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Dear Friends,

This week I was appointed to Chair the Parks and Environment Committee. I look forward to committing my energy to enhance and bring better community engagement within our local parks. Over the past several years I have worked with Ward 43 residents to form a number of Friends of Park groups and take this opportunity to further strengthen the parks across the City.

As Chair of the Government Management Committee I had the privilege to work on significant projects for the City of Toronto, I am proud of the work our committee accomplished. Together since 2010 we approved \$373 million in tax savings.

My vision to introduce a Social Services Benefit Card has given the City annual savings of \$6.2 million (62 million over 10 yrs) a service staff are extending to other divisions for additional savings. Under the committee's direction sole source contracts have been reduced at a savings of \$22.5 million, the core service review implementations gave us an additional \$25 million in savings. New collective agreements for full and part-time workers will save \$150 million over the next 4 years.

While Chair of Government Management, we eliminated paper news clippings to an electronic version at a cost savings of \$170,000. The City will also fully implement paperless pay stubs at an annual savings of \$300,000 by December 2014.

Accountability was also a top priority as we implemented: online posting of all Purchasing Card transactions, an Open Government Committee was formed of all the divisions to focus on how they can move forward to strive for a more transparent style of government to best serve the residents. Podcasts have been in place for over one year, social media has also been greatly enhanced to reach the residents of Toronto on meetings, important Issues, committee & volunteer opportunities.

These tools keep you up to date on the goings on at City Hall. Government Management Committee since 2010 has also seen the launch of an "Idea Market" to engage front-line employees, has worked on encouraging civic engagement through participation at community meetings and public consultations. All Council votes and attendance records, along with City agendas are now recorded and online.

At the Planning and Growth Committee meeting last month I began the process for the City to explore the implementation of Local Community Planning Boards. The community boards would fulfil a much needed tool for local residents to partake in discussions pertaining to planning their communities. Having the community as part of

the planning process they become accountable as they explore the appropriateness for plans in a local context.

I have been striving to increase municipal participation in the planning process. The implementation of Community Planning Boards (CPB) would bring opportunities for meaningful interaction by local residents and grassroots organizations during the local planning processes, as the planning of communities is the closest relationship neighbourhoods have with their local government.

I would encourage you to send me your comments as the City's Chief Planner has been directed to report on Community Planning Boards in her 2014 Work Plan.

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

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1. Calendar

June 1, 2013 * Guildwood Day – Annual Community Festival
June 1, 2013 * Meet and Greet with Residents of 45 Greencrest Circuit
June 3, 2013 * Constituency Meetings

June 4, 2013 * Community Planning Board Meeting, Kingston Galloway Orton Park Community
June 4, 2013 * Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
June 4, 2013 * Coronation Community Association Meeting
June 5, 2013 * Tim Horton's Camp Day – Drop by any Tim Horton's location to help kids go to camp
June 6, 2012 * Toronto Remembers D-Day at Nathan Philips Square
June 6, 2013 * Festival Market Opening 4130 Lawrence Ave. E. My mobile Constituency office will be on site.
June 6, 2013 * Toronto Public Library E-book Meeting
June 8, 2013 * Youth Council Spring Recruitment: Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough 100 Galloway Rd.
June 10, 2013 * Toronto Public Library Board Budget Committee Meeting
June 11, 2013 * Toronto City Council
June 11, 2013 * Graduation Picnic - One on One Mentoring Program at Thompson Park
June 11, 2013 * Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting
June 12, 2013 * Toronto City Council
June 13, 2013 * 2013 Canadian Leadership Summit - Microsoft
June 13, 2013 * 43 Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting
June 13, 2013 * Festival Market 4130 Lawrence Ave. E. My mobile Constituency office will be on site.
June 14, 2013 * Toronto Real Estate Board Luncheon : Civic Working Together/Gathering for giving
June 15, 2013 * Fort York War of 1812 Festival
June 16, 2013 * Fort York War of 1812 Festival
June 18, 2013 * Scarborough Community Council
June 20, 2013 * Canada Club "The importance of Strong Cities; To Build a Stronger Country"
June 20, 2013 * Festival Market 4130 Lawrence Ave. E. My mobile Constituency office will be on site
June 20, 2013 * Councillor Ainslie's Annual BBQ at Seven Oaks Park
June 21, 2013 * Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
June 21, 2013 * Strawberry Festival Poplar Road Junior Public School
June 22, 2013 * Port Union Waterfront Festival
June 22, 2013 * Czech Slovak Celebration of Canada Day 2013 at Masaryktown
June 23, 2013 * Tall Ship Event
June 24, 2013 * Parks and Environment Committee
June 24, 2013 * Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
June 26, 2013 * Sunrise Ceremony-Pow Wow and Grand Entry - South East Scarborough Pow Wow
June 27, 2013 * Festival Market 4130 Lawrence Ave. E. My mobile Constituency office will be on site.
June 28, 2013 * Executive Committee Meeting
June 30, 2013 * Coronation Park Steering Committee Meeting
July 1, 2013 - Scarborough Canada Day Parade

Events in our Community:

Thursday June 20 Councillor Ainslie's Annual Community BBQ
Seven Oaks Park 5:30 pm – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 26 South East Scarborough Pow Wow Celebrations
Maplewood High School
Sunrise Ceremony-Pow Wow 5:30 a.m.
Grand Entry – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday July 6 Councillor Ainslie's 1st Annual Community BBQ
4100 - 4110 Lawrence Avenue East 5:30 pm – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday July 20 1st Annual Mornelle Community BBQ
Mornelle Court

Saturday July 27 Guild Alive with Culture Art Festival, Guild Inn 201 Guildwood
Parkway

Sunday July 28 Saturday 10 am – 7pm & Sunday 10am – 5 pm
by Councillor Ainslie with Guild Renaissance Group

Tuesday August 27 Councillor Ainslie's Community BBQ Cornell Park

Events across the City

June 20 – June 23 Tall Ships Event at the Waterfront Festival
<http://towaterfrontfest.com/2013-tall-ships-return/>

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2. [Seven Oaks](#)

Annual Community Barbeque

I am looking forward to seeing all residents at my annual community barbeque on Thursday June 20, 2013. Every year we have the opportunity to speak on municipal issues as we enjoy our community park. This year's festivities will again bring community information on city divisions and programs, along with children's activities. Come join me and my staff as we usher in the summer season.

New Splash Pad for Seven Oaks Community

A splash pad has been confirmed for the Seven Oaks Park. This location is receiving the additional enhancements to meet the high demand of young families in the community. Construction for the project will commence next spring to be completed in time for the 2014 summer season.

Neilson Road Storm Sewer Replacement

Expected Project Start Date: June 10, 2013 Expected Completion Date: October 31, 2013

This work will take place on Neilson Road from Oakmeadow Boulevard north branch to 65 m south. The work to upgrade Neilson Road has been lengthy and bothersome to area residents it is however much needed to upgrade the community to ensure that there are no future issues with the water main as the infrastructure was aged.

The scope of work includes the removal and replacement of the existing storm sewer, catch basin leads, pavement restoration, boulevard restoration, sod replacement as required and pavement markings.

There will be temporary lane closures and parking restrictions adjacent to construction zones as required. Local access and emergency traffic will be maintained at all times. You will be notified if there are any significant changes to the construction schedule or work to be undertaken. The work hours will typically take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday with work after hours and weekends as required.

As with all construction projects, there will be noise and temporary inconveniences. In order to complete the work effectively and in a safe manner, some pedestrian and traffic restrictions will be necessary. These include Lane closures adjacent to construction zones as required. Every effort will be made to reduce the inconvenience. The City appreciates your understanding and co-operation.

Construction will require temporary closure of private driveways. Where the property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times. Further notice will be given prior to the temporary closure.

Boulevard restoration work in front of homes is expected. Property owners in the affected areas are reminded to remove any privately owned items from the boulevard. Please be aware that the City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items installed on the City's property, if you have any concerns contact the senior project engineer today for clarification.

General Contractor contact: Joey Furfari, Phone: 416-293-1369 Contract No.:13SC-05RD

Project website: www.toronto.ca/improvements

Keeler Boulevard Traffic Study

[Report link](#)

Further to a request from an area citizen, City Staff have completed a Keeler Boulevard traffic study, it concluded that the installation of speed humps, or other traffic calming measures are not justified at this time. The findings were based on the Traffic Calming Warrant criteria in the report ([link](#)), found that the minimal vehicle volume required were not satisfied, a collector roadway must have between 2500 and 8000 vehicles per day to qualify for traffic calming. The daily traffic

volume recorded on Keeler Boulevard east of Skyridge Road, (near 52 Keeler Boulevard), (between Edenmills Drive and Tweedrock Crescent (west leg)), is 1631 vehicles per day.

The speed studies also found that 77% of motorists travelled within a tolerable speed range (within 10 km/h) for this 40 km/h speed limit roadway. However, since cases of speeding were recorded, a copy of the speed study was sent to the Toronto Police Services to provide enforcement.

If you witness any excessive speeds please call the local police at 416 808-2222 and advise them of the times of the day when this excessive speeding occurs and the licence plate numbers if available of the offenders.

You may also report the speeding on the Toronto Police Service web site "Citizens Online Crime Reporting" at

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/recordsmanagement/crimereporting.php>

Keeler Boulevard has also been added to the "Watch Your Speed" Program, the unit is tentatively scheduled be installed eastbound from September 9 to 13, 2013, west of Brooks Road Public School.

Staff also reviewed the Toronto Police Services collision records on Keeler Boulevard, between Neilson Road to Cindy Nicholas Drive, in the last five-years since January 2008 to December 2012 no collisions have been reported that identify speed as being a contributing factor.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this review you may call my office at 416-396-722 or call Allan Burrows, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, at 416-396-7147.

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3. [Curran](#) Hall Community

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

Curran Hall Community Centre Programs

[Link to Flyer](#)

Activity Camp – Fun in The Sun (3 – 5 yrs): Boys and girls will participate in a variety of active and passive games, sports, arts, crafts and special events supervised by experienced staff. Children will also go on outings arranged by the camp coordinator. Children must be toilet trained.

Activity Camp - Fun in The Sun (6 – 12 yrs): Over the course of each camp session, campers will be involved in arts and crafts, games, sports, special events, outdoor activities and local trips.

Adventure Camp - Eco – (6 – 12 yrs): Environmental Camp, with a focus on learning to garden. Camp highlights include hiking and nature exploration, organic gardening, drama, storytelling, music, nature crafts, cooking, and more! Join us as we put our hands in the soil and our hiking shoes on.

Adventure Camp – (6 – 12 yrs): This camp has all the ingredients of an activity Camp and more. Campers are introduced to a variety of enhanced activities through workshops, special events and excursions.

Cornell Youth Leadership 1 - (12-15 yrs): This program exposes participants to the skills associated with leadership and skill development. There will be leadership workshops, but this is not a certification program. Participants will work on their resume and do a placement in one of our camps.

Behind The Scenes - (10-14 yrs): Participants experience a variety of behind the scenes work including video and the written word. Campers will also enjoy active games and activities. A showcase will take place every Friday afternoon for the campers to show off their achievements.

Minds In Motion Summer Camp - (16-29 yrs): This camp is for individuals with an intellectual disability. This program includes trips, recreational swimming, sports, various games and activities, explore new themes, and lots of social interaction. We focus on functional life skills and incorporate TTC and street safety training on our community outings and offer a four-to-one camper to staff ratio. Campers must be ambulatory.

New Adventure: Eco Camp: Environment camp, with a focus on learning to garden. Camp highlights include hiking and nature exploration, organic gardening, drama, storytelling, music, nature crafts, cooking, and more! Join us as we put our hands in the soil and our hiking shoes on. www.toronto.ca/parks/index.htm | 416-338-4386 or 416-396-5143. [Link](#)

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4. Coronation and West Hill Community

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

City Transportation Investigations

The transportation division has received and are addressing the following request for investigation. If you have any questions on the status of the investigations please contact my office with the information provided for the location.

Date Received at City: May 17, 2013
Inquirer: Public via 3-1-1
Location: 4000 Lawrence Ave E
Issue: TI-SGDL01 INVESTIGATE PAVEMENT MARKINGS
Investigation No: D13-5404561

The Coronation Community Association of West Hill brought the following items to my attention:

Investigation for Right lane change from Kingston Road to Lawrence Avenue

It was advised that motorists making a right turn on Lawrence Ave East from Kingston Rd are not staying in the same lane rather going directly to second or third lane. Residents have explained that this has become a problem from residents who are trying to exit Rodda Blvd.

Traffic Operations will no longer be pursuing the potential installation of a southbound to eastbound left turn restriction at Rodda Boulevard & Lawrence Avenue East as initially sought. Staff, have carefully considered the potential ramifications to the community and lack of significant/recent/documented police collision history at this location involving the movement in question, Staff will instead review the potential of limiting unsafe lane changing practices between Kingston Road and Rodda Boulevard. As such, a new service request has been established to review this enquiry (SR D13-5320573).

Review of u-turn activity on Kingston Road at the median break at Falaise Road

Staff have acknowledged this inquiry, the potential new restrictions would not restrict turning movements to/from Falaise Road but, rather to limit potential conflict between traffic on this road and u-turning traffic on Kingston Road. A new service request has also been established to review this enquiry (SR D13-5320631).

Newspaper boxes: The newspaper boxes on the North East corner of Lawrence Ave. and Rodda Blvd. have been relocated behind the bell telephone booth currently in place. The previous location was causing a visual obstruction for motorists.

Coronation Drive at Rowallan Drive – North-West Corner Parking Regulation Review

[Staff report link](#)

Staff have completed a review and have engaged with the concerned resident. It was concluded that no actions to change the existing signed corner parking regulation at this time. The concern with exiting Rowallan Drive at Coronation Drive, had frequently noted a vehicle parked on the north-west corner at this intersection between an existing corner parking regulation and 166 Coronation Drive.

Other solutions will be exercised to address the issue without the potential shifting of the existing regulation including parking enforcement. A four-year review was also investigated from January 1, 2009 to November 2012, The Toronto Police Service collision records indicate that there have been no reported collisions at the subject site

at the intersection of Coronation Drive at Rowallan Drive, the mid-block section of Coronation Drive nor at the intersection of Limevale Crescent (west intersection) at Coronation Drive.

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5. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

Cornell Park Sports Pad

Please be advised that construction of the Cornell Park sports pad is underway with a proposed completion date of mid to late July weather permitting. This new park amenity request was made in 2010 by the community. The pad is for community use and was approved by the community through two consultation meetings. Residents were invited to comment and attend meetings and were further advised through my monthly Ward reports and community newsletters. I invite the entire community to use the sports pad and enjoy the new amenities with the neighbours and sports groups.

Annual Community Barbeque

My annual community Barbeque will take place on Tuesday August 26, 2013. Every year we have the opportunity to speak on municipal issues as we enjoy our community park. This year's festivities will again bring community information on city divisions and programs, along with children's activities. Come join me and my staff as we celebrate the end of the summer season.

Cedar Ridge creative Centre- 225 Confederation Drive

416-396-4026 – crcc@toronto.ca

Cedar Ridge Gallery Hours: Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Thurs.-Sun.: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/cedarridgecreativecentre>

June 3 – 13

Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery Members Exhibit

On show at Cedar Ridge Gallery will be an exhibit of works by members of Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery. This exhibit will feature watercolour and acrylic paintings, sculpture, fibre work and more.

June 9, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Celebration of the Arts

Cedar Ridge presents its annual Celebration of the Arts in the gardens of the site.

Artists and crafters will feature their work: fine art, folk art, pottery, fibre art, woodcarving and more. Enjoy live entertainment, artist demonstrations, refreshments and more. Afternoon teas will be held June 11 – 13 from 1 – 4 p.m. To make a reservation, call 416-396-4026.

June 15 - 20

Louisa Lau

Opening reception: Sunday, June 16, 1- 4 p.m.

Cedar Ridge Gallery presents an exhibition of works by artist Louisa Lau. Lau started learning Chinese ink painting and Western oil painting when she was a teenager. Reconciling both worlds' aesthetics is always her goal. Through these imaginative landscapes, which were inspired by Chinese poetry, she tries to show her Chinese sensibility with Western abstraction.

June 22 – June 27

Philippine Artists Group

Opening Reception: Sunday, April 28 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Cedar Ridge Gallery exhibits works by members of the Philippine Artists Group.

Expressions summer art camp

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre offers its annual summer visual arts day camp for children ages 8 to 13 years. Campers will have an exciting opportunity to create and experiment with drawing and painting, printmaking and sculpture, video, arts and crafts, pottery and recreation. Sessions run for two weeks. For information, or to register, call 416-396-4026.

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[6. Guildwood Village](#)

Guildwood Village Community Association website: www.guildwood.on.ca

The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG): <http://guildrenaissancegroup.com/>

The Guild Inn proposal process

Dynamic Entertainment submitting a proposal, meeting the Monday June 3 closing date. On Monday June 17 the Government Management Committee will address staff's request to enter into negotiations with Dynamic Entertainment. If you would like to send in a letter or email of support please send them to my office councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca. You may view the item at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&meetingId=6869>:

GM23.11 - Award - RFP 0613-13-0067 for the Design, Build, Finance and Operation of a New Restaurant and/or Banquet Centre and Other Complementary Facilities at the Guild Inn Site.

As you will read staff are supportive of the proposal and did advise that the proponent did meet the community's and City's needs. The item does contain a confidential document outlining the actual proposals including financial information, for these

reasons the document is marked confidential and cannot be considered for release until the agreement is signed and executed.

I will attend Government Management Committee on Monday to speak on the item. After this item is adopted at the Government Management Committee it will then need approval at the July City Council.

After negotiations are completed the item then requires Council approval in the Fall which would finalize the proponent approval process.

Splash Pad and Play Ground for Guildwood Village

Residents have been requesting a splash pad for the Guildwood Village Community for some time. After reviewing the Ward 43 park budget it has been confirmed that we can finally install a splash pad in Elizabeth Simcoe Park – the project will be a partnership in planning and fundraising with the friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park. The splash pad planning will commence immediately with a completion date for summer 2015.

A new play ground has been planned and designed for Grey Abbey Park with implementation for spring 2014. Many residents approached my office on why there was no play ground for their children east of Morningside Avenue, in reviewing the area parks and amenities it was determined that a play structure was indeed needed for the families who reside east of Morningside Avenue. Upon reviewing the request and parks budget with staff it was determined that a playground could be accommodated.

Off Leash Dogs in Guild Inn Gardens

As we all know the Guild Inn Gardens are beautifully manicured, the gardens are also graced by several deer which visit the grounds and live in the surrounding woods. As we enjoy walking through the grounds, we must keep in mind to keep our dogs on leash as not to disrupt the wildlife and flower gardens in the park. Several signs are posted in the park advising that dogs are to be kept on a leash.

There have been several complaints made to our Municipal Standards and licensing (MLS) regarding dogs off leash in the park. The City of Toronto does have by-laws in place to fine owners if their dogs are off leash. Usually for first time offences an owner would be warned, the bylaw officer would have to witness the offence or have a substantial amount of evidence and witnesses. If possible it would be useful for complainants to provide the addresses or licence plates of the offenders to 311.

Toronto Hydro – Anemometer Wind Research Summary

On Wednesday June 5, 2013 Toronto Hydro publically released its wind research summary. I have attached a [link here](#) to their news release. The release reads as follows:

Objectives: The anemometer platform project was initiated to study the offshore wind resource in Lake Ontario. This research is crucial in understanding the offshore wind resource for which no on-site data was previously available. This research project

provides detailed wind speeds, turbulence and directions across heights of 0-150 metres to confirm satellite data and validate computer models.

Research Period: The platform was installed approximately 1.1 kilometres offshore in Lake Ontario in water depth of approximately 12 metres between October 2009 and May 2010. The research period for the study was June 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012. The platform was removed in September 2012, consistent with Ministry of Natural Resources permits/approvals.

Technology: The platform was equipped with two systems to measure the wind resource to a height of 150 metres. The primary system used a Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) system and the secondary system used conventional vane/propeller instruments.

Estimated Resource: Satellite data and the Ontario Wind Atlas computer model predicted an average windspeed of 7.5 metres per second at 90 metres height at the platform location 1.1 kilometres offshore.

Actual Resource: Actual winds monitored over the research period averaged 7.4 metres per second windspeed at 90 metres height at the platform location 1.1 kilometres offshore. These measurements were provided by both LIDAR and conventional instruments with results reviewed by York University. There is good agreement between the actual windspeeds and the prediction models. The research platform is shown below along with the monthly average windspeeds.

Street Lights

Last month I sent a letter to Anthony M. Haines President and CEO, Toronto Hydro Corporation inquiring on the Heritage lights currently installed in the Guildwood Village Community. Several residents from the Guildwood community contacted my office to state that the heritage street lights lining the local roads were being replaced with standard street lights. I would like to retain the existing heritage street lights to ensure that the historical character of the Guildwood Community is maintained.

I have inquired what type of street lighting Toronto Hydro is maintaining across the City and if any would be categorized as heritage street lighting. I will continue to update the community on this matter.

City Transportation Investigations

The transportation division has received and are addressing the following requests for investigation. If you have any questions on the status of the investigations please contact my office with the information provided for the location.

Inquiry

Date Received at City: May 2, 2013

Inquirer: Public via 3-1-1

Location: 109 Toynbee Trl (Navarre Cres)

Issue: TI-SGDL06 INVESTIGATE VEHICLES LEAVING ROADWAY

Investigation No: D13-5395045

Inquiry

Date Received at City: May 23, 2013
Inquirer: Public via 3-1-1
Location: Livingston Rd (Bledlow Manor Dr)
Issue: TI-PRK01 CORNER PARKING PROHIBITION
Investigation No: D13-5430993

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[7. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition](#) & Tenants Associations in Ward 43

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Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition...Working together to make a change... Be the Change you want to See...

www.mornellecourt.webs.com

Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca

[mornellecourt@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mornellecourt)

Toronto Community Housing Town Hall Meetings

Last month I attended two community Town Hall meetings with CEO Gene Jones, the Town Hall meetings, were held at 4301 Kingston Rd on Thursday, May 30 and 90 Mornelle Court on Thursday, May 30.

The purpose of these meetings, are to engage with residents to ensure that any issues are addressed and brought to our attention. I would like to thank all the residents who attended the meeting and encourage you to call me to request Town Hall meetings in your TCHC or privately owned neighborhood.

Annual Community Barbeque

I will be joining the Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition to host the annual Mornelle community Barbeque on Saturday July 20, 2013. This is a great opportunity to speak on municipal issues as we enjoy our community park. The festivities will bring community information on city divisions and programs, along with children's activities. Come join me and my staff as we celebrate with the Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition and Mornelle Court residents.

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8. Council Highlights

Council Highlights

Toronto City Council meeting of May 7, 8, 9 and 10, 2013

Council Highlights is an informal summary of decisions made by Toronto City Council. The City Clerk provides the formal documentation at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

Funding for transit expansion

Council debated the matter of transit funding in order to provide input to Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario when considering an investment strategy for Toronto regional transportation in June. Council adopted some of the many motions presented at the meeting, agreeing to indicate general support for regional transportation expansion in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and to support the Province's the use of dedicated revenues to fund the Metrolinx transportation plan (the Big Move) and related operating costs. Council also adopted a series of implementation principles as the basis of its support for potential new GTHA taxes and fees related to the Big Move plan, and specified the kinds of taxes, tolls and levies Council would not endorse as revenue tools for the Big Move.

Porter Airlines operations

Council debated and voted on a series of motions addressing a request from Porter Airlines for an exemption to the ban on commercial jets at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. Council directed the City Manager to report to the July 3 meeting of the Executive Committee with advice on Porter's request to amend the Tripartite Agreement governing Billy Bishop Airport and related matters concerning Porter's request. The City Manager's report is to include an analysis of jet use in other waterfront cities.

Maintenance of the Gardiner Expressway

Council approved a revised plan for the Gardiner Expressway Rehabilitation Project, with the deck replacement to start at the west end instead of the east end of the elevated expressway. The change to phasing of the maintenance project is tied to the recent decision to resume an Environmental Assessment to determine the future of the easterly 2.4-kilometre segment of the Gardiner between Jarvis Street and Don Roadway.

Nathan Phillips Square revitalization

Council agreed to re-establish the Nathan Phillips Square Community Advisory Committee to provide input on the opening of the relocated Peace Garden and the possible establishment of a restaurant on the square. Council asked the City Manager to report back on a review of bylaws governing Nathan Phillips Square, with the intention of achieving the vision for the square's revitalization, effective management and future programming.

Bike station at City Hall

Council directed Transportation Services to proceed with building a bike parking station at Nathan Phillips Square and to look into opportunities to offset the financial cost to the City. The Toronto Parking Authority has been directed that any revenue decrease resulting from the installation of the Nathan Phillips Square bike station in the municipal parking garage under the square be absorbed within the parking authority's annual operating budget. Council also directed staff to examine options for increasing the number of paid parking spaces in the parking garage to generate more revenues.

Design guidelines for tall buildings

Council adopted the updated Tall Building Design Guidelines for use in the evaluation of all new and current tall building development applications across Toronto. Updates to the guidelines include clear language and layout, strengthened connections to Official Plan policy, and emphasis on design excellence, heritage conservation and sustainable design.

Air conditioning of apartments

Council adopted a motion to direct staff to report on the possibility of amending the Municipal Code to require Toronto landlords to turn on their apartment building air conditioning systems by May 16 and keep them on until September 30 so as to maintain an indoor temperature no higher than 26 degrees. Currently, the City requires air conditioning to operate from June 2 to September 14. Toronto's weather is sometimes hot in the periods before and after those dates.

Toronto Seniors Strategy

Council approved the Toronto Seniors Strategy designed to address the needs of an aging population and make Toronto more age-friendly through services provided by City divisions, agencies and corporations. The strategy includes a plan to ensure timely implementation and clear lines of accountability. Forecasts estimate that by 2030, about 20 per cent of Toronto's population will be 65 years of age or older, compared with about 14 per cent at present.

Five-year plan for Toronto's parks

Council adopted the City of Toronto Parks Plan, which will guide the City's delivery of parks services over the next five years. The plan aims to connect residents with parks, make progress on greening and environmental sustainability, improve the quality of parks, and strengthen the parks system as a legacy for Toronto.

Parking ticket grace period

Council decided to ask the Toronto Police Services Board to amend its guidelines for parking enforcement to allow a 10-minute grace period for police staff issuing parking tickets for parking meter and pay-and-display offences (excluding in rush-hour periods) when the paid parking period has elapsed. Council directed that other City agencies' municipal law enforcement officers are also to allow for that 10-minute grace period. For residential areas where on-street permit parking is in effect, Council amended the parking ticket cancellation guidelines for the mid-month changeover day. There will be a grace period between 9 p.m. of one day to 12:01 p.m. of the next day at the time when parking alternates from one side of the street to the other.

Social procurement framework

Council adopted a Toronto Social Procurement Framework for using the City's collective buying power to maximize its economic, workforce and social development goals. Each year, the City of Toronto spends about \$1.5 billion on goods and services obtained through competitive, transparent procurement processes. The framework will guide the

City's social procurement from 2013 to 2015 with a view to developing an evidence-based Toronto social procurement policy.

Health services for medically uninsured residents

Council voted to ask the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to take steps to address a gap between the demand for and the availability of essential medical services for medically uninsured Toronto residents. Among the steps requested is an increase in provincial funding to Local Health Integration Networks so they can provide additional resources to community health centres for treating residents who are not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). Council also requested the federal government to reinstate benefits covered under the former Interim Federal Health Plan for refugees and refugee claimants.

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Formal documentation of Councils decisions: <http://www.toronto.ca/council>

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9. Toronto Public Library

In collaboration with the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto and the National Film Board of Canada, Toronto Public Library celebrates the largest Aboriginal community in Canada this June, with a series of workshops all across the city. Programs bring important messages from the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. All programs are suitable for the whole family.

The Wisdom Box - an Aboriginal Celebration Sat Jun 15, 2 – 3pm [Kennedy/Eglinton](#)

An interactive family program. Each item in the Wisdom Box has its own story, full of history and significance in First Nations Culture. Presented by the Native Canadian Center of Toronto.

Deadly Art Fri Jun 07, 2 – 3pm [Cliffcrest](#)

Hear author Lloyd Harshaw talks about his book "Deadly Art".

Linda, an artist from Montreal, is a victim of crime in the Toronto art business. Her pursuit of the culprit takes her to Mexico.

The List Author Series: John Ralston Saul - Dark Diversions Thu Jun 13, 7 – 8:15pm

[Taylor Memorial](#) John Ralston Saul's new novel takes us on a darkly comedic journey where our narrator rubs shoulders with dictators and aristocrats. But as he becomes entangled in these worlds, his outsider status becomes more ambiguous: Is he a documentarian of privileged foibles or an embodiment of the very 'dark diversions' he chronicles?

Tea & Books Tue Jun 25, 2 – 3pm [Agincourt](#)

Join us for an entertaining and relaxing afternoon and listen to librarians review and discuss recent publications, upcoming titles, their favourite authors, and recommend some good titles for you to read. Light refreshments will be available.

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[10. City Flag Raising Ceremonies](#)

June 2013 City of Toronto Flag Raisings

June 12 Philippines Flag Raising
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 9:00 a.m.

June 18 – 20* UNHCR – World Refugee Day
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
No ceremony

June 21 Aboriginal Flag Raising
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Sunrise Ceremony at 5:30 a.m.

June 23 National Day to Honour Victims of Terrorism
Half-mast Canadian Flag
Toronto City Hall
Nathan Phillips Square, Main Flag Pole

June 24 – June 30* Rainbow Flag for Pride Week
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony on June 24th at 12:00 p.m.
(flown until June 30th)

June 25 Slovenia Flag Raising
Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

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11. Gardiner East Environmental Assessment - Public Meetings

Public meetings on the Gardiner Expressway East / Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment (EA) and Integrated Urban Design Study are resuming.

Details about the first public forum on June 13, 2013 where you can learn more about the project, the options being considered, as well as what other jurisdictions have done are shown below. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and speak directly with members of the project team, offer input and submit comments through facilitated roundtable discussions.

[Gardiner East EA Public Meeting #1](#)

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2013

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (*presentations begin at 6 p.m.*)

Venue: Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 701,
South Building, 222 Bremner Boulevard, Toronto

Accessibility: Accessible

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12. Toronto Seniors Strategy approved by Council

City Council has approved a Toronto Seniors Strategy that outlines the City's process to make Toronto more age-friendly while focusing on issues and services that fall within the City's authority to plan, manage and deliver.

The strategy includes a plan to ensure implementation and staff accountability. Each recommended action includes a timeline and a lead City program area responsible for implementation. It also outlines how progress will be measured.

The Toronto Seniors Strategy was developed during the same period as the provincial strategy and is well aligned with the province's directions and recommendations.

The strategy is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/strategy.htm>.

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13. East Scarborough Storefront Initiatives

Annual Festival Market

[Festival flyer link](#)

The Festival Market is an annual event which takes place at St. Margaret's Parkette located at 4130 Lawrence Ave. E. Every Thursday starting June 6th until August 29th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. The market features local fruit and vegetables, crafts, music, barbeque and fun.

Follow on Twitter @EastScarbMarket or Facebook East Scarborough Festival

KGO Free Summer Tennis

This free program for local residents who reside in the Kingston Galloway Orton Park community ages 6 to 15 years, will commence on Monday, July 15, 2013. Lessons are available Mondays or Wednesday, 6-7:30pm at University of Toronto Scarborough Tennis Club 131 Old Kingston Rd.

This fun introductory set of lessons will focus on all aspects of the game. No experience is necessary, but if you are already at a beginner's level you will still have the opportunity to improve your skills. The program will run for 8 weeks. Participants have the option of signing-up for either Monday or Wednesday evening sessions. [Link to information](#)

Registration is required as spots are limited. To reserve your spot please register at: East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club at 416-281-0262 or visit 100 Galloway Road OR Pick-up a registration form at Storefront 4040 Lawrence Ave, 416-208-9889

Event Calendar

There are many events and programs in the KGO community to serve residents. Please participate by viewing the community events and programs Calendar: [link](#)

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14. Watch Your Speed in Ward 43

Watch Your Speed will be in Ward 43 on Oakmeadow Boulevard, Highcastle Road and Guildwood Parkway.

July 2 to July 5, 2013: Southbound on Prince Philip Boulevard (south of Guildwood Parkway)

September 9 to 13, 2013: For Keeler Boulevard

November 18-22, 2013: Oakmeadow Boulevard (near Stonefield Crescent) south westbound vehicles

Spring 2014: Highcastle Road (south of St. Edmund Campion Catholic Elementary School) for northbound vehicles.

Spring 2014 - Guildwood Parkway (west of Jack Miner Senior Public School) for eastbound vehicles.

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15. 2013 Final Property Tax Billing

The City of Toronto began mailing 2013 Final Property Tax Bills on May 13, 2013. Mailing will continue until June 14, 2013. In total, the City will mail over 720,000 property tax bills.

For those of you who are paying through the regular instalment plan (6 payments per year), and or if you are enrolled in the 2 and 6-instalment pre-authorized tax payment program your bill will be mailed by May 31, 2013. Tax bills for the 11-instalment pre-authorized tax payment program will be mailed by June 14, 2013.

This allows a full 30 days for you to receive your bills prior to their first tax installment due date.

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* requires that a minimum of 21 days notice be provided from the **Residential Properties:**

- For 2013, City Council approved a municipal operating budget that included a 2% tax increase for all residential properties in the City of Toronto.
- Residential property taxes are calculated by multiplying the property's phased-in assessment by the 2013 residential tax rate for municipal and educational purposes. For example: $\$474,368 \times 0.7457653\% = \$3,334.24$ (Total 2013 Property Taxes).

Due Dates for Final Taxes:

- For the regular instalment plan: July 2, 2013; August 1, 2013; September 3, 2013.
- For Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Programs:
 - 2-Instalment Plan: July 2, 2013.
 - 6-Instalment Plan: July 2, 2013; August 1, 2013; September 3, 2013.
 - 11-Instalment Plan: July 15, 2013; August 15, 2013; September 16, 2013; October 15, 2013; November 15, 2013; December 16, 2013.

Property Tax Relief Programs

▪ The City offers four (4) tax and water relief programs: Program applications & information, including qualifying criteria for all four programs available on our website at www.toronto.ca/taxes/property_tax; at all Civic Centres and City Hall; by calling a Customer Service Representative at 416-338-4829.

1. Vacant Unit Rebate Program for Commercial/Industrial properties;
2. Rebates for Registered Charities;
3. Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes (Property Tax Appeals) for changes occurring during the year.

Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes (Property Tax Appeals)

Application for the **2013** taxation year is **February 28, 2014**.

- An application for a cancellation/reduction of taxes may be submitted to the Treasurer, if during the year:
 - the tax class for the property has changed
 - land has become vacant land or excess land
 - land has become exempt from taxation
 - the building on the land was
 - razed by fire, demolition or otherwise, or
 - damaged by fire and rendered unusable for the use just prior to the damage, by fire, demolition or otherwise
 - the applicant is unable to pay taxes because of sickness or extreme poverty
 - a mobile unit on the land is removed
 - a person was overcharged due to a gross or manifest clerical error
- repairs or renovations to the land prevented the normal use of the land for at least three months during the year.

Property Tax and Water Relief Programs for Low Income Seniors and Low Income Persons with a Disability:

- The City offers the following Tax and Water Relief Programs to residential property owners who are low income seniors or low income persons with a disability:
 - Property Tax Increase Deferral Program
 - Property Tax Increase Cancellation Program
 - Water Rebate Program
- Application forms for the 2013 programs will be mailed to all qualified applicants from 2012. Application forms can be also be obtained by calling a Customer Service Representative, or can be downloaded from our website at: www.toronto.ca/taxes/property_tax.
- The deadline for applying for the programs for the **2013** taxation year is **September 4, 2013**.

Did You Know? - You have the option to make a voluntary contribution to the City of Toronto to support various City services. Visit our website at www.toronto.ca/taxes or see the enclosed insert for details.

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16. Food & music all summer: Nathan Phillips Square & Mel Lastman Sq

Food and music showcased all summer at Nathan Phillips Square and Mel Lastman Square

The City of Toronto invites residents and visitors to enjoy some of Canada's best musical talent along with delicious food this summer at Nathan Phillips Square and Mel Lastman Square.

Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays are presented weekly at Nathan Phillips Square. Mel Lastman Square is the site of the weekly Sunday Serenades and will host a spectacular Canada Day celebration on July 1. These popular summer events are presented by Timothy's World Coffee®.

"These are great summer activities for Torontonians," said Mayor Rob Ford. "I encourage everyone to come out on Canada Day as well as for the weekly events on our civic squares all summer long."

Canada Day celebration July 1

A celebration of Canada's 146th birthday will be held at Mel Lastman Square on Monday, July 1 from 5 to 10:30 p.m. On stage, world-champion hoop dancer Lisa Odjig will be followed by dance company Northbuck Krumping. Zero Gravity Circus will present its Open Air Big Top featuring aerial acrobatics at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Singer-songwriter She King will perform at 8 p.m., followed at 9:15 by Juno-award-winning Derek Miller. The Canada Day celebrations will conclude with fireworks at 10:15 p.m.

Fresh Wednesdays

Nathan Phillips Square is the site of Fresh Wednesdays from July 10 to August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors sell fresh Ontario-grown produce, flowers, baked goods and more weekly until October 16 (excluding June 26). Lunch-time concerts by Canadian artists accompany the farmers market on the square from July 10. The performance schedule for Fresh Wednesdays is available at http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/wednesdays.

Tasty Thursdays

The Tasty Thursdays series at Nathan Phillips Square from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Thursday starts July 11 and will run to August 29. You can buy delectable international dishes served by participating restaurants for \$7 or less while enjoying free noon-hour concerts featuring world music acts based in Toronto. The complete performance schedule and vendor list is available at http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/thursdays.

Sunday Serenades

Every Sunday beginning July 7 and running to August 18 - from 7:30 to 9 p.m. - you can dance under the stars at Mel Lastman Square in the Sunday Serenades free outdoor concert series. Sunday Serenades features the best of swing, jazz and big-band music. The performance lineup is available at http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/serenades.

More information about these events and others is available by calling 311 or by visiting http://www.toronto.ca/special_events.

Toronto is Canada's largest city and sixth largest government, and home to a diverse population of about 2.8 million people. Toronto's government is dedicated to delivering customer service excellence, creating a transparent and accountable government, reducing the size and cost of government and building a transportation city. For information on non-emergency City services and programs, Toronto residents, businesses and visitors can dial 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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17. A Subway for Scarborough

It is good to see that the discussion for subways in Scarborough has again gained some momentum. I have always supported a subway system in Scarborough. I also strongly believe tax payer dollars must be spent wisely, decisions should be made in a practical manner, and I'm here to supervise a City being built. All of this involves municipal government managing change.

Last month Toronto City Council had a debate on "revenue tools". We were to debate how to pay for public transit. One of the key issues is gridlock. Gridlock currently costs the GTA economy about \$6 billion annually with projections by 2025 at \$25 billion dollars annually if we choose not be better our public transit.

In 2006 I strongly supported a subway to replace Scarborough's aging 43. It failed. Under David Miller the TTC pushed for an LRT. It won. I didn't support it.

The TTC has begun environmental assessments, and purchase orders through Metrolinx to build an LRT.

The cost of cancelling the LRT and building a subway is estimated to cost \$1.4 billion dollars.

\$1.4 billion dollars buys a lot of transit vehicles.

I constantly hear about poor service on Kingston Rd, Lawrence Ave East, Morningside, and Guildwood Parkway. I'm not a big fan of the LRT. But we have to start building

public transit and get the City's economy on its feet. This includes ending gridlock and stop playing politics with our public transit system.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments about how I voted, or how the TTC operates.

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18. Quote of the Month

"The time is always right to do right" - Nelson Mandela

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19. Websites for Community Use

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/recordsmanagement/crimereporting.php>

Citizens Online Crime Reporting

<http://www.toronto.ca/golf>

Toronto's golf courses

www.torontohydro.com/peaksaver

peaksaver PLUS™

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/thebadge/>

Toronto Police newsletter "The Badge"

<http://www.scarboroughsoftballassociation.com/>

Scarborough Softball – Scarborough Dragons

<http://www.thestorefront.org/contact.php>

East Scarborough Storefront

www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo

Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar

City of Toronto Events Calendar

www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm.

We've been expecting you

<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtkrth/e/>
TRCA – The Don

<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm>
City of Toronto Seniors

http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorguide/emergency_4.php
Province of Ontario Seniors

<http://www.dementiatoronto.org/0303.asp>
Toronto Dementia Network

http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf
Service Directory for Seniors

www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow
City of Toronto Winter Operations - Snow

www.toronto.ca
City of Toronto

www.toronto.ca/city-update
What is happening in our City

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>
City of Toronto Festival Page

www.seetorontonow.com/
Tourism Toronto – Official website

www.222tips.com
Crime Stoppers

www.ourkgocommunity.com
Kingston Galloway Community Network

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca
Toronto Public Library

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca
Toronto Botanical Gardens

www.toronto4kids.com
Great ideas for what the kids can do in Toronto

www.ago.net/gallery-school

Ontario Art Gallery

www.starfall.com

Star fall – great to get the little ones reading

www.coronationca.com

Coronation & West Hill Community Association

www.curranhall.ca/

Curran Hall Community Association

www.guildwood.on.ca

Guildwood Village Community Association

www.mornellecourt.webs.com

Mornelle Court Coalition

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