

Dear Residents of Ward 43,

On receiving some emails this month in relation to the Toronto Public Library, I want to reinforce the fact privatization of our public libraries is not a goal of mine. I have Chaired the Toronto Public Library Board for six months now and am working with my fellow members to bring the residents a well run sustainable public library. I would not begin to entertain privatizing them. I welcome all your feedback and comments please continue to email me. [Councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca).

Thank you for your participation with the "Your Feedback" section on my website [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com). Many residents have filled out the survey giving me a view of what is on your mind.

Through my feedback cards and website surveys:

- 49 % of residents ranked safer community as most important
- 29% of Residents felt that improving public transportation will be most important for the future of our community,
- 23% Expending Public Transportation
- 22% - Lower property taxes
- 20% - Increase Senior Programs
- 16% - Increase Programs for youth
- 11% - Increase City Services
- 10% - Strengthen our community
- 9 % - Increase blue bin pick up
- 1.5% - Introducing Toll Roads

Don't hesitate to contact me on any municipal matters. My Constituency Office is located in the Scarborough Civic Centre located at 150 Borough Drive, 2nd flr; residents are welcome to drop in between 8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Paul*

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 1. Calendar  
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- March 1 - Presentation by Martín Gómez, City Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library:  
Turning the Page: The Role of Libraries in the Digital Age
- March 2- Grand Opening of Finding the Fallen: The Battle of York Remembered Exhibition  
The Market Gallery (upper floor of St. Lawrence Market at Front and Jarvis)
- March 5 - Toronto City Council
- March 6 - Toronto City Council
- March 6 - Coronation of West Hill Community Association Meeting – 43 Division
- March 8 - Community Police Liaison Committee
- March 10 - McDonald's Grand Opening & Buy a Bed Event Malvern Town Centre (31 Tapscott)
- March 14 - Guild Renaissance Group Meeting – Livingston Lodge
- March 15 - Scarborough Seedy Saturday – Heron Park Community Centre
- March 19 – Executive Committee Meeting
- March 20 – Scarborough Community Council
- March 21 - Guild Alive with Culture Festival Meeting
- March 22 - Meet and Greet in Lobby of a Building - ADDRESS
- March 27 - Guildwood Village Community Assoc. AGM Church of the Holy Trinity, 85 Livingston Rd
- March 28 – Government Management Committee Meeting
- March 29- Licensing and Standards Committee Meeting to speak on motion for  
Brownfields beautification
- March 30 - Toronto Region Conservation Authority
- March 30 - Red White & Rouge All Over – Rouge Health Foundation Gala

**Events in our Community:**

- **May 10th - 4 pm to 8 pm. Ward 43 Community Environment Day** ~ Morningside Works Yard at 891 Morningside Ave. (south of Hwy 401).
- **April 24** - 9th Annual Small Business Arts Forum, , **Mar. 6 or 8** Business Inc. orientation sessions: Enterprise Toronto's events
- **Saturday March 17, 12-4 pm** - Third Annual Scarborough Seedy Saturday Heron Park Community Centre 292 Manse Road
- **March 28 from 5 - 8 p.m** - [wayfinding system strategy](#) that will be focussed on residents, transit users and visitors. The public open house Metro Hall, 55 John Street.
- **Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 am to 12 pm** Clean Up Day -Kingston-Galloway-Orton Park ~ Giffen-Mack 4115 Lawrence Ave East Community ~ Free BBQ ~

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 2. Seven Oaks  
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**Successful Town Hall Meeting**

I would like to thank all the residents who came out to meet our City of Toronto Ombudsman Fiona Crean. Fiona was well received and enjoyed answering your questions. The evening also included your inquires on

local developments and city wide issues. A special thank you also goes out to Police Officers from 43 Division who on hand to address police issues.

Some of the local issues touched upon included:

- Residents stated that they felt there were not enough attractions at the Toronto Zoo.
- Residents raised that the entrance fee for the Toronto Zoo may be too high because of the lack of attractions.
- Brook Road Park
- Play ground upgrade at Seven Oaks Park

### **Annual Summer BBQ**

I will continue my tradition to host a community BBQ at Seven Oaks Park. This year the event will take place on Thursday June 21, 2012 5:50 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer please contact my office.

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### **3. Curran Hall Community**

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

#### **Curran Hall Community Centre**

Visit the website to view a number of programs for the entire family. March Break activities, adult programs and more, <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/complex/782/index.htm>.

TheyCity of Toronto is happy to support the **Thursday afternoon lady's knitting club** 1pm to 3pm for an afternoon of craft and conversation. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and share in the fellowship of neighbours in this long running program in the Curran Hall Community. Anyone may attend, for more details <http://curranhall.ca/contactus/contact.asp>.

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### **4. Coronation and West Hill Community**

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

#### **Request Southbound Left-Turn Priority Feature A.M. & P.M. Peak Periods Morningside Ave & Kingston Rd**

Further to a resident request transportation services has completed a review of the above-noted matter. It has been concluded that a southbound left-turn advance green arrow features are not justified for the a.m. and p.m. peak periods at the intersection of Morningside Ave & Kingston Rd.

To identify existing conditions, southbound left-turn queue and delay studies were conducted during the a.m. and p.m. peak traffic periods. The results of the studies confirmed that during the a.m. peak period, no vehicle experienced any cycle delays when completing southbound left turns. During p.m. peak traffic period southbound left-turn received minor delays (four). During the investigation, it was noted that the southbound through traffic movements are moderate and provided plenty of available gaps for the southbound left turns.

An intersection left-turns phase analysis was undertaken to determine the need of advance green arrow feature. The results of the left-turns phase analysis indicate that southbound left-turns green arrow features are not justified.

A review of the pedestrian crossings was also done through a detailed measurement of the intersection and pedestrian crossing, during a typical weekday off peak period. Currently, this intersection operates with fixed time mode of control and sufficient green time was provided to cross Kingston Road. However, the City of Toronto has implemented a new traffic control signal timing methodology; accordingly a request for the necessary changes to meet the new pedestrian standards through the Traffic Management Centre has been made on a priority basis.

[Collision records](#) of this location for the last three years of available data.

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## 5. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

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Coming up at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre:

Spring/Summer Program Registration:

Registration for Cedar Ridge Creative Centre spring and summer programs begins on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Register online (visit: <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/online.htm>) or through Touch Tone Registration (TTR) starting at 7 a.m. March 4. Call 416-338-0000 and follow the voice prompts to register using TTR. To register online or using TTR, you will need your client number, family number and course code. To obtain your client and family numbers, call Customer Service at 416-338-4386, or call Cedar Ridge directly at 416-396-4026. Cedar Ridge will be open during regular business hours for in-person and telephone registrations. For further information about Cedar Ridge courses, visit [www.toronto.ca/culture/cedar\\_ridge.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/culture/cedar_ridge.htm)

March Break Artstravaganza

March 12 - 16

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre offers its annual March Break day camp for children ages 7 to 12 years. Campers will have an exciting opportunity to create and experiment with drawing and painting, printmaking and sculpture, photography, arts and crafts and pottery. Fee: \$152/week. For info, or to register, call 416-396-4026.

In the Gallery:

Through March 9

Anjum Siddiqui & Muhammad Hijazi

*Opening Reception: Sunday, February 26 from 1 - 4 p.m.*

The last in the series of the Cedar Ridge Gallery Contemporary Art Exhibits, this show features the works of Muhammad Hijazi and Anjum Siddiqui. Muhammad has been painting from a young age and finds his inspiration in the countryside of his homeland. Anjum Siddiqui is originally from the Indian subcontinent, and has studied with one of India's leading contemporary artists. She works in a variety of media and has exhibited widely. Anjum's work explores what it means to live in an urban environment and yet to hold more traditional beliefs.

March 19 - 30

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre Students Exhibit

Cedar Ridge students exhibit drawings, paintings, fibre art, pottery, sculpture and more.

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**6. Guildwood Village**  
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Guildwood Village Community Association website: [www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)

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

**Guild Inn Park Access:**

You may have noticed traffic pylons in place at the entrance of the Guild Inn Park after 11:00 p.m. when the park is closed. These pylons have been placed by security patrol officers by order of the Fire Marshall who has mandated that a 24/7 security patrol to ensure no persons enter the Bickford as the building's fire sprinkler system is under repair. .

**Guild Inn Park Enhancements:**

I have requested the chain link fencing surrounding the park along Guildwood Parkway be removed and replaced with shrubs and flower gardens. I feel the greenery will enhance the property look more attractive as the currently placed chain link fence is unattractive.

**Community Members in Action**

**Parking Regulations Review**

At the request of residents traffic operations is recommending the installation of No Parking Anytime regulations along the east side of Rowatson Rd. to enhancing clear sight lines.

The dimension of the No Parking Anytime regulations will extend on the east side of Rowatson Road from the corner of Guildwood Parkway 52 metres north. By regulating this east portion of Rowatson Road, both sides of the intersection of Rowatson Road and Guildwood Parkway will be bylawed to discourage parking abuses.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records from January 2008 to the current date (circa October 2011) shows that there are no reported collisions at the driveway of 86 Rowatson Road.

**Stop Sign Regency Square Area**

During an operational review in the community east of Livingston Road, west of Galloway Road between Guildwood Parkway and the C.N.R rail lines, Transportation Services staff has identified five uncontrolled three-way intersections within this area.

It was recommended and now approved that minor street stop signs be installed at the subject five uncontrolled three-way intersections to provide stop sign uniformity, clearly define the right-of-way, and to regulate traffic flow.

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Pool**

A campaign is underway to increase the usage of this community pool location. I held a meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the City, school and community members to speak on ways to enhance the pool usage and profile.

A number of suggestions were made:

- Advise residents of pool times and what is offered
- Ask residents to contact Councillor Ainslie with program requests
- Spoke on the lighting and signage at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Pool
- Spoke on availability of pool for private functions
- TDSB also spoke on the boards deficits.

An onsite meeting was conducted after the February 9 by Trustee Crawford, community member and school officials: A circuit breaker has been replaced & some lights have been repaired by the pool entrance. A timer has been set for 2 very large flood lights on the gym wall, which has increased lighting near the portables.

It was agreed to post a two way light on the existing pole by the portables that will further light the parking lot and will light the driveway to the pool entrance, past the auto shops. This should make the whole area more readily accessible and safer.

City staff will also add signs along the driveway and at the back directing people to the pool.

Please support the pool. [View the times for lane swim and to register for programs](#). I am also encouraging you to contact my office to request additional programming.

### **Guild Inn on Site Storage Shed**

Please be advised that this state of good repair project is well underway. The roof sheathing repair, roof shingling, sub-fascia, soffit framing, ceiling framing, rafter reinforcement are complete.

## **Guild Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes THE CITY OF TORONTO**

### **Minutes of the Guild Park Advisory Committee Meeting 16**

January 31, 2012

A meeting of the Guild Park Advisory Committee was held on January 31, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Building 191 at Guildwood Park.

Present:

Councillor Paul Ainslie (Chair)  
Linda Harris (GRG)  
Janet Heise (GRG)  
Sandy Muir (GRG)  
Ralph van Putten (GRG)  
Timo Puhakka (GVCA)  
Donna Milovanovic (GVCA)

Also Present:

Antonette DiNovo, City of Toronto  
Terry Nicholson, City of Toronto  
Jan Donovan, City of Toronto

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The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm. Antonette DiNovo advised that Councillor Ainslie was detained in a meeting and would be arriving later and that Terry Nicholson would start the meeting.

### **16.1 City of Toronto Update**

Terry advised that there were 3 issues to discuss – all were separate, yet connected. The first issue was the Bickford Inn. In November the City Risk Management provided a report that stated the Bickford Inn required substantial clean-up. There is mould, asbestos, and on-going vandalism and damage. The Fire Marshall was in last week and is investigating to determine if it can be sealed up and secured until the City has a plan for it, or does it need an immediate, thorough clean-up. The City is waiting for his recommendations. Risk Management also advises that the building is structurally sound.

The second issue is private sector investment. The "Letter of Intent" with Centennial College has been officially terminated. Terry advised that several staff members have been approached by restaurant and banquet hall owners regarding "possible opportunities", making him believe that there could be new opportunities at the Guild. Terry also believes the City should take a new approach to finding a partner.

As a result, Culture is now working with the City Real Estate who has issued a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to hire a Consultant to find a new proponent for the Nathan Phillips Square restaurant. Real Estate has now increased the scope of work for their RFP to include the Guild. Partnering with Real Estate provides stronger opportunities for the Guild.

The Consultant will advise on the process to find a proponent to design, build, finance and operate its proposed facility. The Consultant is expected to be chosen by the end of February and an RFP for the Guild should be in place by June.

Issue #3 was a summary of the Cultural Precinct project to date. Last summer the "Request for Expressions of Interest " was issued and there was a good amount of interest shown from local artists. Although Culture had the capital to build the precinct, operation expenses were determined to be \$250,000 annually but with income of only \$125,000. Culture's intent was to find the additional funding from the Centennial deal. The City's current budget constraints require the Cultural precinct to be able to operate without City subsidy.

Linda Harris stated that they had always been assured that the Cultural Precinct money was separate and now Terry said it was contingent on the Bickford Inn deal. Terry explained that the capital money for the Cultural Precinct is separate, and still available, but due to the core services review, all divisions had to cut their budgets by 10%.

Terry believes the new vision is workable. As well, it will not be as open-ended as the Centennial College deal was. Once hired, the Consultant will study what will best suit the site and will be meeting with members of GPAC for input.

Timo Puhakka suggested that the new proponent be made aware of all the spare architectural fragments that are available and perhaps they could be used to further enhance the project and property.

## **16.2 Park Update**

Antonette advised that she has been meeting with Nancy Lowes regarding the removal of the chain link fencing surrounding the park along Guildwood Parkway and replacing it with boxwood or similar shrubs. Councillor Ainslie feels it would make the property look more attractive. Nancy is working on the idea and will be reporting back to Antonette.

Ralph van Putten said that GPAC would like to see more sculptures and sculpture gardens throughout the park. Councillor Ainslie advised that he is currently working on a new process that would allow other heritage sculptures or façades to be displayed at Guildwood Park.

## **16.3 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

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## **7. The Residents Rising Community Association**

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Committee members belong to a number of committees to bring your issues to the community table. The safety committee is one ensure that your safety concerns are brought to the forefront to community leaders. If you have any issues you need to discuss with the committee please do not hesitate to contact them.

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 647-347-2342.

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## 8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition

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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](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com)  
[Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca](mailto:Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca)  
[mornellecourt@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mornellecourt)

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## 9. Matte story: Celebrating achievements in Human Rights

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Do you know someone who is working to eliminate violence, racism, sexism, homophobia, homelessness, hate crimes, hunger, poverty or illiteracy in Toronto? Do you know someone who is building a city where everyone can participate in the social, cultural, economic, recreational and political life of Toronto? Recognize a human rights champion by nominating them for a City of Toronto Access, Equity and Human Rights Award.

The City of Toronto recognizes the ongoing work of residents in five categories: Aboriginal Affairs; Disability Issues; Status of Women; Race Relations, and; Lesbian Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual and Two Spirited Issues.

Find out more at <http://www.toronto.ca/civicawards/index.htm> or call 416-392-8592 or email [diversity@toronto.ca](mailto:diversity@toronto.ca)

The deadline for nominations is Monday, May 7, 2012.

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## 10. Rain Barrels Orders

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The West Hill Highland Creek Lions are fundraising by selling Rain Barrels to our community. Orders can be placed on their web site <http://www.lionsclub.ca/rainbarrel.html>

Rain barrels will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 5, 2012 between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the [Heron Park Community Centre \(292 Manse Road, just South of Lawrence\)](#). Rain barrels will not be sold at that time\*. All rain barrels must be ordered in advance.

- *the cost of the barrels is \$60 each including all taxes.*
- *the rain barrels come with a removable, washable filter to keep out debris and insects, a spigot for connecting to a standard garden hose, an overflow adapter and 4 feet of overflow hose.*
- *the rain barrels come with a two-year warranty.*
- *the rain barrels may not be exactly as shown.*

Order your barrel online by selecting one of these buttons next to the barrel you choose:

- *Pay Now (use your debit or credit card to pay online now) OR*
- *Pay Cash at Pick Up (reserve a barrel and pay in cash at the sale event)*

Bring your order/receipt with you when you pick up your barrel(s).



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## 11. Council Highlights

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### **Special meeting on transit, February 8**

Toronto City Council affirmed its support for a light rail transit (LRT) priority plan for Toronto, consistent with the Metrolinx plan of 2010. Immediate priorities are construction of the Finch West LRT from the Spadina Subway extension to Humber College; the Eglinton Crosstown LRT from Jane Street to Kennedy Station; and the Scarborough Rapid Transit conversion to LRT from Kennedy Station to Sheppard Avenue - with an extension to the Malvern Town Centre as funds become available. Council directed the City Manager to establish an expert advisory panel regarding transit on Sheppard Avenue. The panel will consider questions raised by Council and report back by March 21. In addition, Council authorized the Toronto Transit Commission to enter into discussions with Metrolinx to study the future feasibility of five other transit projects.

### **Council meeting of February 6 and 7**

#### **Toronto and the Ontario Municipal Board**

Council voted to request the provincial government to remove Toronto from the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The board, a quasi-judicial body, has the final say on appealed zoning decisions and sometimes rules in favour of developers - against decisions City Council has made in support of local neighbourhoods and with the advice of the City's professional planning staff.

#### **Relieving rush-hour congestion**

Council authorized an increase in the applicable fine to \$150 from the current \$60 for vehicles violating stopping, standing or parking prohibitions during the rush-hour periods of 6 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday (except holidays). A fine for the same amount can be imposed for stopping a vehicle other than a bicycle in a Toronto bike lane at any time. The fines will need confirmation from the Ontario Court of Justice in order to take effect.

#### **Traffic control at film shoots**

Council endorsed the use of traffic control persons (TCPs) instead of paid-duty police officers in certain circumstances as an authorized option for traffic control at film and television production locations. Decisions on traffic control are to be made by the Toronto Film and Television Office. Traffic control costs have an effect on overall production budgets. The use of TCPs, with on-street notice and traffic separation, is often the most cost-effective approach.

#### **Streets and sidewalks**

Council voted to amend the section of the City of Toronto Municipal Code that covers the use of streets and sidewalks. The changes, which were made with the help of public input, apply city-wide and are intended to encourage compliance with municipal regulations and reduce the need for active enforcement.

#### **Improving 311 Toronto service**

Council directed management of 311 Toronto to take steps to reduce call wait times and to pursue other ways of improving public service and efficiency. Among the steps to be considered is the possible introduction of telephone self-serve technology in the 311 operation where appropriate. The City launched 311 Toronto in 2009 to provide the public with one easy-to-remember phone number to obtain non-emergency City services and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to answering general inquiries by phone and email, 311 Toronto electronically creates service requests for some of the City's divisions.

#### **Allocation of funding for affordable housing**

Council approved \$103 million in allocations under the federal/provincial Investment in Affordable Housing

program in Toronto and authorized staff to submit a plan to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for consideration. The program allocates federal and provincial funds for housing allowances, new construction, home renovations and affordable home ownership. Council voted to inform the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the City will not fund any affordable housing programs under this program after the expected expiry of federal-provincial funding - in 2017 for housing allowances and 2015 for other components.

### **Information pillars on sidewalks**

Council directed that until new guidelines are in place, no further information pillars ("Info Pillars") are to be installed on sidewalks without the approval of the specific location by the General Manager of Transportation Services in consultation with the local councillor. The installation of 120 pillars is underway and questions have been raised about their positioning.

### **Large watermains**

Council approved the use of alternative pipe materials for large watermains, such as pre-stressed concrete, steel and polyethylene in addition to the mortar-lined steel pipes that have been the standard in Toronto since the 1950s. Various types of large-diameter pipes have been found to meet performance specifications. Council directed staff to establish a design standard for situations/locations where additional protection is needed to ensure pipes cannot be damaged.

### **Special Council meeting on 2012 budget**

Last month (January 17), Council approved a balanced 2012 operating budget of \$9.358 billion and a 2012-2021 capital budget and plan of \$14.836 billion. The operating budget, which covers everyday expenses such as fuel, salaries and utilities, includes a 2.5 per cent property tax increase for residents, a 0.83 per cent tax increase for businesses and a 10-cent fare increase for TTC customers. The 2.5 per cent residential tax rate increase will result in an increase of about \$60 for the average residential household assessed at \$447,090 in 2012. [More budget details.](#)

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## **12. City Council approves collective agreement with Local 416**

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Toronto City Council approved a new, four-year collective agreement with the Toronto Civic Employees' Union Local 416 (CUPE), which represents 6,000 "outside" workers and paramedics.

The agreement approved at today's Special Council meeting reflects the City's bargaining objectives and the mandate established by the City's Employee and Labour Relations Committee (ELRC).

The new agreement provides employees with a modest wage increase in the second, third and fourth year of the contract. These increases are 0.5 per cent (2013), 1.75 per cent (2014) and 2.25 per cent (2015) and reflect the City's current financial circumstances. In addition to the 0.5 per cent increase to base wages in 2013, there will be a lump sum payment of 1.5 per cent. There is no increase for 2012.

The City was successful in eliminating or amending many of the restrictive conditions in the existing collective agreement, as well as introducing many cost containment provisions. Highlights include:

- New or revised shift schedules that meet operational needs to improve productivity no longer require union approval
- Employment security provisions regarding contracting out now apply to employees with 15 years of seniority or more
- New streamlined redeployment processes which will reduce the time to place an employee in a new position by 75 per cent

- Changes to the employee benefit plan
- Interest arbitration for paramedics commencing with the next round of collective bargaining.
- Changes to running lunches which will be permitted only where it is operationally efficient.

This new agreement modernizes the previous collective agreement and allows the City to deliver its services effectively and efficiently to the residents and businesses of Toronto.

Details of the agreement are available at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.CC18.1>.

The agreement's four-year term also means that the collective agreement will not expire until after the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games have concluded.

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### 13. 2012 Community Investment Funding Programs – Call for Applications

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New in 2012 – applications for programs will be made on-line through the Corporate Grants Information System. Training sessions on how to use the on-line system are provided for all interested organizations. Directions on training session dates and how to register for training can be found at [www.toronto.ca/grants](http://www.toronto.ca/grants).

#### 1. Access, Equity & Human Rights Investment program (application due March 27, 2012)

The Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) Investment Program is an investment funding program that supports the capacity of community organizations and residents to act on human rights, accessibility, equity, discrimination and hate crime concerns in their neighbourhoods and communities. By providing project funding to community organizations, the City is able to promote access, equity and respect for human rights in more ways than it would be able to accomplish on its own.

**For more information** please go to: <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/aehr/index.htm>

**For questions** please contact the AEHR Program Staff Lead: **Augusto Mathias** at 416-392-1087 or by email at [amathias@toronto.ca](mailto:amathias@toronto.ca)

#### 2. Community Festivals & Special Events Investment program (application due April 4, 2012)

Community Festivals & Special Events Investment program provides developmental or seed funding to help community-based not-for-profit festivals and events grow and increase their effectiveness while encouraging organizers to work towards self-sustainability of the event.

A festival is a temporary gathering that brings people together for particular purposes. It may range in theme, scale and duration. To be eligible for support, the festival must be accessible to the general public and improve the quality of life of the community.

**For more information** please go to: <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/cfse/index.htm>

**For questions** please contact the Community Festivals & Special Events Program Staff Lead: **Leah Ross** at 416-392-9343 or by email at [lross2@toronto.ca](mailto:lross2@toronto.ca)

**3. Community Recreation (application due March 29, 2012)** The Community Recreation Investment program (formerly minor recreation grants) provides short-term funding to projects that demonstrate the potential to contribute in a meaningful way to the City's goal to improve access for all Torontonians to recreation services that support social and physical development particularly those with the greatest need.

**For more information** please go to: <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/community-recreation/index.htm>

**For questions** please contact the Community Recreation Investment Funding Program Staff Lead **Leah Ross** at 416-392-9343 or by email at [lross2@toronto.ca](mailto:lross2@toronto.ca) or **Joanne Kviring** at 416-392-8334 or by email at [jkvirin@toronto.ca](mailto:jkvirin@toronto.ca)

#### **4. Community Safety (application due March 21, 2012)**

The Community Safety Investment Program is an investment funding program that helps the City of Toronto achieve its social, economic and cultural goals by engaging community-based organizations in efforts to reduce violence and increase safety for the most vulnerable groups in Toronto.

The Community Safety Investment (CSI) provides short term funding of 1-3 years for outcome focused activities that build community capacity for violence prevention and increase safety for the most vulnerable groups in Toronto.

**For more information** please go to: <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/csi/index.htm>

**For questions** please contact the Community Safety Investment Program Staff Lead **Kin Wah Siu** at 416-392-9207 or by email at [ksiu@toronto.ca](mailto:ksiu@toronto.ca)

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#### **14. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Pool – Needs Registrations!**

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Registration for city of Toronto Spring Session takes place on Sunday March 4th, 2012.

[Link to flyers](#)

With no community centre in the area the swimming pool at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI is essential. We managed to save the city programs for the 2012 year. It is now time for the community to increase the usage at the pool during the evenings and week-ends.

I encourage you to email me your swimming needs so that I may present a case to our recreation staff that increased programming is needed. The spring summer registration dates will be up on our City site in March, register in a swim program to raise our usage during these times.

At this time we need more programming on Saturday and Sundays as well as later times during the evening. Times which are currently scheduled are for earlier in the evening 5:30 pm, it would be beneficial to have programming later in the evening. The week-end programming is also minimal at this time, and increased interest in registering for swim lessons or adult classes or an all girls class would help the pool increase its usage.

Contact my office for any further details and to advise me what you would like to see programmed at this location. 416-396-7222.

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#### **15. Car Seat Clinics**

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##### **Car Seat Clinics**

Attendance is by appointment only. Please call the car seat clinic line at 416-808-4324 or by email, [amin.hafiz@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:amin.hafiz@torontopolice.on.ca) to make a reservation for any of our upcoming clinics.

43 Division 4331 Lawrence Avenue East Dates:

March 18, 9 am – 2 pm  
March 31, 8 am – 1 pm  
April 22, 9 am – 1 pm

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## ----- **16. Toronto and Region Conservation updates terminology for flood messages** -----

Effective February 22, 2012, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) will be using new terminology for flood and water safety messages.

The new terminology is being adopted by TRCA, other Conservation Authorities across Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR). These changes will ensure that messages are consistent and in line with severe weather terminology used by other agencies such as Environment Canada and the Weather Network.

### **The TRCA issues three levels of messages:**

**Watershed Conditions Statement** (Previously *High Water Safety Bulletin*): a general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

**Flood Watch** (Previously *Flood Advisory*): Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

**Flood Warning** (No change): Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations

The new terms were developed by a committee of representatives of Conservation Authorities, Conservation Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment Canada and other agencies.

Monitoring weather and flood conditions is a shared responsibility of Conservation Authorities, OMNR, and Environment Canada. The OMNR Surface Water Monitoring Centre in Peterborough monitors weather forecasts and water levels across the province, providing the information to Conservation Authorities. Other information is also available from Environment Canada.

When flooding is possible or about to occur, TRCA issues flood messages to municipal emergency management officials and the media. The municipal officials then take action to warn local residents.

Flood messages are posted in the Flood Forecasting section of TRCA's website. For additional information please contact TRCA's 24 Hr Flood Line at 416-661-6514 or 416.661.6600 ext 5697 or follow us on Twitter (@TRCA\_News).

**Toronto and Region Conservation**

With over 50 years of experience, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) helps people understand, enjoy and look-after the natural environment. Our vision is for The Living City®, where human settlement can flourish forever as part of nature's beauty and diversity. For more information, call 416-661-6600 or visit us at [www.trca.on.ca](http://www.trca.on.ca)

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## **17. Website helps residents, visitors navigate city roads**

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The City of Toronto has a website that makes it easier for motorists to find their way around City streets.

The site, [toronto.ca/torontostreets](http://toronto.ca/torontostreets), shows on-going and emergency road construction, existing travel conditions on City roads and a variety of special events taking place.

The goal is to help residents and visitors get around the city as easily as possible. By making this site one of your favourites and checking it before you leave home, you can find the best route for where you want to go.

Of course, Toronto is known for its wide range of special events and community activities and using this website will help you get to these locations more easily. If you are trying to get somewhere else, however, we can also help you steer clear of busy areas in the city so that you can get to your destination, hassle free.

The City is also offering those interested the opportunity to receive e-mail information about emergency road closures as they happen. To subscribe to receive these updates, visit [www.toronto.ca/e-updates](http://www.toronto.ca/e-updates)

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## **18. Toronto Fun Spring/Summer recreation program registration begins**

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Registration for City of Toronto recreation programs for spring and summer 2012 begins in March for general programs, spring skating and swimming lessons, and summer camps.

Listed below are the registration dates for all four districts:

Etobicoke York District: Saturday, March 3

Scarborough District: Sunday, March 4

North York District: Tuesday, March 6

Toronto and York District: Wednesday, March 7

### **How to register:**

Online: 7 a.m. to midnight. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun> . Follow the link to Toronto Fun online.

Touch Tone: 7 a.m. to midnight. Call 416-338-0000 and follow the voice prompts.

Telephone assisted: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on registration days, March 3, 4, 6 and 7. Call 416-338-4386 to speak to a customer service representative.

In person: for locations and hours visit <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/dates-locations.htm> or call 311.

## **Program Fees**

Please note that Toronto City Council has approved a 10 per cent fee increase for some introductory instructional programs. This is in addition to the 3 per cent inflationary increase that has been applied to all program fees. The 10 per cent increase does not apply to camp and swimming programs. All new fees are effective March 1.

Examples of introductory instructional programs include:

- Introductory arts (creative movement, dance, drawing and music lessons)
- Introductory fitness (low impact, step classes)
- Learn to Skate Classes
- Introductory sports (basketball, martial arts etc.).

Due to the advance production of the FUN Guide, the 10 per cent increase for introductory programs was not included in the fees listed in the printed copy of the FUN Guide. More information about new program fees is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun>. To find the program you are looking for, use the search tool.

## **March Break at City museums**

Toronto's museums are offering pre-registered day camps and family drop-ins during March Break. Enjoy hands-on activities such as cooking, dress-up, crafts and toy-making. Details:

<http://www.toronto.ca/culture/museums/camps.htm> or call 311.

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## **19. Bicentennial of the War of 1812**

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<http://www.toronto.ca/1812/index.htm>

I am a member of the Bicentennial War of 1812 Steering Committee which is organizing the celebrations to celebrate the War of 1812 as a defining moment in our history. In June 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain. A month later American troops invaded Upper Canada.

**Signature events** have been organized to commemorate the war, a range of events and programs will ensure that the War of 1812 and the bicentennial will be unforgettable. They will help us to honour those who died and to understand the impact and outcomes of the war from historical and contemporary perspectives.

Excellent events and programs, organized by the City and many partners, will take place throughout 2012 and 2013, and listings will begin in January 2012. To view a list of the signature events please visit

<http://www.toronto.ca/1812/events.htm>

Please view this short film to view 1812 Short is live on our website. Check it out <http://www.toronto.ca/1812/index.htm> Drew Hayden Taylor speaking about the 1812 Aboriginal story.

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## 20. Public Open House to discuss Wayfinding in Toronto

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The City of Toronto is hosting a meeting to gather input from the public on the City's proposed wayfinding system strategy that will be focussed on residents, transit users and visitors.

The public open house will take place on Wednesday, March 28 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Metro Hall, 55 John Street.

Wayfinding is a system that enables people to find their way around a city. More than just signs, wayfinding is comprised of names, maps and new media as well as elements of the public realm such as lighting, street furniture and public art.

In the first phase of the project, the plan is to develop the principles of wayfinding, an implementation strategy, identifying potential funding sources and defining the parameters of a pilot project that will be presented to Toronto City Council.

For more information and updates please visit: <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/index.htm>

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## 21. Quote of the Month

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*"Dig the well before you are thirsty"* old proverb

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## 22. Websites for Community Use

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<http://www.toronto.ca/culture/museums/camps.htm>

March Break Programs across the city

[www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo](http://www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo)

Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

[www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar](http://www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar)

City of Toronto Events Calendar

[www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm).

We've been expecting you

<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtdkrth/e/>

TRCA – The Don

<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm>

City of Toronto Seniors

[http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency\\_4.php](http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/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](http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf)

Service Directory for Seniors

[www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow](http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow)

City of Toronto Winter Operations - Snow

[www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)

City of Toronto

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

Tourism Toronto – Official website

[www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com)

Crime Stoppers

[www.ourkgocommunity.com](http://www.ourkgocommunity.com)

Kingston Galloway Community Network

[www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca)

Toronto Public Library

[www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca)

Toronto Botanical Gardens

[www.toronto4kids.com](http://www.toronto4kids.com)

Great ideas for what the kids can do in Toronto

[www.ago.net/gallery-school](http://www.ago.net/gallery-school)

Ontario Art Gallery

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Star fall – great to get the little ones reading

[www.coronationca.com](http://www.coronationca.com)

Coronation & West Hill Community Association

[www.curranhall.ca/](http://www.curranhall.ca/)

Curran Hall Community Association

[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)

Guildwood Village Community Association

[www.mornellecourt.webs.com](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com)

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### **23. E-News Policy and Contact Information**

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