

City Councillor Paul Ainslie sees Stimulus Funding Arrive for New Day Care Centre for Kingston Road & Galloway Rd With Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

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Toronto City Hall – On December 17, 2009 City of Toronto Councillor Paul Ainslie witnessed the fruition of many phone calls and letters as the Federal and Provincial governments announced an investment in partnership with Native Child and Family Services of Toronto to build a 2-storey Aboriginal Family-Life Centre on the northwest corner of Kingston Road and Galloway Rd. This investment of \$2,957,026 will help to create local jobs in Scarborough and supports children in need and families in the community.

To make the announcement, Paul Calandra, M.P. Oak Ridges-Markham, Hon. Margaret Best, M.P.P. Scarborough-Guildwood, City of Toronto Councillor Paul Ainslie Ward 43 Scarborough East was present, joined by representatives of Native Child and Family Service of Toronto.

“I am proud today to be jointly announcing funding for a project that will get shovels in the ground, jobs created, and enable this organization to enhance its services for years to come,” said Paul Calandra, M.P. “Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, our government has announced an historic number of projects to help strengthen our communities, including here in Scarborough.”

“I have to give credit to City Councillor Paul Ainslie” continued Calandra, “for his tenacity and diligence is working with my office to see this federal money coming to his community in Scarborough East”

“This area is one of 13 high-priority communities in Toronto, and mine in particular is desperately lacking in daycare” stated Councillor Ainslie. “I’m proud of the work I did with the federal and provincial governments to ensure they understood the childcare priorities in the community I work hard to represent.”

This new building, which will reference an Iroquoian longhouse, has been designed by ERA architects to complement an existing structure, a Victorian Gothic farmhouse of unique design known as the Eade House, which will continue to be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The building will use a state-of-the-art, environment-friendly geothermal system for heating and cooling. The building will house a daycare, community activities, and NCFST sponsored programs including:

- 56 daycare spaces.
- Early Years program and community kitchen.
- Active G.E.D. Program.
- Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program to recruit, hire and train local Youth to develop leadership skills, employment skills and programming skills.
- Daily Breakfast Program and After School Program.
- Summer camps for children 6-12 years of age.

- Cultural activities such as sweat lodge ceremonies, monthly full moon ceremonies, naming ceremonies, rites of passage, women's hand drumming and a men and boy's big drum program.
- Social recreational activities including community barbeques and sports outings and guitar lessons for youth.
- Case management services to assist struggling families with supportive counselling, parenting skills, advocacy, referrals and mediation.

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