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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

As I write the edition of the e-news, I can hear the mayor holding a press conference announcing that the labour disruption, which has just entered its fifth week, is over. The Toronto Civic Employee's Union Local 416 (CUPE) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 79 decided to go on strike to protect their benefits which they have received in previous labour negotiations with the City. Chief amongst them and one I can not support is the ability to bank unused sick days and received a financial payment for them, up to 6 months worth upon their retirement. Another issue outstanding has been their salary requests. While the City recently offered them a four year contract with increases of 1%, 1%, 2%, and 3% in the last year, they countered with a request for 3% in each of the four years.

Both of these outstanding issues are not financially palatable for the City of Toronto. As a member of the City's Budget Advisory Committee, I can tell you it would only result in a steep increase in property taxes, or a decline in the services you receive for the tax dollars.

In other news, I enjoyed seeing everyone at many of the events I've hosted recently which included two community barbeques and a splash pad opening all the events were very well attended where many residents also had an opportunity to meet their neighbours. The Morningside Park splash pad opening was very busy this past Saturday. The new water play and play equipment is a must see as it is a new system with many ropes and climbing devices for the children.

On June 25, 2009 I gave residents an opportunity to speak to staff from the TTC regarding the proposed Scarborough Malvern LRT. The meeting was well attended; more information on this item can be viewed in section 15.

Many constituents contacted my office in the spring to discuss the new permit requirements for paving/interlocking residential driveways. The reason for the permit is to protect the City and the homeowner from costs which could arise from damage to City curbs by the construction company. I don't believe the homeowner should carry the burden of a \$127.09 permit fee to cover such incidences. On June 9, 2009 I introduced a motion at Scarborough Community Council asking the Scarborough Councillors to support my position to place the burden on the construction companies to obtain and pay for the Municipal Road Damage Deposit permit. The motion was supported unanimously and will be reviewed in the upcoming Fall session.

A list of upcoming summer events are listed under section 10, it includes two Farmers & Festival Markets, "The Guild: Alive with Culture An Arts Festival" which this year has been extended into a two day event.

I look forward to seeing you this summer.

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**1. Scarborough East Community Calendar**

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- July 30, 2009 - Guild Alive with Culture Committee Meeting
- July 30, 2009 - East Scarborough Festival Market: St. Margaret on the Pines Park
- July 30, 2009 - Guildwood Farmers Market: Holy Trinity Church Guildwood
- July 31, 2009 - Possible City Council Meeting
- July 31, 2009 – The Rotary Club of Scarborough 8th Annual Ribfest
- August 4, 2009 - Coronation Community Association Meeting
- August 5, 2009 – City Council Meeting
- August 5, 2009 – Rouge Valley Hospital Community Fundraising Committee
- August 6, 2009 – City Council Meeting
- August 6, 2009 - East Scarborough Festival Market
- August 6, 2009 - Guildwood Farmers Market: Holy Trinity Church Guildwood
- August 10, 2009 – Guild Renaissance Committee Meeting
- August 13, 2009 - East Scarborough Festival Market
- August 13, 2009 - Guildwood Farmers Market: Holy Trinity Church Guildwood
- August 15, 2009 - Community Love Event Por Amor – Mural Art Project

August 15, 2009 – The Guild Alive with Culture: An Arts Festival  
August 16, 2009 - The Guild Alive with Culture: An Arts Festival  
August 20, 2009 – East Scarborough Festival Market  
August 20, 2009 - Guildwood Farmers Market: Holy Trinity Church Guildwood  
August 21, 2009 - Official Opening of 131st Canadian National Exhibition  
August 25, 2009 – Budget Committee Meeting  
August 26, 2009 - Community Garden Bike Safety Event 2nd Annual  
August 27, 2009 – East Scarborough Festival Market  
August 27, 2009 - Guildwood Farmers Market: Holy Trinity Church Guildwood

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## **2. Seven Oaks**

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Annual Seven Oaks Park Community BBQ: I enjoyed seeing everyone at my 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BBQ on Thursday June 18th at Seven Oaks Park. We had a very nice evening and were very lucky that the rain stopped, providing us the opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

Clean Up: On May 2, 2009, many residents joined me for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Seven Oaks Clean Up in the valley of Military Trail. Within two hours we had collected 100 bags of garbage making this a much needed pursuit. I want to give special thanks to all of the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Centenary Scouts Group who came out. Seven Oaks has many ravines, if you wish to organize another clean up please contact my office.

Trees in Seven Oaks: Military Trail east of Neilson Road was revived last month with the planting of many boulevard trees. Several years ago City Staff planted trees along David Drive at the Hwy 401 fencing. The trees unfortunately did not do well and several of them are now dead. I have requested staff to have the trees replaced. New trees will be planted this fall. I have been working with Forestry staff to identify areas in our communities which require trees and shrubs, if you would like to communicate locations please call my office at 416-396-7222 to share locations which will be visited by city staff to access the viability of location.

Improvements to your community: Local Road Resurfacing for a portion of Military Trail from Ellesmere (Highland Creek) to Highcastle will begin in Sept 2009 to be completed by November 2009. Neilson Road is also scheduled for a transmission water main expansion & water main rehabilitation which is to begin this summer.

Pathway to Morningside: Discussions to build a path from Cindy Nicholas Drive to Morningside Ave. are moving forward. Last month I met with City Staff and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation to discuss the implementation of the path. The meeting went very well and I am hopeful that the path will be secured to be built next Spring. The planning involves several City divisions, the TTC and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation. If you would like any details on this project please contact my office at 416-392-4008.

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## **3. Curran Hall**

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Highland Creek and Curran Hall Ravine: On the evening of June 1, 2009, I along with Members of the Curran Hall Community Association and Staff from the City of Toronto and the Toronto Region Conservation Association toured a portion of the Highland Creek Ravine and the Curran Hall Ravine. The purpose for the tour was to address any issues with the trail system, including the access point to Morningside Park through Highland Creek. Currently this section is accessible through a raised dirt road which will be eventually opened up into the creek, as under federal jurisdiction the creek must be free flowing without obstruction, the City does not have any plans for a bridge or path as the area is considered a flood plain; therefore the City can not take on the liability in designating the entrance into Morningside Park. In future years the area will be opened up to the creek leaving a pathway for residents to enjoy the creek and natural beauty of the ravine; planting is also planned for the area.

Slowing down motorists on Orton Park: In an effort to slow down motorists on Orton Park Drive and to ready for the new development at Brimorton Road and Orton Park Drive, new traffic lights will be installed at Brimorton Road and Orton Park Road this summer. City Staff had scheduled the work for the fall, but with the new traffic light installation on Scarborough Golf Club Road, I did not want any cars diverting to Orton Park Drive to avoid the traffic lights.

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

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#### 4. Coronation and West Hill

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**Kingston Road:** For several months now I have been participating in the Kingston Road Improvement Initiative. The purpose of the committee formed of City Staff and local City Councillors is to restore, beautify, service and improve Kingston Road. At the onset of June, I along with City Planning, Forestry and Zoning Staff walked along Kingston Road to identify points of interest and areas which needed improvement. One of the future goals will be to install entrance features for our community, the first to be installed on Kingston Road and Celeste; inviting people into our community of Coronation West Hill. Several more improvements along Kingston Road will be forthcoming.

**Telecommunication Tower:** A petition not supporting the installation of the telecommunication tower was submitted by area residents which, was passed on to Industry Canada. As the residents are aware Bell Mobility applied to place a Telecommunication Tower on the CNR property located on the south side of the Guildwood GO Station, near Galloway Road. The City of Toronto does not have any legislative authority over the placement of these towers. The City can only mandate that a community meeting take place.

If you would like to make comment on the tower please contact your Federal Government representative; Member of Parliament John [McKay](mailto:jmckay@johnmckaymp.on.ca), 416-283-1226. As your federal representative Mr. McKay would be able to speak to you on the issue as it falls under Federal jurisdiction.

**Scarborough South East Pow Wow:** was held on Friday June 26 at Eastview Park. The event was a great success. I enjoyed working with the Committee Members this year. I congratulate the members on a job well done. Thank you to the Toronto Fire Fighters for their donation of a bouncer for the children to enjoy as well as visiting the event with to allow children to explore a fire truck. Special thanks as well to all of the staff from Eastview Public School, the event could not have taken place without all of the tremendous support they gave.

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#### 5. Cornell Community

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**Community BBQ & Park Improvement:** On June 16<sup>th</sup>, I held my 2<sup>nd</sup> annual community BBQ at Cornell Park. With over 1200 visitors the event was a great success. I would like to thank all the community volunteers who came out to lend a hand. The area children also had an opportunity to discover the new playground equipment which was just installed. Cornell Park now has a variety of sports available for the area residents to enjoy with its new volley ball court, Toronto Raptor basketball court, and new playground structures.

**Cedarbrae Library Meeting:** took place on Wednesday June 17th, 2009 to update the community on the library plans. The renovations for this district branch are well under way. It speaks very much to the expertise of Toronto Public Library staff that this \$6 million dollar project is both on schedule and on budget.

**Trees for Holmfirth Terrace:** Have been planted. The trees are a wonderful addition to the streetscape and will, when grown to maturity will be a greater enhancement.

**Community Association for Community East of Scarborough Golf Road:** Many community members were very interested in forming a new Community Association for the Cornell area. Notices will be sent to

all who showed interest as well as the community at large. A founding meeting will be scheduled for this Fall. The purpose of such an association is to create a friendly community environment to support itself as one unified voice when dealing with issues, hosting festivals, working together, as well as bettering the neighbourhood through volunteerism.

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## 6. Guildwood Village

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**Guild Inn Property and Centennial College:** The item for to finalized the agreement between the City of Toronto and Centennial College was to be heard at the June 25, Government Management Committee and then to City Council on July 6 for approval. As a result of the labour strike the Mayor did not allow the meetings to go forward. It is unfortunate to have this delay but the College understands the situation that the City is facing. The Government Management Item may be viewed at: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2009/agendas/gm.htm> . An emergency Council meeting has been called for August 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> to deal with a number of important items. The Guild letter of Intent is on the agenda.

**Guild Inn Towers:** The process to dismantle the concrete hotel towers which sit behind the main Guild Inn began in April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The work is being done on the inside of the building was extended to the exterior part this past week. This is a lengthy process as workers are being cautious. Safety precautions have been put in place for the resident's safety. Please be cautious if you are walking on the grounds and keep a distance from the construction area.

**The Guild: Alive With Culture Arts Festival:** The excitement is fast approaching as the Festival weekend draws nears. The Committee Members are working very hard to bring the event to the community. The two day event will take place at the Guild Inn Park & Gardens on August 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. A range of musical and literary entertainment has been booked as well as an enhanced children's area. This year also sees the return of Lord Simcoe and our Town Crier!

**Telecommunications Towers:** Bell Mobility has officially released the Guildwood Presbyterian Church from its lease agreement to install a telecommunication tower on its property. They are proceeding with their plans to have a lease signed with CN rail and see a tower installed on the south side of the tracks, west of Galloway Rd.

**G-Wood Band:** Will be playing as part of the concert series put on by the City of Pickering and Ontario Power Generation on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Millennium Waterfront Park at the foot of Liverpool Road. Don't be confused with the billing as the G-Wood Band is taking the place of The Johnson's (who were not able to make the event).

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## 7. The Residents Rising Community Association

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### **East Scarborough Festival Market**

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

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p.m. and is located at 4130 Lawrence Avenue East.

### **Residents Rising Community Association**

If you would like to get involved and help create a new vision for the Kingston/Galloway/Lawrence & Morningside Community, the Residents Rising Community Association is looking for new team members. Meeting monthly, the RR team helps to plan events, brainstorm ideas and works with local partners to improve the neighbourhood. Members represent many cultures, ages, economic levels and abilities. They are looking for local residents who care about the community and are willing to volunteer and participate. The office is located at 4117 Lawrence Avenue East, unit 100A or call 416-419-2766.

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

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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

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### 9. Proposed Wind Turbines

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**Residents who wished to comment on the Toronto Hydro Energy Services Application: Wind Anemometer** had until May 14, 2009 to submit their comments. I as your Local Municipal Representative forward the following letter to the Ministry:

May 10, 2009

Mark Patterson, Ministry of Natural Resources

Re: Toronto Hydro Energy Services Application: Wind Anemometer

Dear Mr. Patterson,

I am writing this letter to outline why Toronto Hydro Energy Services should not be issued a permit to construct a wind anemometer off the shores of the Scarborough Bluffs.

Years ago an economist from Princeton University, Alan Blinder, demanded politicians should make policy "with soft hearts and hard heads". Flash forward to 2009, and we find Toronto Hydro Energy Services putting forward a proposal to construct a wind anemometer on the waters of Lake Ontario. They are proposing locations to build this structure, which cannot be supported to date by any valid wind measuring data. This area was not even given a passing mention in a report done for the Ontario Power Authority as they looked for plausible locations for both onshore and offshore wind farm sites. They are supported though, by the provincial government's Green Energy Act. Here is a perfect example of a policy created by provincial politicians which is both soft hearted, and soft headed.

Wind speed is important for wind energy. Wind turbines -- which are the machines that change the movement of the wind into electricity -- need a constant, average wind speed of about 20 kilometres per hour before the wind turbines can generate electricity. That's why wind farms, when they are constructed and grouped together, are located in windy spots.

Taking tax dollars from hard working Torontonians to build a structure which in the end will cost well over \$1 million in my mind as a Toronto City Councillor is quite ludicrous.

Other concerns are with the process itself. Toronto Hydro Energy Services and other would-be developers should be required to provide to the public their anemometer readings, and should not be permitted to plead commercial confidentiality as an excuse for withholding this information. Once tax dollars are spent the study should be transparent.

Both the government's and the industry's websites dealing with alleged "myths" concerning the industry and its effects should be subject to official scrutiny open to the public through proper consultation and study.

In the public hearings held by Toronto Hydro Energy Services, proximity to fine landscapes (the Scarborough Bluffs) and major historic assets (The Guild Inn) are a major issue for many people, but one Toronto Hydro seems very casual about. Given a major rationale for wind anemometer and by relation wind turbines, is the preservation of habitats from the longer-term effects of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, one might have thought preservation of landscapes and heritage might be considered of outstanding importance.

I have publicly stated I am not against environmental initiatives. I believe, as do most people that the environment needs to be preserved for future generations. At the same time though, as a Toronto City Councillor trying to maximize the return taxpayers receive for the tax dollars they entrust me to look after, public policy should support the most efficient wind developments (when measured by capacity factor). Not only do these developments receive subsidies from electricity consumers, they are also, as pointed out regularly by such energy organizations, models for further development. To optimize policy the main focus should be on the most efficient developments.

Issuing a permit for Toronto Hydro Energy Services to build a wind anemometer along the shore line of Lake Ontario, in Scarborough, Ontario is not a positive advancement in wind energy development or government policy. It would be a soft hearted policy developed by soft heads.

Sincerely, Paul Ainslie, Councillor, City of Toronto, Ward 43 Scarborough East

The letter was copied to: David S. O'Brien, President & CEO of Toronto Hydro; Ian Dobrindt, MCIP, RPP Gartner Lee Limited; Joyce McLean, Director, Strategic Issues Toronto Hydro; John McKay, MP Scarborough/Guildwood; Hon. Margaret Best MPP Scarborough/Guildwood; as well as the Guildwood Village Community Association.

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## 10. Community Meetings and Events

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

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

July 9th - Town Hall Meeting Curran Hall Ravine Park Entrance off of Mossbank Dr. between 57 & 51; 7:00 pm - out door meeting. Feel free to bring a lawn chair

August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - The Guild Alive with Culture an Arts Festival - more information listed in Section 11.

August 26<sup>th</sup> - R.O.S.E. Community Garden & Bike Safety Rodeo ECO Fair 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 4040 Lawrence Avenue

September 13<sup>th</sup> - Fall/Winter Recreation Program Registration

October 3rd - Environment Day 891 Morningside Ave. Morningside Yard 10:00 a.m.

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## 11. The Guild Alive with Culture: an Arts Festival

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## "THE ARTS FESTIVAL... IN THE GUILD"

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

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

The Guild Inn Gardens, 201 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough

Artist's Market

Community Group Showcase

Farmers' Market

Guild Heritage Self-Guided Tours

Storytelling

Musical Performances

Food

Children's Activities

Special Attractions

Free Admission -Free Parking

### "Presented by the Community for the Community"

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

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

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

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## 12. Volunteering in Your Community

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

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

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

**Community Bus:** Many of our neighbours are dependent on public transportation and unfortunately are subject to long waits and many transfers to reach their destinations. I have been speaking to the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission on your behalf, as well as many community members. Route suggestions have been brought to my attention, which have been relayed to the TTC. Next month I will be holding a meeting with members of the community and TTC staff to address on how public transit can be

improved in this community. I am aware that there is a lack of service on Scarborough Golf Club Road and Orton Park Road which makes it difficult for many people, especially seniors to reach their destinations. If you would like share your comments for improvements please email me at [Councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca), so that they may be brought to the table for discussion. Your contribution will be well noted.

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

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13. **Volume 12 Issue 4 City of Toronto Council Highlights** May 25, 26 and 27, 2009

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### **Green roofs in Toronto**

Council decided to make "green roof" rooftop vegetation mandatory on new, large buildings constructed in Toronto. Green roofs will be required on most new, large buildings effective next February. The bylaw's effective date for new industrial buildings is one year later (February 2011). Green roofs reduce the urban heat island effect, reduce energy consumption, improve air quality and storm water management, and create opportunities for biodiversity and city beautification.

### **Real estate strategy**

Council endorsed the principles of a City real estate strategy and agreed to transfer 22 more surplus properties to the new City agency Build Toronto, creating a total starting portfolio of 30 properties to be considered for development under Build Toronto's direction. The real estate strategy is based on the recognition that the City's real estate (including properties of City agencies, boards, commissions and divisions) is an important corporate asset that must be strategically managed at the corporate level. Council created Build Toronto in late 2008.

### **Funding for construction of affordable housing**

Council approved the construction of 362 new affordable rental homes, including two new projects in the West Don Lands and the Railway Lands areas - projects that are proposed for funding under a federal-provincial program supporting new affordable housing. Council also approved additional funding for two previously approved affordable housing projects at 1355 King St. W. and 270 Donlands Ave. The new housing is part of the City's contribution to the local economic recovery effort.

### **Jarvis Street plan**

Council supported a proposal for the redesign of Jarvis Street in a lane configuration that includes bike lanes. The project - to be undertaken at an unspecified time - will reduce the current five lanes to four lanes by removing the centre reversible lane and widening the remaining four lanes and the east sidewalk. These changes are part of a general plan that aims to improve the public realm along Jarvis Street and to make this north-south artery a safer route for cyclists without seriously impeding traffic flow.

### **Two-stroke engines - greening strategy**

Council approved a strategy to speed up phasing out the City's use of high-emission small engine equipment (such as lawnmowers and chainsaws), introducing new equipment that meets or exceeds emission standards set by Environment Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As part of the strategy, Council directed staff to refine park design and landscaping practices to reduce the use of small engine equipment for parks maintenance. The strategy also includes public education and an incentive program promoting the replacement of older, high-pollution two-stroke small engines used by the Toronto public, businesses and institutions.

### **Support for walkers**

Council approved a walking strategy for Toronto, with the goal of making it easier and safer for pedestrians to get around the city.

### **Noise issue - railway work**

Council approved a motion to express Council's support for residents affected by "excessive" vibration and noise caused by work on a railway grade separation project near Dupont Street and Dundas Street West. Council asked the City Solicitor to report back at Council's next meeting (July 6), and invited written comments from Metrolinx. Residents in the area say the constant pile-driving is undermining the neighbourhood's livability, and point out that there are alternative, quieter technologies for work of this kind.

#### **Funding for student nutrition programs**

Council entered into agreements with two groups that are to administer funding for eligible programs delivering student nutrition across Toronto. The programs, with shared City and provincial funding, provide meals to students, including morning meals in hundreds of designated Toronto neighbourhoods. Municipal and provincial funds make up part of the total program funding - much of it is raised at the local level.

#### **Washrooms in stores**

Large retail businesses in Toronto will need to provide washrooms that their customers can use, following Council's approval of the requirement for retail businesses larger than 300 square metres (3,230 square feet).

#### **Roncesvalles Avenue streetscape**

Council took action to proceed to the next step in undertaking a streetscape improvement strategy for Roncesvalles Avenue between Dundas Street West and Queen Street West. The project will include changes to the travel lane and street parking configuration, the provision of transit platforms as an extension of the sidewalk to allow level boarding to new TTC transit vehicles, and the widening of the boulevard along parts of Roncesvalles.

#### **Toronto to bid for World Police and Fire Games**

Council authorized proceeding with a bid for Toronto to host the 2015 World Police and Fire Games. Staff will pursue financial commitments from the provincial and federal governments in the event that Toronto is chosen to host the games.

Council Highlights, a summary of selected decisions made by City Council, is produced by Strategic Communications for readers' convenience.

Official documentation: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2009/agendas/cc.htm>

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#### **14. Street and Park Safety Audits**

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My office will be working to organize community safety audits throughout Ward 43. The audits are designed to recognize any issues within the neighbourhood which need improvement. If you would like a community street or park safety audit please contact me as several walks are being scheduled for this summer. The last audit took place on May 28<sup>th</sup> on Galloway Rd.

Calls have been made to all Community Association Presidents so that we could begin the process of setting dates for walks. If you would like a safety walk in your community please contact my office.

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#### **15. Proposed Scarborough Malvern LRT**

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On June 25<sup>th</sup>, I held a community Town Hall meeting at West Hill CI on the proposed Light Rail Transit for the Scarborough Malvern line. TTC Staff attended in the Question and Answer session where many residents commented on the proposal.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the City of Toronto are undertaking preliminary planning for a new Light Rail Transit (LRT). It would begin at Kennedy Subway Station and travel east along Eglinton

Avenue to Kingston Road, east on Kingston Road to Morningside Avenue, north on Morningside Avenue to Sheppard Avenue East where it would terminate at the Sheppard East LRT.

I have a number of concerns with this proposal as it now stands. Chief, and foremost is the amount of traffic the TTC feels the line will reduce in volume along Kingston Rd. The TTC has not done any accurate studies to determine the origin or destination of the vehicles using Kingston Rd. In my opinion, many of them come from the (905 area outside of Toronto. An LRT along Kingston Rd will force much of this traffic through our neighbourhoods to avoid an increasingly congested Kingston Rd.

I also have concerns with the attitude being taken by TTC staff and their consultants. It is "a plan about public transit, not motor vehicle use" This is completely inappropriate and does nothing to recognize the need for automobile use in Scarborough.

Unless attitudes changes, and compromises are made I will not be able to support this plan as it is not being put forward to our community.

TTC has detailed information and maps as well as a section of Frequently Asked Questions derived from citizens across the City on line at [www.toronto.ca/transitcity](http://www.toronto.ca/transitcity).

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#### 17. Guildwood Farmers Market

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**Guildwood Village Farmers' Market:** launched on June 11<sup>th</sup> on the temporary site at Holy Trinity Church Guildwood. The market will move to the historic grounds of The Guild Park & Gardens. The market season is June to October, Thursdays 2pm-6pm. [www.marketsbythebluffs.com](http://www.marketsbythebluffs.com). I am very enthusiastic about this event taking place on the grounds of the Guild. This is the same market which is currently taking place at Warden Ave & Kingston Rd. They were good enough to take part in my Guild: Alive With Culture Arts festival last summer. They are bringing many of same farmers to our area.

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#### 18. Trillium Garden Awards

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Recognizing Scarborough's Outstanding Residential Front Gardens and Beautification of Commercial Properties Nominate friends, neighbours and other property owners whose outstanding front gardens beautify our neighbourhoods and our City. Residential, environmental, commercial, and non-residential

properties may be nominated. Call the Nomination Hotline at 416-396-4862 We need the address of the house you are nominating and the closest main intersection. Judging will take place in late July, early August. Award Presentation Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Viewing at 6:30 p.m. Awards at 7:00 p.m. Scarborough Civic Centre 150 Borough Dr. (McCowan & Ellesmere Rds)

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## 19. TPS community input with online polling

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To expand the opportunities for community input, the Toronto Police Service has included online polling on its website. Every three weeks, questions will be posted on various policing issues and the results published at the end of the period. Results from previous polls are also available.

A poll was done on will begin on Monday, June 22, 2009, asking the following questions:

When riding a bicycle in the city, what safety precautions do you typically take?

Have you ever had your bicycle stolen?

If yes, did you report your stolen bicycle to the police?

Have you registered your bicycle with the police?

Do you know how to register a bicycle with the police service?

The TPS is encouraging the people of Toronto to visit the "[Have Your Say](#)" section on the TPS website, and provide the Service with their opinions. <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/surveys/>

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## 20. Quote du Mois

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"A good neighbour is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn't climb over it", Arthur Baer

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## 21. Websites for Community Use

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

[www.toronto.ca/city-update](http://www.toronto.ca/city-update)

[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)

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

[http://www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com\\_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/](http://www.toronto4kids.com/component/option,com_eventing/task,viewcatall/id,57/)

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

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

[http://www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation\\_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/skiing/centennialski.htm)

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## 22. ENews Policy and Contact Information

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