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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

The Fall session has begun at City Hall with all the committee meetings in full swing, included the Budget Committee which I am a member of. As Vice Chair of the committee, I attend several meetings a week on budget review as well as attending my other scheduled committee meetings.

Ward 43 had a very lively summer with many family festivals and events. I want to thank all our many volunteers who donated their time at “The Guild Alive with Culture Festival”. The two day event was huge success. I and the organizing committee enjoyed seeing the community come out to support the Festival.

My office was also involved with the R.O.S.E. Community Garden annual celebration and Bike Rodeo held in late August at the East Scarborough Storefront. The Mornelle Court community held a wonderful BBQ on August 24, where residents had an opportunity to meet their neighbours.

I will be hosting a number of safety walk audits across the Ward this Fall which are outlined in section 14 of this report. It would be a pleasure to see you at one of the outings.

I want to praise everyone for their patience during the strike by the City's unionized employees. It was very unfortunate it happened, and I am glad it has been resolved and everyone is back to work. Unfortunately the agreement which was reached in the end was one I could not support in City Council.

The settlement will be a financial burden to all of us as tax payers. First and foremost, the sick bank was not eliminated for all of our employees, only new hires. Secondly, the wage increases of 2% a year for three years I feel was inappropriate. We directed the salaries of our senior management to be frozen, and then gave unionized members a wage increase.

The Mayor's inability to mandate Councillors not accept their Cost of Living Allowance also did not help. For myself, I donated my Cost of Living Allowance to the Rouge Valley Health System (Centenary site), the Toronto Public Library

Foundation, and the Scarborough Lion's Club; organizations which help us locally.

Have some fun with your kids with section 26 of this report by submitting a name for the new baby gorilla born on September 2, 2009 at the Toronto Zoo. Remember to start the name with the letter "N".

Sincerely,

Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

September 28- Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club Annual General Meeting
September 28- Community Safety Walk Lakeview Community
September 30 – Toronto City Council Meeting
October 1 - Toronto City Council Meeting
October 1- Guildwood Farmers Market
October 2- Toronto Zoo Board Meeting
October 2- Budget Review
October 3- Environment Day
October 5- Curran Hall Community Association Meeting
October 6- Coronation of West Hill Community Association AGM
October 7- Guildwood Farmers Market
October 7- Budget Review
October 9- Award Presentation for Trillium Garden Awards 2009
October 9- Community Development and Recreation Committee
October 9- Budget Review
October 10- St. John the Divine Food Drive/Community Café
October 10- Philippine Artists Group of Canada Exhibition Opening
October 13- Scarborough Community Council
October 13- Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
October 14- Budget Review
October 15- Canadian National Exhibition Association- AGM
October 15- Budget Review Meeting Toronto Police Services Board
October 15- Last Day of Guildwood Farmers Market
October 16- Budget Review
October 16- 20th Anniversary Party for Seven Oaks
October 17- Guildwood Junior PS 50th Anniversary Celebration
October 17- Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club Grand Re-Opening
October 19- Budget Committee Meeting / Media Briefing
October 19- Toronto Public Library Meeting
October 19- Guild Renaissance Meeting
October 20- Budget Review
October 20- LRT Meeting with TTC @ Progress Church

October 21- Neighbourhood Partnership Safety Committee Meeting
October 21- Neighbourhood Partnership Building Committee Meeting
October 22- Safety Walk Audit Curran Hall Community
October 23- Budget Review
October 23- Toronto Region Conservation Authority
October 26- Toronto City Council
October 27- Toronto City Council
October 28- Rouge Valley Health System Foundation Meeting
October 28- Neighbourhood Partnership Space Committee Meeting
October 28- Community Safety, Halloween Safety event: 4301 Kingston Rd
October 29- Budget Committee Meeting
October 29- Toronto Zoo Meeting

2. Seven Oaks

Congratulations to Seven Oaks resident Ken Pearson for a well organized Terry Fox Run. Every year Ken volunteers his time as the event planner for the Scarborough run. This year's event was well attended.

Safety First: this summer two new safety measures have been installed to serve the community. Signalized intersection lights have been installed at Tams Road and Morningside Avenue, and a new left turn signal has been added to the signalized lights at Morningside Avenue and Military Trail for the AM & PM rush-hours. These two measures were possible with the community input, and participation.

Safety Walks: I conducted a community safety walk with the community of Lakeview which sits just west of Morningside Avenue and north of Military Trail, on Monday September 28 @ 8 p.m. where we walked through the community to view any safety issues. Thank you too all you came out.

Local Road Resurfacing: will soon begin in your community. 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 was to begin this summer.

Pathway to Morningside: Staff from the Transportation infrastructure division will be in attendance for the first part of the Safety Walk Audit on September 28 to brief the community on the walkway to be built linking Cindy Nicholas Drive to Morningside Avenue. I have continued to work on this project with City and MTO Staff. Our current plans forecast the pathway to be built in Spring 2010. The

planning has involved several City divisions, the TTC and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation.

3. Curran Hall

Local Road Resurfacing: A portion of Par Avenue to will be resurfaced in the next few weeks. Letters are currently being circulated to the affected homes with detailed information. If you have any questions regarding this work please call my office at 416-396-7222.

Safety First: Residents have had the summer to become accustomed to the newly installed signalized intersection lights at Scarborough Golf Club and Slan Avenue. Just a reminder signalized lights will also be installed on Orton Park at Brimorton Road. 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. Weather permitting, the traffic control signal located at Orton Park Rd & Brimorton Dr is scheduled for activation on Thursday October 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Safety Walk: I will be conducting a community safety walk with the community of Curran Hall on Thursday October 22, 2009 @ 7 p.m., we will meet at the Curran Hall Community Centre. After the walk we will regroup at the hall for a debriefing.

Winter Festival in Botany Hill Park: The Curran Hall Community Association is planning for a winter festival: January 2010 and are accepting volunteers. The first planning meeting was held on September 28, 2009 with the next meeting to be held on October 26, 7 p.m. at the Curran Hall Community Centre.

Curran Hall Community Association: Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2009. November 23, 2009 will be the associations Annual General Meeting: 7p.m. @ the Curran Hall Community Centre

4. Coronation and West Hill

There is a rezoning application at Scarborough Community Council, October 13, 2009: The property owner at 4111 – 4113 Lawrence Ave has applied to build a 10-storey condo with 70 units. It is a geared to seniors residence with 1-2 bedroom units with 2 levels of underground parking. The building is to be designed as a green building "Go Thermal". The proposal suggests the first floor be for business offices made up of 3 commercial units. One of the units will contain the property owners engineering firm which he is currently operating on site at this time.

A community meeting for this project was held on November 26, 2008 with City Staff. The concern voiced at the meeting spoke on illegal parking on Andover Cres. Two letters were sent out the residents of Andover asking if they would support a no overnight parking regulation and if they were supportive of installing sidewalks on the road. Residents did respond and the City of Toronto Transportation Division is currently investigating the requests.

If you have further inquiries on this file please call the City planner on file: Alex Teixeira @ 396-5279 or email: ateixei@toronto.ca

Community Association Annual General Meeting: All are welcome to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting being held on October 6, 2009 @ 7pm. East View Public School. This meeting will elect the President and executive board members. The Association meets the first Tuesday of Every Month at 7:30 pm at 43 Division Community Room. All are welcome to attend.

The East Scarborough Festival Market wrapped up its' season for 2009. A great success the market ran every Thursday from June to September and was well attended. Located at the centre of the community in the St. Margaret's Parkette, the Festival Market was a wonderful location to neighbours to meet and reconnect with their surroundings. Thank you to all the volunteers and organizers who participated

5. Cornell Community

Community Association for Community East of Scarborough Golf Road: A meeting will be held as the first step to form a community association in the Cornell Community in November. There was much interest from the community to form an association so I suspect to have many interested parties.

A founding meeting will proceed the November meeting, for the community to choose and executive committee.

6. Guildwood Village

The Guild Inn and Centennial College: Now the partnership has been approved by Toronto City Council for Centennial College to construct a new home for their Cultural and Heritage Institute. We are anxiously awaiting for the work to begin. The two phase development will ultimately include new office space, a restaurant, spa, conference centre, and ultimately a hotel if viable

Centennial is in the process to secure a private hotel developer/operator to invest about \$40 million in this project. The City of Toronto will make a \$4.2 million investment in the Cultural Precinct in the surrounding park.

I am very happy with this project and believe that Centennial College is a good fit for this community. The College is a Scarborough-based institution which offers a world-renowned hospitality, tourism and culture program.

The City of Toronto will enter into a Letter of Intent with Centennial College, which was approved by City Council this past August. The next step will see a long-term sublease with a not-for-profit corporation that will be incorporated and controlled by the college. The City currently leases the property from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The College intends to restore the historic Bickford residence, a portion of which will house the research and learning resources of its Culture and Heritage Institute. The completed project is expected to be commercially viable while providing training opportunities for senior students from the School of Hospitality and Tourism and related College programs. The project is expected to be completed within 48 months.

I am very satisfied that we will see the Bickford Residence restored in this new partnership. The previous proponent did not have a clause to restore the building. The tower which is now down did not have any historical designation. The tower's demolition was a main element with the residents of the community as well as Centennial College. To save money inconvenience for the Guildwood community, the Toronto Conservation Authority used the concrete from the tower demolition site for their Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project. It reduced by close to 300 trips the number of dump trucks going through our community

Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project: Completed work for the 2009 year at the end of August. Some minor clean up work was also done at the west end of the Sylvan Avenue, a landslide occurred earlier this summer which has now been cleared.

The Guild: Alive With Culture Arts Festival: Thank you very much for all the volunteers who came out to help at this year's festival. The committee will be meeting in October for the 2010 festival.

7. The Residents Rising Community Association

Festival Market: Congratulations on a successful season! Your many volunteers and vendors were wonderful. Your contribution to the community specifically the residents who needed a venue to feel comfortable attending was outstanding. The Festival Market became a weekly outing for many.

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.

8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition

The Mornelle community had a busy summer which opened with their first Community Speaks Session which they plan to open into a series of outreach session. The event was well attended and offered very good insight into what the community hoped to achieve to sustain a safe and welcoming neighborhood. Congratulations to the Coalition for organizing a successful event.

Community BBQ: was held on August 23rd which was open to all residents of the Mornelle Community. Families enjoyed the afternoon with their friends and new neighbours. Thank you TCHC for working with the Coalition to bring this event to the community.

Safety Walk: I will be conducting a community safety walk on November 2nd @ 7 p.m. and will walk through the community to view any safety issues.

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

9. Community Meetings and Events

- Oct. 3rd – Councillor Ainslie's Environment Day 891 Morningside Ave. Morningside Yard 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 6th - Coronation Community Association of West Hill Annual General Meeting Eastview Public School 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8th - Trillium Garden Awards 2009 Award Presentation 2009: Ward 43 has 2 winners which will be recognized.
- Oct. 10 – Food Drive at St. John the Divine on Scarborough Golf Club
- Oct. 16 - Seven Oaks Nursing Home, 20th Anniversary Party, Friday @ 2 p.m. 9 Neilson Rd.
- Oct. 17 - Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club Grand Opening. 10 a.m.
- Oct. 20th - Councillor Ainslie Town Hall Meeting on the proposed LRT meeting with TTC Staff Round Table Discussion 6:30 p.m. @ Progress Church, 4242 Kingston Road
- Oct. 22nd - Safety Walk Audit – Curran Hall Community 7p.m.
- Nov. 2nd - Safety Walk Audit – Mornelle Court Community 7 p.m.

Nov. 5th - Councillor Ainslie Town Hall Meeting, Seven Oaks Community @ 7 p.m. location to be posted.

Nov. 23rd - Curran Hall Community Association Annual General Meeting
7p.m. @ the Curran Hall Community Centre

Dec. 5th – BMO Guildwood Village Branch Grand Opening 99 Guildwood Pkwy.

Dec. 12th - Guild Inn Candy Cane Hunt @ 1 p.m.

10. City of Toronto Council Highlights

Council Highlights

City Council meeting of August 5 and 6, 2009

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Union Station revitalization

Council endorsed an agreement with a private sector company that, as head lessee, will lease and operate all retail space in Union Station, including in a new lower retail concourse. With federal, provincial and municipal funding, the City will proceed with its plan to revitalize Union Station as a state-of-the-art transportation facility. The name of the successful proponent for head lessee will remain confidential until a lease agreement is signed, likely in the next four to six weeks. Construction work for the revitalization is scheduled to begin next year and be completed in 2015 at a total cost of \$640 million.

Appointment of Integrity Commissioner

Council appointed Janet Leiper the City's Integrity Commissioner, effective September 8. The Integrity Commissioner provides advice, complaint resolution and education to Council members (and appointees of most of the City's agencies, boards and commissions) on ethics issues. The role entails advising on the application of the Code of Conduct and various City of Toronto policies and legislation governing ethical behaviour.

Social housing action plan

Council endorsed the Housing Opportunities Toronto (HOT) Action Plan 2010-2020. HOT proposes new investment over the next 10 years to help people struggling with high housing costs or inadequate accommodation. The Toronto Housing Charter, a component of HOT, states that all residents have the right to

equal treatment in housing without discrimination, consistent with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Future of east Gardiner Expressway

City Council authorized City officials to submit terms of reference to the Ontario government for an anticipated environmental assessment of options for the future of the eastern Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard in that area (east from Jarvis Street). Council directed that a cost-benefit study should be conducted as part of the environmental study. Council also specified that the environmental assessment should address the issue of the railway lands as a barrier to waterfront access.

Vision for Toronto's western waterfront

Council approved a 2009 Western Waterfront Master Plan, which will guide decisions related to improvements to the public realm in the area over the next 20 years. The master plan provides a vision to improve parkland, beaches, trails, roads, bridges and recreational facilities in the western waterfront area between the Humber River and Exhibition Place, including Sunnyside Beach and Marilyn Bell Park. The area's beaches are to be expanded and enhanced, consistent with a vision that sees the lake and beach as the major recreational attractions of the western waterfront.

City-wide recreation service plan

Council approved a set of principles to guide the creation of a city-wide, multi-year Recreation Service Plan. The principles are equitable access, high quality programs and services, inclusion to recognize diversity and encourage participation by all, and capacity building to provide programs and services that benefit all participants and help create a sense of community, belonging and vitality. Development of the plan will help the City take stock of its current services/programs and use the four guiding principles in planning to meet existing and emerging recreational demands.

Incentive for energy efficiency retrofits

Council agreed to establish a Home Energy Efficiency Incentive Program, giving the owners of low-rise residential properties in Toronto financial grants of as much as \$1,000 for a selected set of energy efficiency retrofits. The City will take steps to integrate delivery of its program with the ecoENERGY program offered by Natural Resources Canada.

New life for the Guild Inn site

Council approved an initiative that will create a vibrant new future for the Guild Inn site in Scarborough. An agreement in principle between the City of Toronto, Centennial College and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority allows the college to construct a new home for a Cultural and Heritage Institute. This

multi-use development is to include a new hotel and a conference centre as well as restorations to the historic Bickford Residence. The college will seek a private hotel developer/operator to invest in the project.

Proposal to make Rouge Valley a national park

Council agreed to encourage the federal and Ontario governments to establish a 40,000-acre (16,187-hectare) Rouge Valley National Park, on the basis that the Rouge Valley watershed is of national significance. The current Rouge Park consists of about 12,000 acres (4,856 hectares) of publicly-owned lands stretching from the shore of Lake Ontario to the Oak Ridges Moraine in parts of Toronto as well as Durham and York regions. The park has a wealth of rare species and is facing challenges such as urban sprawl and illegal hunting.

11. H1N1 from Toronto Public Health

H1N1 influenza virus Toronto prepares for a different kind of flu season

This fall and winter, there will be two types of flu viruses circulating in the community—seasonal flu viruses and the new H1N1 flu virus. H1N1 is a respiratory virus that causes symptoms similar to those of regular seasonal flu. These include: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and possibly nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

The vast majority of people who become ill with H1N1 flu recover without medical treatment, but young children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with chronic health conditions are at higher risk of serious illness.

To protect you and your family, there are two flu vaccines being developed against these viruses. The seasonal flu vaccine will be available as usual in the fall, while the H1N1 flu vaccine will be made available later in the year. For information, visit www.toronto.ca/health or call 416-338-7600.

Both the regular flu and H1N1 are transmitted from person to person through coughs and sneezes. Everyone in the community can help reduce the spread of the flu by taking basic precautions, says Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Director of Communicable Disease Control at Toronto Public Health.

The best ways to reduce the risk of getting the virus include:

- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and hot water, or use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneezing or coughing into the arm or sleeve, when a tissue is not available

- People who are ill should stay at home, with the support of family, friends and employers
- Not sharing items like cups and utensils that can pass the virus between people

12. Wind Anemometer

On August 21, 2009 I was informed that John Gerretsen, the Ontario Minister of Environment officially denied the 6 Part II orders (bump up requests) for an individual environmental assessment for the offshore anemometer proposed by Toronto Hydro. The process, Joyce McLean Director, Strategic Issues Toronto Hydro Corporation advised now reverts to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for final approval. If you would like to speak to Toronto Hydro you may contact Ms. McLean at (416) 542 3047 phone or jmclean@torontohydro.com.

Subsequently in a letter dated August 24, 2009 from the Ministry of Natural Resources, John Almond the Area Supervisor states that:

(Section from letter)

MNR has considered all public concerns submitted and information provided during the Class EA consultation and evaluation process. MNR is therefore satisfied that the public consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment process for Category B projects as identified in *MNR's Class EA for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects* have been met by THES and it is intended that the proposal proceed, subject to any Part II Orders to the Minister of Environment.

The project will also require approval from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Department of Fisheries and Oceans under the Fisheries Act, and Transport Canada, under the Navigable Waters Protection Act. The site will also be screened by the Ministry of Culture to ensure the platform is located safely away from any archaeological sites.

Again, it is very important to note that if MNR grants permission to proceed with a wind testing platform; this approval does not mean any future project will automatically proceed. Ontario is committed to ensuring that only well planned and sited windpower projects onshore or offshore go ahead and that these projects receive appropriate review and approval.

The Ontario government is committed to developing clean, renewable sources of energy so Ontarians will have a reliable and sustainable supply of electricity for the future. The development of new sources of renewable energy plays a critical role in helping to reduce the impact of climate change. Our government sees the development of renewable energy projects and the protection of our natural environment as compatible priorities.

Please contact our Senior Lands Technician, Mark Patterson at (905) 713-7386, if you have questions.

If you would like to express your comments on this issue please contact your local Provincial Member of Parliament Minister Margaret Best at (416)281-2787 or mbest.mpp@liberal.ola.org. You may also want to contact Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources at 416-314-2301 or dcansfield.mpp@liberal.ola.org or Kevin Hosler, Program Coordinator, Ministry of Renewable Energy at (705) 755-1240.

You may also write to the Toronto Hydro Board of Directors by writing to Clare R. Copeland Chairman, Toronto Hydro Corporation. Your letter should be address: Clare R. Copeland Chairman and Members of the Board. 14 Carlton St. Toronto, ON M5B 1K5.

13. Bike Safety

Last June the Toronto Police Services ran a safe cycling campaign “Safe Cycling Sharing the Responsibility Campaign”. The purpose of the campaign was to enforce safety for cyclists as they share the rode with automobiles. 43 Division issued 508 tickets to cyclists for a variety of offences which ranged from disobeying stop signs, not having proper equipment: horns or bells, riding through and along a crosswalks and other related offences.

It is very important for both cyclists and motorists to obey the traffic laws to keep our roads safe. Our Community Traffic contact at 43 Division is Sergeant Mark Longmuir. He is available to speak to you if you wish to obtain any further information at: 416-808-4324 or mark.longmuir@torontopolice.on.ca.

Some cycling offences and their fines, including court fees and victim surcharges, under the Highway Traffic Act:

- Improper lighting: \$35
- Improper brakes: \$110
- No bell or defective bell: \$110
- Failing to wear a proper helmet: \$85
- Disobeying/failing to stop at a stop sign: \$110
- Failing to stop at a red light: \$180
- Careless riding: \$325
- Failing to yield to a pedestrian: \$110
- Riding the wrong way on one-way street: \$110
- Failing to move right for a passing vehicle: \$110
- Riding in or along a crosswalk: \$110
- Failing to stop or identify one's self: \$110
- Two people on a bike: \$110

14. TTC Scarborough Malvern LRT Proposal

Toronto Transit Commission Proposed Light Rail Transit: On June 25th, I held a community Town Hall meeting at West Hill High School on the proposed Light Rail Transit for the Scarborough Malvern line. TTC Staff attended the Question and Answer session where many residents commented on the proposal. The 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 motorists during peak times are traveling to and 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 stand taken by TTC staff and their consultants as they are focusing on 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. I will not be able to support the proposal as it now stands.

Compromises are needed in order to serve the community better. The 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. A link is also available on my website at www.paulainslie.com. I will be hosting another session on the proposed LRT on Tuesday October 20 @ 6 p.m. at the request of the community as a round table discussion.

15. Safety Walk Audits

My office has been organizing 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 year. Audits have taken place on May 28th on Galloway Rd, September 28th in the Lakeview

community, in the Curran Hall community on October 22nd as well as a safety audit scheduled for November 2nd for the Mornelle community. Calls were made to all Community Association Presidents to set dates for walks. If you would like a safety walk in your community please contact my office.

16. Emerald Ash Borer Update

Following is a list of questions which residents have brought forward to my office:

- Q) Is the situation now worse than stated by Urban Forestry at the public meetings held earlier this year?
- A) Subsequent to Councillor Ainslie's meeting on March 10, 2009, an area of EAB infestation was found in Scarborough in the Morningside and Sheppard Avenue area. However, no other new areas of infestation have been confirmed within the City.
- Q) Will a list of approved tree service firms be compiled by the city for quality control purposes?
- A) Forestry will not be able to provide an "approved" list of tree service companies. However, Forestry always recommends using companies that employ qualified arborists who may be certified with the International Society of Arboriculture (I.S.A.).
- Q) Do local residents have to get permission from the city to remove larger infected ash trees on private property?
- A) Currently under review
- Q) What is the best time of year to contemplate a large scale removal of trees, if this is deemed to be the solution?
- A) Normally, destruction of infested trees with treatment such as chipping to less than 2.5 cm in any two dimensions during the low risk period from October 1 - March 31 will kill all prepupal life stages of EAB and prevent the spread of the insect. Recent research in the United States has shown that there is some evidence that ash wood, particularly logs, cut in July and August in the early stages of larval development & placed or left in full sunlight will dramatically lower EAB survival.
- Q) Will a local dump site or transfer station for wood chips be established?

A) Ash wood or chips can be taken to the following transfer stations:

West end Sites

50 Ingram Dr. NY
120 Disco Rd. Etobicoke
35 Vanley Cres, Toronto

East end Sites

400 Commissioners St, Toronto
1 Transfer Place, Scarborough
3350 Victoria Park, North York

Bermondsey Transfer is the only Transfer station that does not receive yardwaste or chips at this time.

For further information please contact Grace Maione, Manager, Transfer Operations Solid Waste Management (416) 397-1356 or (416) 676-6874 (cell) gmaione@toronto.ca.

- Q) What type of trees does the city recommend be planted for replacement and for diversity purposes?
- A) Urban Forestry recommends the planting of large growing native shade trees. However, in some circumstances, non-native species may be suitable. I've attached our Street Tree planting brochure and another list of native trees for natural areas.

For additional information about EAB, please consult Forestry's EAB webpage at: <http://www.toronto.ca/trees/eab.htm> for more information and the Canadian Food Inspection

Agency webpage at:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/pestrava/agrpla/agrplae.shtml> for more information and Regulations regarding the movement of ash material and all firewood out of an Infested Area such as the City of Toronto.

Information provided by: Kristjan Vitols, Supervisor, Tree Nursery & Natural Resource Management Forest & Natural Environment Management Urban Forestry Branch, City of Toronto. 416-392-0432, kvitols@toronto.ca.

Saturday October 3: With the children back at school you will be able to turn your attention to the upcoming year and prepare for the upcoming season. You may want to do some housekeeping and dispose of items which can be brought to my Environment Day scheduled for Saturday October 3 in the Morningside Works Yard located at 891 Morningside Ave. You may drop off for recycling/disposal: cell phones, computers, monitors, printers, fax machines & small televisions, household hazardous waste (cleaning supplies and solvents, motor oil, paint, batteries, old/unused medication, mercury thermometers/thermostats, pesticides, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, etc.) inkjet and laser cartridges used tires (off the rim, limit of 5). You may also purchase: backyard composter (\$15) green bin (\$18) kitchen container (\$5) indoor water efficiency kit (\$10) Rain Barrel (\$85) or replace your damaged green bins and kitchen container. A flyer will be sent to your home with additional information on items which can be donated and disposed of.

18. The 2009 Heritage Toronto Awards

On Tuesday, October 13th at the historic Carlu, Heritage Toronto will celebrate outstanding contributions by individuals and community organizations, as well as industry professionals and associations, in promoting and conserving Toronto's history and heritage landmarks. Hosting the Heritage Toronto Awards this year is CBC Radio's Mary Ito.

In 2009, Heritage Toronto will be presenting its Special Achievement Award to long-time heritage advocate, Stephen Otto.

In a bit of a departure from the usual format lecture, Heritage Toronto is hosting "The Great Toronto Roast", the birthday party for the City's 175th year. Special guests of roasters and toasters will celebrate both our triumphs and our foibles in a lively one-hour program.

Hosted by Soupepper Theatre founder and actor Albert Schultz, the Roast will offer an array of guests who all have one thing in common - a love for their city. .

When: Tuesday, October 13th, 2009
Program - 7:15 p.m., Doors Open - 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Carlu - 444 Yonge Street, 7th Floor

Hosts: Heritage Toronto Awards Mary Ito, Host of Fresh Air, CBC Radio

The Great Toronto Roast: Albert Schultz Actor and Founding Artistic Director, Soupepper Theatre Company.

Appearing at the Roast: Former Mayor David Crombie, Comedians from Second City, "Valerie Rosedale" - Don Harron, Dennis Lee, Freddy Proia - Yuk Yuk's, Kwan Ho Tse - "Time" Jan Wong, d'bi.young, Mayor David Miller

Tickets: General Admission - \$30

Heritage Toronto Members/Groups of 10 or more - \$25

Or purchase a ticket to our special pre-event Mayor's Reception - \$100 (limited tickets available - also includes admittance to the Awards and Roast)

Advance tickets can be purchased by calling 416-338-1338, emailing info@heritagetoronto.org or www.heritagetoronto.org.

Nominations for the 2009 Heritage Toronto Awards will be announced in the coming weeks on our website www.heritagetoronto.org.

19. Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2009 website launched

Toronto's all-night contemporary art extravaganza, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, will begin on October 3. Jam-packed with 130 projects by nearly 500 artists, it will be impossible to do it all in one night. The event website is fully updated for 2009 and is the best place for audiences to start planning their evening in advance to get the most out of the massive 12-hour art event.

Full program details, including project descriptions, images and links to artists' websites, can now be found at www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca. Additionally, navigation information and details about TTC routes, extensions and fares, as well as interactive maps that highlight project locations and information centres, are also available.

In the coming weeks, travel packages that include discounts on transportation, hotels and attractions will also be available for out-of-towners wishing to visit Toronto that weekend.

New for this year, the website will feature interactive tools to help participants better plan their night:

Mobile Event Site: Mobile-optimized web content will adapt to any handheld and allow participants to access all event details and vote for Scotiabank People's Choice.

My Night - Personal Itinerary Planner: Audiences will be able to plan ahead and create their own personalized list of must-see projects, build their own maps and share their itinerary with friends.

Night Navigator App: Event-goers will be able to enhance their event experience with innovative technology in the palm of their hands by downloading the ultimate navigational tool available for iPhone or BlackBerry and explore Scotiabank Nuit Blanche.

Participants can sign up for the e-newsletter at www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca, become a fan of the event on Facebook, and follow sbnuitblancheTO on Twitter to be notified when My Night and Night Navigator are available.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche is Toronto's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art, produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community.

Scotiabank is committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work, both in Canada and abroad. Recognized as a leader internationally and among Canadian corporations for its charitable donations and philanthropic activities, in 2008 the Bank provided about \$43 million in sponsorships and donations to a variety of projects and initiatives, primarily in the areas of healthcare, education, social services and arts and culture. For more information the public can visit www.scotiabank.com.

Full program details, maps and more now available at www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca

21. Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club New Year-Round indoor Tennis Facility

Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club is excited to announce that construction of a new four court indoor tennis facility, to replace the five court facility built in 1975, is well underway at the club. The new courts will be covered year-round by a bubble that is heated in the winter and air-conditioned in the summer. The facility will have hanging lighting and include room for bleachers to accommodate spectators when tournaments are being played. It will also have a state of the art access control system.

A city owned facility, Tam Heather is located in the east end of Toronto just south of Hwy. 401 at Morningside Ave. In 2006, the City and the Tam Heather board of

directors decided that improvements were needed to accommodate the steady growth of tennis in the area, primarily in the 12 to 24 age category, and to meet the demand for affordable winter tennis in the east end of the city. A feasibility study, conducted by an outside consulting firm, resulted in the redevelopment project for the new facility, which will open October 1, 2009.

"Commenting on the redevelopment, STF President Rob Nicholls remarked 'We are pleased to see that the comprehensive rebuild of the Tam Heather facility is now underway. Given the limited number of indoor facilities in Scarborough, Tam is clearly an important piece in the puzzle for the promotion of tennis in the area and we are delighted to see a well thought-out plan for a top-quality permanent indoor facility being implemented.'"

Tam Heather offers a variety of tennis programs including adult lessons, men's and ladies' house leagues, competitive teams, social mixed round-robin play and a very popular mixed day-time Seniors' league. Another popular feature offered by Tam Heather is a "block-booking" system, which guarantees a court booking for the same day and time for the entire winter session without having to phone every week to book the court.

Tam Heather is fortunate to have Lionel Eli as their full-time Tennis Professional. Lionel has many years experience teaching tennis to juniors and adults alike. He has developed a high quality, affordable Junior tennis program. Lionel is excited about the redevelopment of the tennis facilities at Tam Heather:

"It is exciting to see a new project starting in any community. When this project is a new sporting facility, everyone that already takes part in the sport, as well as those who want to learn the sport, are excited and eager to see the completion of the project. To think that in October 2009 the youth and adults of Scarborough will have a tennis facility to call their own is simply mind-boggling.

Tam Heather has developed some of Ontario's top Junior players, several of whom have received tennis scholarships to accredited universities. They host one of the best organized Junior tournaments in Ontario, which is played over the Christmas holidays. Now, with this new state-of-the art facility, located where most tennis players can commute to with ease, we at Tam will be a force to be reckoned with in developing more Junior and adult players, and hosting more OTA tournaments. Myself, as well as my professional teaching staff, will be raising the bar in Junior Development in the Scarborough area".

Tam Heather offers affordable and competitive membership and court fees. The membership fee includes access to the club's lounge, which offers kitchen and beverage services. It all provides a relaxed, friendly and social atmosphere in

which to play tennis and socialize after playing. The lounge is also available for rental to accommodate private functions such as weddings, dances, banquets, meetings, etc, for up to 190 people.

Tam Heather also offers curling memberships, which can be combined with a tennis membership. Tam Heather boasts eight sheets of ice and a very large and active curling club offering Men's, Ladies', Mixed, and Seniors' leagues, as well as curling programs for children, aged seven to twenty.

For further information, including fees and application information, please visit our web-site at www.tamheather.ca or phone the club at 416-284-9251

We look forward to seeing you at our new facility in October !!!

22. Free Space in Schools For Community Groups

9 schools in the Scarborough-Guildwood area will give not-for-profit groups free access to schools after hours.

Offering school space at no cost will help not-for-profit groups provide affordable or free activities, such as sport, art and recreation programs for youth. These programs help bring communities together and keep young people active and safe.

The schools are:

- Bellmere Junior Public School, Cedar Drive Junior Public School
- Cornell Junior Public School, Eastview Junior Public School
- Mason Road Junior Public School, Military Trail Public School
- St Margaret's Public School, Willow Park Junior Public School
- Woburn Junior Public School

This is part of Community Use of Schools, a program that helps all Ontario school boards make school space more affordable for use after hours. Increasing access to schools for community activities and services supports the goals of *Breaking the Cycle: Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy*, and was a recommendation of The Roots of Youth Violence report.

For further information contact: Toronto District School Board: (416) 397-3000

23. 311 Contact Centre

Mayor David Miller and City Manager Joe Pennachetti officially opened the 311 Contact Centre this Thursday, September 24.

Residents will now be able to dial 311 for all their service needs

24. BMO Guildwood Village

The Guildwood Village Branch of BMO is relocating its branch to 99 Guildwood Parkway. The doors will open on Monday October 26, 2009.

If you would like further information please contact: Lisa Ramrup, Branch Manager at 416-266-8759.

25. Our Kingston Galloway / Orton Park Community – website launch

On Saturday September 26th, 2009 the new community website www.ourkgocommunity.com will be launched. The site includes a great information base on the Kingston Galloway / Orton Park Community. Its sections include: About, Events, Get Involved, Gallery, FAQs, Forum, Newsletter, Need Help?, Safety, Contacts.

Please visit the site to view the services available to the community.

26. TORONTO ZOO IS SEARCHING FOR A NIFTY NAME FOR NEW BABY GORILLA!

An endangered male gorilla was born at the Toronto Zoo on September 2, 2009 to first-time “Mom” Ngozi and “Dad” Charles.

Ngozi and Charles need your help in naming their newborn. Visit torontozoo.com for full details on how you can participate in the Toronto Zoo Name the Baby Gorilla Contest.

Contest runs from Wednesday, September 30th to Friday, November 13th.

Names can be submitted online or by picking up a ballot at Toronto Zoo Guest Services. Name submissions close 10:00am on Tuesday, October 27th.

A special Zoo panel will select the top 10 names which will be posted on the Zoo's website as of Friday, October 30th.

You can vote on your favorite name until Friday, November 13th

On Wednesday, November 18th the top five names, as selected by YOU, will be displayed within the Gorilla Rainforest Exhibit. The name that Charles, the Dad, goes to first will become our new baby's name!

Please note that all name submissions MUST begin with the letter "N" as Mom, Ngozi, would like to continue the family tradition of naming the baby after Mom!

For more information, contact Katie Gray
Supervisor, Public Relations at (416) 392-5941. torontozoo.com

27. Quote du Mois

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Henry Ford.

28. Websites for Community Use

www.secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsm/ (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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