unit that is rented or leased and that is normally heated at the landlord's expense so that a minimum air temperature of 21 degrees Celsius is maintained in all areas of the dwelling unit from the 15th day of September in each year to the 1st day of June in the following year.

If you have any concerns on this matter or other Municipal Standard issues with your high-rise building please dial 311 to be put forward to the Inspections - Apartment Standards Division. You may also email at 311@toronto.ca. You may also visit the apartment Standards webpage: <http://www.toronto.ca/apartmentstandards/faq.htm>

What is the ML&S Apartment Standards Web Disclosure?

The City of Toronto has developed a Web site to facilitate public access to information pertaining to property standards orders issued by the Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) Division. This disclosure also includes by-law and inspection information as well as deficiency details and order status with respect to multi-residential rental apartment buildings within the City of Toronto. However, no personal information about individuals (owners, tenants or complainants) will be disclosed.

25. Quote du Mois

"Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success". **Stephen A. Brennan.**

26. Websites for Community Use

www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsml/ (sign up for your community reports)

www.222tips.com

www.ourkgocommunity.com

www.toronto.ca/city-update

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>

www.seetorontonow.com/

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/pro_march_break.jsp

www.sportacularevent.com/leaside-GHL_2009.php

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/marchbreak.htm

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

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

www.ago.net/gallery-school

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

www.starfall.com/

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