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Scarborough East - Ward 43

Chair, Scarborough Community Council
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Date: January 10, 2012
To: Executive Committee
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
Re: Civic Engagement Office

Opportunities to improve the availability of information about governance for citizen engagement, is a priority. Creating, a one stop resource centre for residents and community groups would enable city staff to address these needs.

Recommendations:

1. The City Manager and City Clerk report on opportunities to improve the availability of information about governance and opportunities for citizen engagement in the rotunda of City Hall:
 - a) Opening a Civic Engagement Office in the Rotunda to act as a one stop resource centre for citizens.
 - b) Launch of a "Dialogue to reconnect people with government", to be launched in 2012.
 - c) Civic Engagement Staff be dedicated to supporting resident community groups.
 - d) To install better signage in Toronto City Hall and Civic Centres to guide residents through the areas enabling all to conduct city business in a more fluid manner.

Sincerely,

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