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Dear Residents of Ward 43,

The new term of council has proven to be very busy. We have been focused on the budget, looking for savings in each division in order to ensure tax dollars are spent responsibly without having to increase property taxes. I hope you had an opportunity to attend the budget consultation meeting at the Scarborough Civic Centre. If you did not you can make your voice heard as the budget will be finalized by end February 2011; my website [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com), has all the required links regarding the 2011 budget. This outreach to constituents is a format which I have always believed in and is one of the reasons why I host a number of town hall meetings in Ward 43.

Council addressed many issues which were important to constituents including the wiping out of the Personal Vehicle Registration tax with a vote of 39-3. This was one user fee which I never supported; residents repeatedly brought their discontent surrounding this tax when I visited them at their door this past Fall. City Council has also: eliminated snacks and drinks at all committee meetings, reduced Councillor office budgets from \$50,000 to \$30,000 with a vote of 40-5, new rules will also be put into place to govern how these funds can be spent, as the budget is to be used to communicate with constituents. City Council also voted to recognize the TTC as an essential service, this measure is now with the province for direction.

I am enjoying taking on the responsibilities assigned to me in the capacity of Chair of Scarborough Community Council and Chair of the Government Management Committee. This past months Government Management agenda held many important items. One measure I will strive for as Chair is transparency and accountability, for this reason I will not be excepting agenda item walk-ons, as they do not allow for the appropriate investigation by City staff or the public. Last month's meeting did grab some media attention when a Councillor requested a walk-on and was denied.

February is shaping up to be another busy month. Don't forget to enjoy your families on both Valentine and Family Day.

Your Councillor  
Paul Ainslie  
Ward 43 Scarborough East

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### **1. Scarborough East Community Calendar**

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- February 1, 2011 – Coronation Community Association Meeting  
February 2, 2011 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting  
February 3, 2011 – Community Consultation Meeting fro 4121 Lawrence Ave. East  
February 7, 2011 – City of Toronto Council Meeting  
February 7, 2011 – Ontario Municipal Board Meeting for 4151 Kingston Road  
February 8, 2011 – City of Toronto Council Meeting  
February 8, 2011 – Tenant Meeting - 4301 Kingston Rd. Re: Safety and Security  
February 8, 2011 – Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting  
February 9, 2011 – Scarborough Community Council Agenda Briefing  
February 11, 2011 – Rouge Park Alliance Meeting  
February 14, 2011 – Toronto Zoo Board Meeting  
February 15, 2011 – Constituency Meetings  
February 16, 2011 – Scarborough Community Council  
February 17, 2011 – Executive Committee Meeting  
February 17, 2011 – Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting  
February 18, 2011 – Constituency Meetings

February 22, 2011 – Community Speaks Meeting “Lets talk about Jobs”  
February 23, 2011 – City of Toronto Council Meeting  
February 23, 2011 – Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club Board Meeting  
February 24, 2011 – City of Toronto Council Meeting  
February 25, 2011 – City of Toronto Council Meeting  
February 25, 2011 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting  
February 28, 2011 – Toronto City Council Meeting

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## **2. Seven Oaks**

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### **1650mm Trunk Watermain Construction on Neilson Road from Ellesmere Road to Sheppard Avenue West**

On December 15, 2010 the jersey barriers were completely removed and all turn movements are now permitted.

The tunnel section under Highway 401 is now complete. The 1650mm watermain pipe has been installed, and work is now commencing on grouting the annular space between the watermain and tunnel liner with concrete.

In mid January 2011 construction will recommence at the Neilson Road and Ellesmere Road intersection to complete Chamber 16 and the final tie-in to the existing trunk watermain. This work will require Ellesmere Road at Neilson Road to be restricted again to one lane westbound. However, all turn movements will be permitted. This work is estimated to be complete in one month.

Following this activity, there should be only minor interruption to traffic up to about May 2011 when the project is scheduled, to be completed.

Upon completion of the work by the trunk watermain the contractor; and the City Urban Forestry will proceed with the replanting of trees within the boulevard of Neilson Road.

#### **Terry Fox Markers**

For some time Ken Pearson, the lead organizer for the Scarborough Terry Fox Run, has been advocating placing “Terry Fox” markers along the marathon route. I have been supporting Mr. Pearson in his request. This month I along with Mr. Pearson will be bringing this matter to the attention of the Chair of Parks and Environment, Councillor Norm Kelly seeking his support.

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## **3. Curran Hall Community**

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

### **Winterfest 2011**

Congratulations to the Curran Hall Community Association in their success at Winterfest which took place on Saturday January 23. The festival was very well attended, showing much community spirit.

### **Outdoor Skating rink at Botany Hill Park**

Continues to prosper with the support of the residents of Curran Hall who are maintaining the rinks for their community to enjoy. I congratulate this community for their hard work in bringing much joy to the neighbourhood. A special thank you to Brian Macfarlane, President of the Curran Hall Community Association for his energy and devotion.

### **Dog Park at Botany Hill Park**

The dog park has been very well received and maintained. Residents have been very respectful of each other and their dogs on the field.

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

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

### **4121 Lawrence Avenue East Application**

On Thursday February 3, 2011, the City of Toronto Planning Division held a meeting to address the building application for 4121 Lawrence Ave. East. This application proposes to permit the conversion of the second storey of an existing two-storey office building into 10 residential apartment units. The community has not demonstrated any resistance to this application.

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

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### **Cedarbrae Library Opening**

The opening on December 6, 2010, was a huge success, with over 1000 people in attendance. The residents support at the opening was enthusiastic demonstrating to library staff and the board how much the community missed the location. I encourage you to visit the library. This month will feature a special section in celebration of Black History Month.

### **Ball Hockey in Cornell Park**

There has been an increasing interest in ball hockey in this the community. I was approached by the organization in the community which runs the summer ball hockey programs to investigate the possibility of building an outdoor court. Talks have begun with the Parks and Forestry Division to determine if this could be facilitated. A community consultation will take place if the project develops further. I would like to commend the organizers who volunteer their personal time to ensure the youth in their community are kept busy in sport, this action benefits all of us. I look forward to being invited to their first game of the season.

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## **6. Guildwood Village**

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

### **Annual Candy Cane Hunt and Food Drive**

I want to extend a congratulations to Tammy Macklin in all her work in organizing this annual event. The community and myself are encouraged by your volunteerism and community spirit. I have been happy to be a supporter of the annual Candy Cane Hunt and Food Drive.

### **Guild Inn Restoration**

Meetings have been set with the General Manager and Centennial College to discuss the moving forward for Centennials plans to restore the Bickford Property. A new roof was placed on the Bickford residence this past Fall as architect Phil Goldsmith determined that the structure is secure enough to be restored.

### **Guild Inn Park Cultural Precinct**

The City continues to make plans for the realization of a cultural precinct at the Guild. This past summer Cultural Services issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) to assess the interest level and needs of artists and not-for-profit organizations in operating collective art studio space at the Guild. The response from the craft community was loud and clear. Toronto artists continue to struggle to find affordable space. To enable Toronto's dynamic and burgeoning craft community to find a home in a natural setting on the bluffs and in the expanse of the park would have a positive impact for both artists and the Scarborough community. Through consultation in the fall, the general consensus was to focus on creating studio space for woodwork, jewelry, printmaking, textile and fibre, ceramics and kilncasting. In 2011, the City will issue an RFP to select an architect to design the cultural precinct building and will complete the many studies that are required for approval of the construction project by City Planning.

### **Update on Wind Turbine Application**

Our newly elected Mayor has been fully briefed on the wind turbine application for Lake Ontario off the Scarborough Bluffs. The briefing included my and the community's opposition to the project and outlined the work which my office and the community has done over the last few years. I have also corresponded with Anthony Haines, President and Chief Executive Officer of Toronto Hydro, requesting that Toronto Hydro announce the proposal has been withdrawn as the provincial mandated for a 5 kilometer set back would not allow for the installation of wind turbines at this location as the bed drops off after 4 kilometers at this location. I also requested that the anemometer be removed from the Lake. Dialogue has been positive and I look forward to bringing good news to end this proposal shortly.

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

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### **Residents Rising in Action**

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.

### **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 647-347-2342.

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

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**The Mornelle Community is constantly on the go! The volunteers who have emerged are completely dedicated to their community and deserve a great amount of respect. Thank you for all your work!**

### **Homework Club**

Will start on Wed Feb 11, 2011, at 90 Mornelle operating from 3:30 – 6:00 pm on Mon, Wed, Fri. The program will include: snack, homework session and time to play. A special thank you to the University of Toronto for their student volunteers who will participate in the tutoring section of the session, and to Military Trail Public School who will be in full support and work with the program to ensure that the homework lessons are cohesive.

### **March Break**

March 14<sup>th</sup> through to March 18<sup>th</sup>. The week session is free of charge but must be registered for. Special thank you to Parks Forestry and Recreation and the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough for their support. I also am proud to support the March Break program.

### **Monthly Meetings**

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. Next meeting date is Thursday February 17.

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## 9. Tenant Information

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### Lower rents for 25 per cent of Toronto renter households

About a quarter of Toronto tenant households are receiving notices of an automatic rent reduction this week. Tenants should check their daily mail, and act on this valuable information.

Addressed to the “Current Tenant”, clearly marked “Rent Reduction Notice Enclosed”, and in a City of Toronto envelope, these letters contain all the customized information a tenant requires to start paying a lower rent as early as December 31, 2010.

This year, 128,109 Toronto households are eligible for a rent reduction under provincial legislation because the property tax on their buildings has been lowered by more than 2.49 per cent during 2010. This compares to 128,532 in 2009 and 330 in 2008.

Municipalities are required to send notices about the tax decrease and rent reduction to landlords of affected buildings by September 15 and to tenants by December 15. Notices are based on assessment information provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), an independent organization established by the provincial government.

Tenants of buildings with more than six units generally pay about 20 per cent of their rent toward property taxes, so if taxes go down, they are entitled to reduce their rent by 20 per cent of the reduction. For buildings with six or fewer units, the percentage is 15. All rules are established by provincial legislation.

The rent reduction provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act apply only to private rental buildings occupied as residences before November 1, 1991. Newer apartment buildings are not covered. A number of other restrictions apply.

If a household does not receive the rent reduction notice, it is not entitled to automatically reduce the rents. Tenants in buildings with property tax reductions of 2.49 per cent or less may be eligible for a rent reduction if they make an application to the Landlord and Tenant Board. More information: <http://www.toronto.ca/housing>

Tenants can contact 311 with any queries, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Alternatively, tenants can contact the City-funded Tenant Hotline at 416-921-9494.

The Landlord and Tenant Board has a telephone information line (416-645-8080) for inquiries, including those about the rules for calculating rent reductions and for above-guideline rent increase applications, as well as exemptions and rent reduction procedures for people living in

buildings with tax reductions of 2.49 per cent or less. The Board's website is <http://www.ltb.gov.on.ca>.

### **Municipal Standard issues?**

Dial 311 to be put forward to the Inspections - Apartment Standards Division. You may also email at [311@toronto.ca](mailto:311@toronto.ca). You may also visit the apartment Standards webpage: <http://www.toronto.ca/apartmentstandards/faq.htm>

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.

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## **10. Events in the Community**

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### **Saturday February 19 & 26:**

"How to Start a Community Garden course" 4175 Lawrence Ave E Great for residents wanting to start a garden.

### **Tuesday March 15 & Thursday March 31:**

The CONTAINER GARDENING TRAIN THE TRAINER COURSE: Trainer workshop will be held in each of the four Live Green Toronto Regions (North, South, East, and West) between March 15th and 31st, 2011. Participants in the training will be provided with comprehensive resources on ecologically friendly container gardening, and basic training on presentation skills. Participants will also receive 2 TTC tokens and lunch for the day of the training. Each organization will also receive between \$150 and \$250 to be distributed to trainers in order to cover the cost of supplies for their community workshops. These supplies can include pots, soil, plants, and other items that will be detailed in a subsequent letter. Trainers will not receive additional funding for subsequent workshops, so must budget their funds accordingly.

### **Saturday March 12:**

Seedy Saturday from 12-4 pm at Heron Park Community Centre - FREE Gardening workshops, Gardening advice, Environmental groups and City Departments ( perhaps an Apt Greening workshop/) with eco info.(comments on info that would be good would be appreciated)

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## **11. The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG) – Website Launch!**

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### **The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG)**

is pleased to announce the launch of our new website: <http://guildrenaissancgroup.com/>  
The website contains the mission statement, a short history of the Guild Inn, a Gallery of photos, a listing of upcoming events and past newsletters. There is also a page which can be used to contact the Guild Renaissance Group to be added to the mailing list or to simply ask a question or leave a comment or suggestions. Access the website using the link above or "Google" Guild Renaissance Group.

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## **12. Health Arts Society and the City of Toronto launch ArtsWay concerts in Toronto**

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Health Arts Society of Ontario and the City of Toronto launched the ArtsWay series of concerts.

Cast members of Canadian Opera Company's production of Mozart's The Magic Flute performed a 45-minute concert of excerpts from the opera for the benefit of the home's residents, featuring vocalists Simone Osborne and Frederic Antoun, with Canadian Opera Company music director Johannes Debus at the piano. This was the first in a pilot series of 40 Health Arts Society ArtsWay concerts at the City's 10 long-term care homes.

The City of Toronto is Ontario's largest not-for-profit long-term care provider, providing the highest level of care and customer service to approximately 2,600 residents in 10 long-term care homes. Toronto Long-Term Care Homes and Services is committed to ensuring residents' quality of life as it pertains to their physical, psychological and emotional well-being. The division offers a range of arts programs, including art therapy, music therapy, and a range of volunteer performances.

"This new professional-level musical experience is a wonderful addition to the menu of life-enriching programs we offer our residents," said Sandra Pitters, General Manager of Toronto Long-Term Care Homes and Services.

"The launch of this concert series signifies an important step toward increasing the accessibility of arts and cultural programming in Toronto," said Alexander Neef, the company's general director. "The Canadian Opera Company is proud to collaborate with Health Arts Society of Ontario to draw attention to this commendable initiative."

The Canadian Opera Company's production of The Magic Flute runs from January 29 to February 25 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

Health Arts Society of Ontario is grateful to the Canadian Opera Company and to the superb cast for making this concert available. It reflects the highest aspiration of Health Arts Society of Ontario; to reflect professional music making for the benefit of those no longer able to attend performances in the community.

Health Arts Society of Ontario is one of a group of Canadian charities dedicated to providing to people isolated in long-term care, particularly frail elders, the enjoyment and stimulation of professionally performed music. The Society plans to deliver 400 concerts in Ontario long-term care homes in 2011.

Associate organizations of Health Arts Society of Ontario, which support and espouse the values of its work, include the Canadian Opera Company, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music.

BMO Financial Group is generously providing initial funding for this program. BMO Financial Group's leadership enables of the Ontario debut of the program, one that is already established in British Columbia and Quebec. By the end of 2011, Health Arts Societies will be established in all provinces.

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### **13. Garbage Collection in Snow Conditions**

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With the snow storm conditions predicted for the Toronto area, the City of Toronto is reminding residents receiving curbside collection that they can still set out their garbage, recycling or Green Bin on their regularly scheduled collection day.

Depending on road conditions, it may take a little longer to service the regular routes, however, it will be business as usual for collection crews.

Residents should also remember to find a clearly visible and accessible area to put out bins for collection. Bins should be as close as possible to the street, without blocking it or the sidewalk. If necessary, shovel out a spot for your bins.

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### **14. Poster of Canadian Baseball Pitcher Fergie Jenkins**

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In celebration of Black History Month in Toronto, Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday unveiled a poster that celebrates the contribution of Fergie Jenkins, the first Canadian pitcher to win Major League Baseball's CY Young Award and the first Canadian to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Fergie played major league ball from 1965 to 1983. He is one of only four major league pitchers to have struck out more than 3,000 batters while walking fewer than 1,000 batters over the course of his career. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991.

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday presented the poster to Fergie Jenkins after it has been unveiled. In turn, Fergie Jenkins will present a Fergie Jenkins stamp to the City of Toronto. The stamp, designed by Victoria's Lara Minja and printed by Lowe-Martin on Tullis Russell paper, was released by Canada Post on February 1 for Black History Month.

The poster will be available for purchase by calling 416-392-0811 or by e-mailing [enelson@toronto.ca](mailto:enelson@toronto.ca).

Since 1993, the City of Toronto has recognized the achievements of distinguished Canadians of African descent with a poster series that profiles their contributions. More information about the Contributions of African Canadians poster series is available at [http://www.toronto.ca/blackhistory/african\\_history.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/blackhistory/african_history.htm).

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## **15. Winterlicious 2011**

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The 2011 edition of Winterlicious, presented by American Express, offers diners unique value-priced three-course prix-fixe meals at 150 of Toronto's top restaurants along with a series of 14 unique culinary events. Since 2003, Winterlicious and Summerlicious have generated more than \$116 million in direct spending through 2.7 million meals served at participating Toronto restaurants and garnered significant national exposure for Toronto's culinary industry. This year's program runs from January 28 - February 10, 2011. For a complete list of participating restaurants and culinary events, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/winterlicious>.

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## **16. Volunteers! The Yummy Tummy's Breakfast Club**

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The Yummy Tummy's Breakfast Club is looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast to children and youth who live in the Lawrence & Galloway neighbourhood. Yummy Tummy's is run by residents who volunteer their time to create menus, purchase food and operate the club. Additional volunteers would really help the families who access the program. Please see / print the flyer for more information. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions, please contact me at 647-347-1693 x 25 or via email at [jdoehler-knox@thestorefront.org](mailto:jdoehler-knox@thestorefront.org).

Please forward this message to anyone who you think would be interested in dedicating a few hours a week for a good cause.

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## **17. 2011 Community Safety Investment (CSI) program**

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The 2011 Community Safety Investment (CSI) program application is now available for agencies and the deadline is **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**. The CSI program provides short term funding of 1-3 years for outcome focused activities that build community capacity for violence prevention and increase safety for the most vulnerable groups in Toronto. CSI grant recipients use funds to reach communities with information and activities that help residents gain skills, build understanding between different parts of the community and initiate activities that have a positive impact on local safety concerns.

**New for 2011: Applications are to be submitted using an online system.** The online funding system is part of the City's plan to manage funding program requests and grant recipient reporting more efficiently.

With the move to the online system, organizations are encouraged to attend an online training session. All information about the CSI program including resources for applicants is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/csi/index.htm> .

For more information about applying for CSI funding, organizations may contact an Agency Review Officers Kin-Wah Siu at [ksiu@toronto](mailto:ksiu@toronto) or 416-392-9207 or Augusto Mathias at [amathias@toronto.ca](mailto:amathias@toronto.ca) or 416-392-1087 or Joanne Kviring, Supervisor at [jkvirin@toronto.ca](mailto:jkvirin@toronto.ca) or 416-392-8334

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## 18. Quote du Mois

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*Community service puts me out of myself and lets me see a different part of myself, which is important to me. "*

Anna Spelman

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## 19. Websites for Community Use

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[www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow](http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow)

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

[www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsm/](http://www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsm/)

[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/)

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## **20. ENews Policy and Contact Information**

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