



# Paul Ainslie

Toronto City Councillor  
Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

**March 2019 - Volume 19, Issue 97**  
**Outreach - Value – Input**  
**Making Our Community Thrive**

Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Neighbours,

We've had lots of snow fall in the past few months. It's hard to remember we actually had a green Christmas! Information on snow clearing services provided by the City of Toronto can be found on the [city winter maintenance website](#) . For people on social media information be found on the Transportation Services Twitter account: @TO\_WinterOps.

March Break is here! The City, along with the Toronto Zoo, the Toronto Public Library, and other organizations are providing a number of camps and activities to keep families busy. Please explore some of these opportunities here:

<a href="#">City March Break and Summer Camps</a> @TorontoPFR	<a href="#">Toronto Zoo March Break Events</a> @TheTorontoZoo - facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo
<a href="#">Fun at the Toronto Public Library</a> @torontolibrary - facebook.com/torontopubliclibrary	<a href="#">Cedar Ridge Creative Centre March Break</a> <a href="#">City Museums to Explore</a>

During the last snow storm I received a number of inquiries regarding snow clearing along the route to local schools. [The maintenance level of sidewalks is based on the road classification of the corresponding street.](#)

There is still time to put your name forward for consideration in the City of Toronto's public appointments process. Scarborough needs your contribution on one of 50 boards, committees and tribunals. The remaining vacancies list can be found [here](#). Residents from across the city apply for positions, your contribution to represent Scarborough would be an asset.

If you're interested in watching City Committees in action please visit this link at the City of Toronto website:

[Visit the City of Toronto Website to view meeting agenda and valuable information.](#)

Have a wonderful March with your family and friends!

All My Best,

Paul

Index

- [1. Your Community News Section](#)
- [2. Toronto Region Conservation Authority](#)
- [3. City Hall Budget 2019 Toronto Public Library Events in Ward 24](#)
- [4. My Calendar and Community Events/Meetings](#)
- [5. Services and Job Opportunities in the Community](#)
- [6. Get Involved in your Community](#)
- [7. Projects, Grants and Public Service Information](#)



Visiting the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre on Family Day with  
Thomas Ainslie and Gary Anandasangaree M.P.

## **Your Community News Section**

[Back to Index](#)

Thank you for all of your comments! Please continue to forward shareable information and feedback to [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) or 416-396-7222.

- [1. Bendale Community](#)
- [2. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community](#)
- [3. Coronation and West Hill Community](#)
- [4. Curran Hall Community](#)
- [5. Guildwood Village Community](#)

[6. Scarborough Centre Community](#)

[7. Scarborough Village Community](#)

[8. Seven Oaks Community](#)

[9. South Cedarbrae Community](#)

[10. Woburn Community](#)

[11. High Rise Community News](#)



I was joined by Constable Paul Rowe and Staff Sargent Todd Flanders of 43 Division on February 11, at one of my regular Town Hall Meetings in the Bendale Community.

## **1. Bendale Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

It was great to see a number of residents braving the cold to attend my Town Hall meeting in the Bendale Community on February 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School. Residents play a vital role in our community and I appreciate when residents take time out of their day to come speak to me.

At this town hall we spoke about policing issues addressed by Staff Sergeant Todd Flanders and Community Resource Officer Paul Rowe of 43 Division, with a focus on traffic violations and patrols. It was also emphasized the police need our community's assistance in calling **416-808-2222** to report any out of the ordinary behaviour we observe to proactively keep our neighbourhoods safe.

**Gatineau Hydro Corridor Naturalized Path area Butterfly Meadow Project**

Area residents have expressed some concerns with the maintenance of the hydro corridor, in particular with how the tall grass and weeds are not only attracting, but creating an enhanced area for wild animals to hide. An increase in foxes and rats are more often than not the example used. Hydro One and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority has been advised of the issues so there is proper maintenance adjacent to residential areas, and the pathway which runs through it.

### **Amberjack Boulevard and Benroyal Crescent**

Residents have expressed concern with issue of front lawn parking and commercial vehicles stored on the residential road. This is a by-law infraction, which is being investigated by Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) staff.

### **Brimorton Road**

People have been asking for increased bus service on Brimorton. It is actually part of a proposed local bus route I have been advocating for to the TTC for a number of years. Please send me your comments as I require support to get the TTC to explore the implementation of bus service on Brimorton Road. Please use the subject line "TTC Service on Brimorton Drive"

### **Bellamy Road North, Benleigh Drive, Lynnbrook Drive and surrounding roads**

Residents have raised concerns about speeding in this area with my office over the past few months. I have asked 43 Division staff to monitor and enforce the speed limit. You may also contact the response team directly at 416-808-4319 to report any community police related concerns.

### **Daventry Allotment Gardens**

City staff will be monitoring and scheduling Bylaw enforcement this spring to address any use of pesticides or volatile fertilizers in the gardens which is not permitted. The Permit Office will be strengthening the Conditions of Use listed on the Plot Permits in order to ensure applicants know commercial growing is not permitted. Bylaw Officers will visit the gardens often to ensure no chemical fertilizers and pesticides are applied. New measures are being explored to manage cancellation of plot permits to those who do not follow the Conditions of Use.

### **Highcourt Crescent**

Permanent sidewalk repairs have been scheduled for completion during 2019 – 2020. Residents will be receiving notices of the finalized work period from the Transportation Department.

## **Benleigh Drive and McCowan Crosswalk Request**

A pedestrian crossing has been requested at this location. The matter is with Transportation Services staff to review. They will be reviewing and measuring both pedestrian and motor-vehicle traffic.

## **Bellamy Road & Eglinton Avenue**

It has been reported that road repairs are required at this site for those driving motor vehicles and riding bicycles. Transportation Services has confirmed the area is scheduled for permanent repairs in 2023. Staff have visited to ensure it is safe and passable. If you have further concerns with this time frame please contact my office.

## **Pedestrian Crossover at Benshire Drive and Bellechasse Street**

A new pedestrian crossover at Benshire Drive and Bellechasse Street has been approved for installation to address the pedestrian safety concerns in the area. We are advised this crossover should be activated by the end of the year. More details to come.



My wife Janet Ainslie and I attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Dragon Ball. It's an annual benefit gala for the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation. Celebrating with Peter Tabuns, Olivia Chow, Faisal Hassan M.P.P. & Doly Begum M.P.P.

## **2. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

Toronto Public Library: Cedarbrae District Branch [the list of activities](#)

## **West Highland Creek Restoration**

The City of Toronto is planning to repair some areas which have seen erosion along the creek. Enhanced protection measures along the West Highland Creek at two locations between Markham Road and Scarborough Golf Course Road are going to be dealt with. The first site is to be completed by April 18, 2019, and the second site is expected to see work

commence on November 21, 2019. See construction notice [here](#).

### **Road Resurfacing on Greenbrae Circuit from Lawrence Avenue East to Markham Road**

The road will be repaved as soon as the temperature and weather conditions allow the City's contractor to begin work. Further updates will be provided before work starts again in 2019. See full notice [here](#).

### **Cedar Ridge Creative Centre**

225 Confederation Drive Toronto, ON, M1G 1B2

416-396-4026 Email: [crcc@toronto.ca](mailto:crcc@toronto.ca)

- Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery
- City arts galleries
- Permanent art collections
- Contemporary exhibitions: [Exhibition schedule and residency information](#)



Always a pleasure to be the Chair of the Toronto Zoo Board of Management. Pictured here, I am leading the first Board Meeting of this term.

### **3. The Coronation and West Hill Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

### **New Pedestrian Crossover at Galloway Road and Coronation Drive**

A new pedestrian crosswalk at Galloway Road and Coronation Drive has been installed. The next steps is to have the electrical connections completed for it to be up and running. This activation should take place in the next few weeks. If you have any question or concerns please contact my office at 416-396-7222.

### **KGO Kicks**

A photography workshop has been scheduled in the Kingston/Galloway/Orton Park community for youth participants so they can learn how to use photography as a lens on our

community. Participants will display their new skills in a photo exhibition showcase for the community at the end of their course!

### **East Scarborough Storefront**

Work for your community. [Visit your community Storefront to explore and join their commitment to the community.](#)



As a huge fan of the Toronto Argos, it was great to be visited by James Wilder Jr. one of the top Running Backs in the Canadian Football League

### **4. Curran Hall Community**

Curran Hall Community Centre - AODA Compliant

277 Orton Park - 416-396-5156

[Back to Index](#) -

[top of your community news](#)

### **Botany Hill Park Tree Planting**

Information will be provided to area residents to participate in an upcoming tree planting event within Botany Hill Park. All of Curran Hall community will be invited to participate in helping to create a habitat to reduce storm water flow. Further details on dates, times and will be provided as soon as possible.

**Curran Hall Programming – [Join the programming offered within your community link.](#)**

**Located at 277 Orton Park Road**

A number of programs are offered for all ages at Curran Hall Community Centre from yoga, Pilates, dance for all ages, cooking classes, marital arts, visual arts, adventure camps, youth leadership programs and much more. The centre also offers drop in programs for youth 9 - 12yrs old on Saturdays from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Take a look!



Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival:

Dorsey James, wood sculptor, Chris Short, Owner, The Stone Cottage Pub & Elizabeth Williamson, showcasing her mother Sara Fraser Willaimson's work last summer!

## 5. The Guildwood Village Community

Toronto Public Library: Guildwood Branch [Library link](#)

The Clark Centre for the Arts Facility Development Update (Building 191) [Website update](#)

[Back to Index](#)

[top of your community news](#)

**The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival Please mark your calendar!!**

**Saturday July 27 – Sunday July 28! [Festival website for updates.](#)**

**HELP OUT AT ONE OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO'S BEST ARTS FESTIVALS!**

**Volunteers are needed! Email: [Guildalive@guildalivewithculture.com](mailto:Guildalive@guildalivewithculture.com)**

### Welcome to Guildwood Sign

The "Welcome to Guildwood" sign which was located on the west side of Morningside Avenue, just south of the CNR tracks, was severely damaged last Fall when someone drove up on the boulevard and hit it with their vehicle. The sign is being repaired by Transportation Services' staff, and will be re-installed in the Spring of 2019. Its general location will remain the same. It will be repositioned a few metres farther back from the roadway and hopefully safe from passing motorists! If you have any questions or comments regarding this item please contact me at 416-396-7222 or [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

### Request for an All-Way Stop Control: Dearham Wood at Lausanne Crescent

Transportation Services staff completed a review on a request for All-Way Stop Signs to be installed at Dearham Wood at Lausanne Crescent after a request was made by a local resident. Based on their review of the area, specifically pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic, staff decided an All-Way Stop is not justified at this time. The results of the review indicated the existing stop signs at the intersection are providing safe pedestrian and motorist conditions. Therefore, they are unable to recommend the installation of All-Way Stop Signs at this time. See full report [here](#). (My office is still waiting for another report which is reviewing the intersection of Dearham Wood and Schubert Drive, with a similar All-Way Stop

request.)

## **Request for Traffic Control Signals - Morningside Avenue at Cumber Avenue/Fordover Drive**

This item will be on the agenda for the April 24, 2019 meeting of the Scarborough Community Council.

A request for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Morningside Avenue and Cumber Avenue/Fordover Drive was made by concerned residents living in the area. Transportation Services' staff reviewed pedestrian, as well as motor-vehicle use of the intersection. Their investigative results came to the conclusion a change from the current crosswalk to traffic signals was not supportable. Residents however, have advised me they still feel the traffic lights are necessary for the safety of the students who cross to attend Poplar Road Junior Public School. Full report [here](#).

Area residents can make a five-minute presentation in support of the installation, or submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk. If you plan in attending the meeting to speak or listen – please mark your calendar! You may only register or send in comments when the item is officially posted online by the City Clerk. Please let me know if you are interested, and I will ensure you receive the notice to register.



Celebrating the Grand Opening of Nail Fix in the 6ix with owner Monique  
Located at 108 Corporate Drive, Unit 20

## **6. Scarborough Centre Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

### **Scarborough Centre Focused Review**

The City of Toronto Planning Division has initiated what is called the Scarborough Centre Focused Review (SCFR) as part of an update of the City Council approved Scarborough Centre Secondary Plan, which was done in 2005. The intent of the work will be to update and further articulate a clear and compelling vision, planning framework, and associated policies in the Secondary Plan to guide and support positive community development over the coming decades.

## **7. Scarborough Village Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

### **3060 Eglinton Avenue East - Community Meeting**

The City Planning staff is holding a Community Consultation meeting so people can learn more about a development application for this property. This is land which the City of Toronto owned and declared surplus to their municipal needs. CreateTO which is the City of Toronto's real estate arm, put it up for sale. It is the triangle-shaped piece of land on the north side of Eglinton Ave, just west of the "Today Sportswear" shop property. The developer who purchased the property would like to build townhouses. This is your opportunity to ask questions about the proposal, as well as share your comments.

Hope Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

14 Centre Street

March 20, 2019

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

See notice [here](#).

### **Scarborough Village Employment and Social Services**

The Scarborough Employment and Social Services office moved from 1225 Kennedy Road to the Scarborough Village Office at 3600, Kingston Road. The Scarborough Village Office opened to the public on Monday, February 25.

### **Request for Traffic Control Signals or Pedestrian Crossover: Kingston Road at Dale Avenue**

Transportation Services' Staff have reviewed this request and prepared a report which concluded with the installation not appropriate for this intersection. Kingston Road is a major arterial road with a regulatory speed limit of 60 km/h. The staff opinion in the report states the road is too wide to install a pedestrian crossover. See full report [here](#). If you

would like to discuss this matter further, please call my office at 416-396-7222.

### **80 Dale Avenue Development**

I would like to thank all of the residents who attended the meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. One of the questions asked of the developer was if they in fact owned the property now outright, or if the sale was conditional on zoning amendments being approved. CreateTO, the real estate agency for the City of Toronto, has confirmed the site has been sold outright to the developer. One of the conditions of the sale is the developer must work with the Planning Department on the development without the option of an appeal to the Local Toronto Appeal Panel (Which replaced appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board or OMB as it is commonly known). Additional meetings will be held in the community.

Since this public meeting I have also received a petition from a local resident with a substantial number of signatures of people living in the immediate vicinity who are strongly opposed to the development proposal.

### **8. Seven Oaks Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

### **Watermain Cleaning and Relining on Purpledusk Trail and Trailridge Crescent**

City of Toronto Works Department staff will be cleaning and structurally relining the watermain system on Purpledusk Trail and Trailridge Crescent. The work is to start this month. The City-owned portion of any substandard water service pipes will also be replaced. This project is part of the Council approved Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution, and reduce the risk of watermain breaks. See full construction notice [here](#). Everyone's patience while this work is being done is very much appreciated

### **Request to Extend The Length of the Timing for Eastbound Left-Turn Arrow: Ellesmere Road at Neilson Road(Northbound)**

The request to Transportation Services staff to have this get done has been turned down once. The request to extend the time at this location is being re-examined upon my request. I have explained this is needed in order to clear traffic on Ellesmere which is trying to turn northbound on to Neilson Road, in particular during the evening rush-hour. I will keep everyone updated. See full report [here](#).

### **Request for an All-Way Stop Signs: Keeler Boulevard at Skyridge Road**

Transportation Services' staff have completed a review of Keeler Boulevard and Skyridge Road for All-Way Stop Signs at this intersection after it was requested by a local resident. Based on their review, they have concluded the installation of an All-Way Stop Signs at this intersection is not justified at this time. See full report [here](#).

I will be sending a survey to residents who reside on Skyridge Road and Keeler Boulevard

asking if they are in favour or not of this installation. If the majority is in favour I will bring the matter to Scarborough Community Council asking for implementation. If the responses are negative no further action will take place.

## **9. South Cedarbrae Community**

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

### Monthly Town Hall Meeting

Cedarbrae Public Library

545 Markham Road

Monday March 18, 2019

7:00PM – 8:30PM

### **Community Consultation Meeting: 3060 Eglinton Ave E**

The City is holding a Community Consultation meeting so people can learn more about a development application for this property. This is land which the City of Toronto owned and declared surplus to our municipal needs. CreateTO which is our real estate arm, put it up for sale. It is the triangle-shaped piece of land on the north side of Eglinton Ave, just west of the "Today Sportswear" shop. This developer who purchased the property would like to build townhouses. This is your opportunity to ask questions about the proposal, as well as share your comments.

Hope Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

14 Centre Street

March 20, 2019

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

See notice [here](#).

### **Friends of Cedarbrook & Thomson Memorial Park:**

The Friends of Cedarbrook & Thomson Memorial Park are inviting you to participate in a short guided tour of the park entitled "A Walk Through Time in Cedarbrook Park".

There will be a focus on the geology of the park system, including what we can see today to understand what shaped the physical nature of the park, including the ravine and the creek so long ago? Everyone will also be able to try out some of the park's Vita Trail exercise equipment along the way! If you have any question please contact:

[friendscedarbrookthomsonparks@gmail.com](mailto:friendscedarbrookthomsonparks@gmail.com) . In the event of bad weather please check their [website](#) for cancellation or changes.

Cedarbrook Community Centre

91 Eastpark Boulevard (Main parking lot)

Saturday, March 23

11:00AM – 12PM

## 10. Woburn Community

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

### Decision Notice First Party Sign Variance: 45 Greenbrae Circuit

The owner of this property submitted an application to obtain a permit for an existing non-illuminated ground sign displaying static copy (Or a lawn sign on posts in plain language). The sign in question is on the north frontage of the property. I have never had any complaints about the current sign. I sent my comments to staff, and the application has been approved by the Chief Building Officer. Find more details [here](#).

### Toronto Hydro Reliability Improvement: Project Markham 401

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging overhead and underground electrical system in the community to help improve service reliability. This project includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and transformers within the City of Toronto's public property allowance in front of or adjacent private properties.

The project is expected to begin by March 2019 with an approximate completion date of late December 2019. The boundaries include sections of Markham Road between Milner Avenue (North) and Progress Avenue (South). See notice [here](#). All effected property owners will be receiving a notice as well from Toronto Hydro



Scarborough Councillors – for the presentation for Agincourt Community Centre Fire

## 11. High-Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods

[top of your community news](#)

[Back to Index](#)

**LOOK FOR MY MOBILE OFFICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

**Upcoming Mobile Constituency Office Dates:**

<b>228 Galloway Road</b> Thursday, March 7, 2019	<b>3847 Lawrence Avenue East</b> Tuesday, March 19, 2019
---	---

10 am to 12 pm	11 am to 1 pm
<b>70 Mornelle Court</b> Tuesday, April 2, 2019 11 am to 1 pm	<b>80 Mornelle Court</b> Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11 am to 1 pm

### **Get on the list – Report it!**

If you have an issue with your TCHC unit or building it must be reported to the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 right away. (You can send an email to [help@torontohousing.ca](mailto:help@torontohousing.ca) if it's not an emergency) When repairs are needed, especially to your own unit please make sure you get your EasyTrac number from the call representative. \*\*\* It's very important to remember do not finish the call unless you have your number\*\*\*.

If you wait, a problem could become worse and you may be charged for some or all of the repair work. All issues have to be submitted. Please make a point of submitting any and all maintenance or repair issues. It will assist in getting necessary work done.

If you speak to your Management Office staff, you still need to call repair issues in to the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 right away! Management will not do this for you. Once a report has been filed TCHC can monitor its progress.

It also creates an excellent overview for TCHC head office staff as they can see if there is an increase in issues in certain areas. The issues can then be investigated to see if there is a larger concern which needs to be dealt with

Get on the list! [See the maintenance and repair site here.](#)

Then track it on EasyTrac: [see more information.](#)

If you would like, you can also report them to my office by phone at 416-396-7222 or email me at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) so I have your concern on record as well.

### **Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020**

The City of Toronto will be investing \$12 million in community infrastructure projects in the next four years. The list includes 3847 Lawrence Avenue East, where the multi-purpose community room will be expanded to accommodate programming and much needed meeting space.

### **Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)**

Concerned constituents may call the TCHC's **Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323** to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing or other safety related issues. This will ensure an appropriate response is made in a timely manner.

### **Mornelle All- Stars & Second Chance Programs**

## [Mornelle Ontario Early Years Centre](#)

**110 Mornelle Court**

**Phone Number: 416-287-3578**

**Main floor buzzer 248**

**Hours of operation are:**

**Monday/Tuesday & Thursday/Friday 9am-4:30pm**

**Closed on Wednesdays**

### **Mornelle All-Stars March Break Camp**

Monday, March 11 to Friday March 15

9:30am to 3:00pm

Contact Angela for further information: 647-769-5900

### **Mornelle All - Stars Summer Camp and PA Days (Extended Program)**

This amazing summer camp program provides children ages 6 to 13 a 5-hour a day program during the summer with age appropriate activities such as sports and recreation, games, arts and crafts. The program runs 5 days a week from 8:30AM - 4:30PM, for at least 80 children. Student registration is offered to all members of the community.

For more information visit this [website](#) or contact Angela Brackett (647-769-5900)

### **Mornelle Court Volunteers Needed!**

The Mornelle All - Stars are looking for individuals with various backgrounds to volunteer in the community with their Walk Safe Program, Homework Program, and also an administrative assistant for the highly popular March Break and Summer Camps.

If you are a believer in bringing effective and sustainable change, then this is the place for you! This is a great experience in community development, one could use this experience as part of their placements/internship, volunteer hours.

If interested please Contact Angela

Email: [mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca](mailto:mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca) or call (647-769-5900)

[Back to Index](#)



The beautiful landscape of Morningside Park!!

## **2. Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)**

TRCA [Upcoming Events](#)

[Calendar of events](#)

[Discover Highland Creek – view points of interest and explore](#)

### **Update on Upper Highland Creek Access Improvements**

Take a hike on the trails connection project within Morningside Park, or to the Pan Am Path through the Highland Creek Valley Corridor. The Pan Am Path is a multi-use recreational trail which spans the City of Toronto. Full details on the project can be seen [here](#). If you have any questions or comments please contact my office at 416-396-7222 or [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

### **Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA) Watershed Report Cards**

A watershed is the area of land which catches rain and snow, draining into a marsh, stream, river, lake or groundwater. Watersheds are the collectors, filters, conveyers and storage compartments of our fresh water supply. Check out how the watersheds in our area are doing via the TRCA Watershed Report Cards. The report cards can be found at this [link](#).

[Back to Index](#)



I was very proud to join Toronto Zoo staff in presenting the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award to Henny Bernard.

### **3. City Hall**

[Back to Index](#)

**City Council approves 2019 operating budget and 2019-2028 capital budget and plan. [See the budget here.](#)**

Toronto City Council has approved a 2019 tax and rate combined operating budget of \$13.47 billion and a 10-year capital budget and plan of \$40.67 billion. The budget enables the City to provide more than 150 distinct services that are supported by capital assets and infrastructure worth more than \$94 billion.

Overall, the 2019 budget tax increase is 1.8 per cent. There is a 2.55 per cent increase for residential properties, 1.28 per cent increase for commercial properties and 0.85 per cent for industrial properties, consistent with Council's longstanding tax policy to enhance the City's business climate. There is no increase for multi-residential/apartment buildings as per provincial legislation.

Residents will pay an additional 0.5 per cent for the City Building Fund, to support infrastructure projects such as transit and housing. As part of the City's strategy to enhance Toronto's business climate, there will be an additional increase of 0.53 per cent for residential properties, bringing the total municipal tax increase to 3.58 per cent. The average house assessed at \$665,605 will incur an additional \$104 in municipal property taxes for a total of \$3,020 in 2019.

### **Council Highlights**

[Council Highlights, a summary of selected decisions made by Toronto City Council, is produced by Strategic Communications. Click here](#)

[Previous editions click here](#)

Council Highlights is a summary of a selection of the decisions that Toronto City Council

made at its recent business meeting. The City Clerk's full, official documentation is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

### [Link to List of Councillor Ainslie's Motions](#)

#### **Update on City of Toronto Homelessness Services**

City staff has continued to monitor usage in all overnight services for people experiencing homelessness and to manage occupancy levels to ensure there is sufficient safe capacity to provide places for all who ask for them.

#### **24-hour respite sites - Know someone who needs help? [See further information.](#)**

February 25, 2019: **24-hour Respite Sites: 794 individuals at nine sites**

Queen Elizabeth Respite: 200. Capacity 200 Lake Shore West: 200. Capacity 200 Cowan Ave: 18. Capacity: 21 Downtown East: 50. Capacity: 50	Park Rd: 30. Capacity: 30 Progress Avenue: 45. Capacity: 49 St Felix Centre: 50. Capacity: 50 354 George Street: 103. Capacity: 105 St Felix 69 Fraser: 98. Capacity: 100
<b>24-hour Women's Drop-ins: 126 individuals at two sites</b>	
Sistering: 55. Capacity: 50	Fred Victor: 71. Capacity: 70
<b>Out of the Cold: 123 individuals at four sites</b>	
The Beach: 25. Capacity: 25 St Margaret's: 24. Capacity: 25	St Brigid's Annex: 55. Capacity: 70 Beth Emeth: 19. Capacity: 30
<b>Warming Centre. 53 individuals at one site</b>	
Metro Hall: 53. Capacity: 50	

Information is intended to provide an overview of overnight activity for the date provided. The stats are as of 4 a.m. the following morning.

#### **City of Toronto issues its 2019 interim property tax bills**

The City of Toronto has issued the 2019 interim property tax bills – the first of two tax bills mailed annually. The 2019 final tax bill will be mailed in May.

Payment due dates for the interim tax bills under the three installment plan are March 1, April 1, and May 1.

For property owners enrolled in the Pre-Authorized Tax Payment (PTP) program, the 2019 interim tax due dates are:

- Two-installment plan: March 1
- Six-installment plan: March 1, April 1, May 1
- Eleven-installment plan: February 15, March 15, April 15, May 15, June 17

Payments can be made through banks or financial institutions, by cheque or in person at the City's inquiry and payment counters. Locations and hours of operation are available [here](#). Property owners should pay early to ensure payment reaches the City's office before the due

date.



Last Spring the Halibut House opened at 4410 Kingston Rd (At Lawrence Ave East). Support our local restaurants!

**4. My Calendar and Community Events - [link to My Calendar](#)  
[Back to Index](#)**

**Monthly Town Hall Meeting**

**Town Hall for the Cedarbrae Community** - I look forward to seeing you there!

Cedarbrae Public Library

545 Markham Road

Monday March 18, 2019

7:00PM – 8:30PM

I will be rotating these meetings throughout the Ward – look for the community flyer!

**Upcoming Mobile Constituency Office Dates**

**3847 Lawrence Avenue East**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

11 am to 1 pm

**70 Mornelle Court**

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

11 am to 1 pm

**80 Mornelle Court**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

11 am to 1 pm

## **Save the Date: City of Toronto Funding Opportunities: A Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Knowledge Sharing Event**

Friday, March 8, 2019, 1:30PM - 4:00PM

Toronto City Hall,

100 Queen Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Committee Room 2

Register [here](#).

### What is a Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)?

Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) were launched by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) initially in Ontario and now across Canada. They provide a collaborative framework to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable solutions for the successful integration of newcomers to Ontario which are local and regional in scope.

LIPs are mandated to:

- facilitate a partnership council of multi-sectoral leaders
- develop and implement strategic action plans that reflect local priorities

LIPs in Toronto

LIPs in Toronto were originally established as 17 neighbourhood-based local planning tables in 2009. Each LIP focused on neighbourhoods with high numbers of newcomer residents. Toronto's neighbourhood-based LIPs transitioned to a new quadrant model on April 1st 2012. With this change, each of Toronto's 140 neighbourhoods belongs to one of the four quadrant-based LIPs. More information about quadrant LIPs can be found at [www.toronto.ca/newcomer](http://www.toronto.ca/newcomer).

### **Councillor Ainslie Environment Day**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10 am to 2 pm**

Morningside Yard, 891 Morningside Ave

### **What's on in the Rouge Park**

More Rouge Park events [here](#).

### **Toronto Zoo**

Find events and activities at the [Toronto Zoo Events Calendar!](#)

[Full Toronto Zoo Events Calendar](#)

[City of Toronto Events Calendar](#)

[What is happening in our City](#)

[Tourism Toronto – Official website](#)

[Back to Index](#)



Celebrating Spotlight on Literacy!

## 5. Services in the Community and Job Opportunities

### [Back to Index](#)

#### **Scouts Canada**

As a long-time member and Leader I believe in the values and opportunities made available to our youth through Scouts Canada. I currently volunteer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Centenary Scouts which operate in the Seven Oaks Community. [Look up Groups in your area.](#) I highly encourage youth to visit one of the meetings, and think about joining. It's not all about camping. You learn team-building, leadership skills, as well as how to work on projects independently! Scouting will open the door to making lifelong friendships. Take it from me!!!! (There is a membership fee, but we also offer subsidies for those families who may have financial difficulties in paying them. "No Friend Left Behind!")

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Centenary Scouts Canada Testimonials**

----

"I have two children in Scouts Canada with the 1st Centenary, my daughter age 11 and son age 7. They both love it!

We as a family have enjoyed the many outings and community events that Scouts have planned or helped in some way. We look forward to many more years with Scouts Canada."

-----

"My four kids are in the Scouts program with 1st Centenary and we have found it very rewarding. What is notable is the dedication to and knowledge of the program. My older two are in Scouts and recently came home full of pride after making catapults. I thought it was amazing."

"I encourage all parents if they have an opportunity to check out their local area Scout troupe for their kids, it's a great opportunity for learning and forming friendships."

-----

"Our family has been involved in Scouting with 1st Centenary for the past 7 years. We know that all the experiences they have gone through with Scouting have enabled our children to discover feelings confidence, skills to become leaders of tomorrow and an appreciation and connection for the outdoors."

The 1<sup>st</sup> Centenary Scouts Groups (Beavers/Cub Scouts/ Scouts) meet Tuesday/Wednesdays at Saint Edmund Campion, and Highcastle Public School depending on the group. Times and age groups vary, so give call [416-724-9215](tel:416-724-9215) and explore what Scouts Canada can do for your children, ages 5 to 26!!

### **Toronto Drop-In Services and Meal Times**

For 2019 Winter Toronto Drop-In Services and Meal Times, information is provided by the Toronto Drop-In Network, associated members, and by the Daily Bread Food Bank. See this [document](#) for Toronto Drop-In Service. Please refer to pages 19 to 20 for east Toronto services.

### **Indigenous Tools For Living: Trauma-Informed Practice Training**

Indigenous Tools For Living is a 3-day training on how to work with and sit beside complex trauma. It will benefit clinicians, and is also specifically designed for frontline non-clinical workers in social work, justice, public safety, education, healthcare and similar professions.

- Dates: April 4, 5, 6 and April 25, 26, 27
- Cost: \$750, which includes tuition, morning refreshments and lunch
- Location: The Native Canadian Centre of Toronto at 16 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON.
- Time: 9am-4pm, daily
- Registration Details: To register for either of the sessions please email: [indigenoustoolforliving@gmail.com](mailto:indigenoustoolforliving@gmail.com)

### **Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough**

100 Galloway Road, Scarborough  
Telephone: (416) 281 - 0262 ext. 208  
[www.esbgc.net](http://www.esbgc.net)

### **Programs Available Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough**

#### **Galloway EarlyON Child and Family Centre**

100 Galloway Road  
Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Phone Number: 416-281-0262 ext. 208  
More info on programs available [here](#).

#### **Morningside EarlyON Child and Family Centre**

Unit 15 - 4218 Lawrence Ave East  
Monday and Tuesday from 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Wednesday from 8:30am to 6:00pm  
Thursday 8:30am to 8:00pm  
Friday from 8:30am to 6:00pm  
Saturday from 9:30am to 3:00pm  
More info on programs available [here](#).

### **Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre**

110 Mornelle Court (located on the main floor)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm

More info on programs available [here](#).

### **Ontario Early Years Programs - Open to all**

**OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

[www.earlyyears.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.earlyyears.edu.gov.on.ca)

### **East Scarborough Storefront**

4040 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough

Telephone: 416-208-9889

Website: <https://thestorefront.org/>

Events: <https://thestorefront.org/schedule/>

### **Weekly Kingston/Galloway/Orton Park (KGO) Updates**

Check out KGO's latest weekly newsletter [here](#). Subscribe to the KGO weekly eNewsletters [here](#). From this link you can also access the entire archive of all of their past newsletters.

### **News from the East Scarborough Storefront and 5N2 Kitchens**

The East Scarborough Storefront, a project of Tides Canada, facilitates collaboration, builds community and supports people to learn and create together, to live healthy lives, to find meaningful work, to play and thrive. 5N2 Kitchens will be visiting Storefront to provide a free meal for the KGO community.

- Every Monday starting January 7, 2019 from
- From 4:00PM -5:00PM
- East Scarborough Storefront, 4040 Lawrence Ave E.

### **Toronto Public Library**

#### **Events in Ward 24**

[View events and programs](#)

You can stay up-to-date with the latest library news and upcoming programs by signing up for their "What's On at the Library" eNewsletter. The link to register to receive it is here:

<http://tpl.ca/e-news>.

Check out some of Toronto Public Library events at the Cedarbrae District Branch and Guildwood Community Branch, both located in Ward 24. For a full list and more details of programs and events please visit this [page](#).

### **Toronto Police Service**

Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints:

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600 with any issues or concerns they may have.

## **Community Police Academy Spring 2019 Session Registration Now Open**

The nine-week course, designed to inform members of the public about all things policing, will be at the Toronto Police College, located at 70 Birmingham Street. It will run every Saturday, from March 23, to June 1, 2019, with no classes on April 20, or May 18, 2019.

Please visit this [website](#) for more information and to apply.

## **Crime Stoppers**

The Toronto Police Service is asking anyone with information contact them at [416-808-2222](tel:416-808-2222), Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), [online](#) or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

## **Peer Support Group**

All genders welcome. Share your struggles and concerns in a safe, confidential space. Receive support and encouragement from each other. Ages 14-18.

**Contact: Scott Leathem - [sleathem@loftcs.org](mailto:sleathem@loftcs.org) - 416-420-1632**

Wednesday Nights **5pm to 7pm**

(Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>)

East Metro Youth Services

1200 Markham Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

(The Zone)

What's around your community Brochure: [Please see the inside to view](#)

List of Agencies that Offer Employment Assistance to Persons with Disabilities [Please see list](#)

Please see the list of helpful Government and Community Services - [link](#)

## **Get Active to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes Spring 2019 Program**

Learn about what you can do to lower your chance of developing diabetes while having fun trying new activities with a physical activity instructor. This program is a FREE 4 week physical activity and education program for adults aged 25-64 who do not have diabetes. Space is limited so make sure to register now! Contact Dominika at 416-419-2766 or email at [dsiem@schcontario.ca](mailto:dsiem@schcontario.ca)

Program Location: East Scarborough Storefront, 4040 Lawrence Ave. East - Lawrence Ave E and Overture Rd (Back Room)

Program Dates: Tuesdays April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Program Time: 10AM – 12PM

Note: Light snack and TTC tokens will be provided

## **East End Arts Newsletter**

Sign up for the East End Arts' monthly eNewsletter or their youth monthly eNewsletter for information about arts-related events in the east end, and share information about Toronto-

wide artist calls, art jobs, grants, funding opportunities and much more. Sign up [here](#).

### **Job and Training Opportunities**

#### **Access Employment: Youth Job Fair**

Access Employment is hosting a Youth Job Fair! Are you a job seeker who is looking for employment opportunities? Are you a youth between the age of 15-29 years and are not enrolled in school full-time? If so, take a sneak peek and some of our current available employment opportunities and stay tuned for some of the employers who will be featured at the upcoming job fair. See more details [here](#).

#### **City of Toronto: Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit Internship**

The City of Toronto's Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit is hiring two full-time inters for a period of 5 months. Job description and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

#### **Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work: Workplace Essential Skills Partnership**

Are you a jobseeker with a disability and have a post-secondary education or equivalent work place experience? The Workplace Essential Skills Partnership (WESP) is a FREE dynamic cross-disability employment program for job seekers with disabilities. Registration is now OPEN! See details [here](#).

#### **Summer 2019 Recreation Jobs**

The City of now accepting job applications until early February for summer camps, aquatic programs and other recreation positions. More information about recruitment for City recreation positions is available [here](#).

#### **Metro Career Information Session**

Tuesday March 5m 2019 from 2pm to 4pm at 1610 Bloor St. W. Metro is seeking candidates to fill Warehouse Positions at an Etobicoke location! Come by their office to learn more about shift premiums, safety shoe allowances and other benefits. Space is limited! Call 416-535-8448 to register. See flyer [here](#).

#### **George Brown Programs**

- [Pre-Apprenticeship trade program in Industrial Mechanic Millwright – 18 years or older](#)
- [Fashion – Industrial Power Sewing – 30 years or older](#)
- [Fashion – Apparel Fit Technician – 30 years or older](#)

#### **University of Toronto Scarborough Employment Opportunities**

- [Maintenance Technician \(Residence\)](#)
- [Service Worker, Caretaking](#)
- [Veterinary Technologist 1](#)
- [Program and Technical Assistant](#)

#### **TDSB Culinary Training Program**

On The Line Culinary an 11 week paid training program for youth ages 15-30. More details [here](#).

### **Warden Woods Community Centre Snow Shovelers Wanted**

Warden Woods Community Centre is looking for snow shovelers. Find more details [here](#).

### **Youth Link Job opportunities**

Youth Link provides a range of mental health services proven to build resiliency and improve life outcomes for youth at risk and their families. See this [link](#) for current employment opportunities.

### **Anima Leadership**

They are hiring an Inclusion, Equity and Diversity Facilitator. Application closing date is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. More information [here](#).

### **Women in Trades and Technology: FREE iOS & Android Mobile Application developer Training**

Registration is now open for a new training program with industry certifications offered in spring of 2019 in partnership with Seneca College and funded by the Office of Women's Issues in the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. See flyer [here](#).

### **Porter Airlines sponsors Northern Lights Mentorship Program**

The Northern Lights Mentorship Program is designed to connect aspiring and experienced aviation professionals. Porter Airlines is sponsoring this new program to attract and retain more women in the aviation and aerospace industry.

The Northern Lights Mentorship Program focuses on three phases of career planning and connects participants with mentors who can best support them:

1. Considering a career within aviation and aerospace (imagining)
2. Training and development (training)
3. Established within the industry (developing)

Join the Northern Lights Mentorship Program as a mentor or participant by visiting this [website](#).

### **Job Search Supports Available in your Kingston/Galloway/Orton Park (KGO) Neighbourhood**

Meet with their employment team and widen the scope of your job search:

- Update your resume with new experience
- Tailor your cover letter to each job posting
- Develop a list of contacts to network
- Create various profiles on differ job search sites

Drop in hours: Tuesdays 12:00PM - 4:00PM and Wednesdays 12:00PM - 3:00PM

No registration required

## 6. Get Involved in your Community

[Back to Index](#)

### Clean Toronto Together Registration

Clean Toronto Together (CTT), the City's annual spring cleanup, will take place on April 26, 27 and 18.

[Registration opens March 1 here](#)

All participants – including community, corporate, school, and councilor-led groups – must register their cleanups. The City will arrange special litter collections (April 26-28) for registered cleanups, subject to approval.

[Official Kick-off at Nathan Philips Square on March 28](#)

Join Mayor Tory and CTT sponsors for the annual campaign kick-off at Nathan Philips Square at 12:30pm on Thursday, March 28.

### Upcoming Bylaw Reviews: March 2019

- Vehicle-for-Hire Bylaw Review  
March to March 19, 2019  
More info [here](#).
- Body Rub Parlours and Holistic Centres Bylaw Review  
March 4 to March 19, 2019  
More info [here](#).

### It Takes a Village: Big Brothers Big Sisters

Are you a resident of Scarborough? Are you 19 years of age and over? Be part of a focus group or one-to-one interview to provide your insights on volunteering. Contact BBBST, Akua Anyemedu at 416-925-8981 ext. 4125 or [akua.anyemedu@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:akua.anyemedu@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca) See flyer [here](#).

### East End Arts: Youth Arts

Volunteer with East End Arts! Looking for fun exciting opportunities? East End Arts offers the chance to get hands-on experience in the arts and cultural sector, network, get references and volunteers hours. Join their volunteer team [here](#).

Towards Youth: A play on radical hope. Written by award-winning documentary theatre maker Andrew Kushnir, Towards Youth brings Dr. Kathleen Gallagher timely work on how art impact and gives a voice to youth to the stage, and reveals startling truths about youth culture in England, Greece, India, Taiwan and Canada. Showing February 25 to March 16, 2019. Learn more [here](#).

Check out the Community Calendar by Platform A [here](#).

---

## **Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Scarborough Fashion Show**

The CFUW are hosting their annual Fashion Show on Monday, April 24, 2019. Funds raised are direct to two scholarships for students at Centennial College, as well as giving donations to the Scarborough Women's Centre (SFUW), The SFUW National 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Award and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. See flyer [here](#).

## **Focus Group Participants**

The Wellesley Institute is seeking Focus Group Participants to help understand what makes a healthy job in the Greater Toronto Area. If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, please contact Malaika Hill at [malaika@wellesleyinstitute.com](mailto:malaika@wellesleyinstitute.com) or 416-972-1010 ext. 226. See flyer [here](#).

## **Community Reduce and Reuse Programs**

The Community reduce and Reuse Programs are part of the Long Term Waste Management Strategy and Tower Renewal Program implementation and will help to build sustainable communities and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by:

- Educating residents about the importance of waste reduction and reuse
- Providing opportunities for sharing and repairing
- Offering skills training and creating job and economic opportunities
- Creating spaces for community members to gather

More details [here](#).

## **Volunteers Needed for Scarborough Village Action For Neighbourhood Change (ANC)**

- Community Garden
- Summer Festival
- Community Outreach
- Home Work Club
- Summer Camp and more

Please call ANC at 416-847-4177 for information or to register. See full flyer [here](#).

---

## **7. Projects, Grants and Public Service Information**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Public Service Information**

#### **City of Toronto preparations for winter weather system**

The City of Toronto has a comprehensive snow and ice response plan that prioritizes the safety and movement of residents.

Proactive measures taken before the storm include:

- Monitoring road temperature using sensors on salt trucks and pickup trucks
  - Coordinating more frequent access to weather forecasting and meteorologists
  - Activating nine road weather information system stations, including two new stations in East York and one in the York-Yonge-Bay ramps; and
-

- Maintaining roads, performing on-going pothole repair blitzes, replenishing salt and de-ice supplies, attending training and seeking new ways to address snow

During the storm, winter operations include:

- De-icing, salting, plowing and snow removal as required
- Daily staff conference calls coordinate snow clearing efforts
- GPA on plows power the PlowTO web app at <https://www.Toronto.ca/plowTO>
- A fixed automated spray technology de-icing system on the York-Bay-Yonge ramp to help keep emergency vehicles and commuter safe
- Access to salt additives like beef juice that melt ice faster when temperatures are frigid; and
- Real-time cameras to see actual conditions on key streets to inform operations

After the storm:

- Crews work around-the-clock to clean-up the remaining snow and ice on city streets, sidewalks, bike trails, laneways, and more.
- Staff respond to resident requests through 311.
- Staff continue to coordinate cleanup efforts via conference calls.
- Services delivered are reviewed to inform future improvements.

More details [here](#).

### **Home Energy Loan Program (HELP) #homeenergyloanTO**

Want to save on energy and don't know where to start? The City of Toronto's Home Energy Loan program is here to HELP. Visit this website for more [details](#).

### **Sightings of Coyotes Is Normal in Parts of Toronto**

Toronto residents who live near ravines and forests – typical coyote habitat – can expect an increase in coyote sightings during this time of year. Coyotes are active day and night, but prefer to hunt after dusk or before dawn.

Residents should follow these steps to minimize negative encounters with coyotes:

- Avoid feeding them. Feeding wild animals, including coyotes is detrimental and can create problems for the neighbourhood.
- Avoid feeding pets outdoors.
- Ensure that all household garbage is inaccessible to animals.
- Place garbage out in the morning of the scheduled pick up, rather than the night before.
- Always supervise pets – keep dogs on a leash and keep cats indoors or supervised when outside.

For more information, residents can visit <http://toronto.ca/coyote> or call 311.

### **Metrolinx PRESTO app**

The official version of the Metrolinx PRESTO app is now available for download! The PRESTO app gives users the convenience of easily loading funds onto their PRESTO card on the go with debit, credit or through Apple Pay. For most Android phones with NFC capabilities, the

app lets you load funds and passes instantly to your PRESTO card simply by holding it onto the back of your phone, eliminating the wait times customers experience when they load their cards online. More details can be found [here](#).

### **Toronto Hydro – Light Out Reporting**

When you have a street light out on your street the most efficient way to report this is to use Toronto Hydro's on line reporting tool. It is quick and simple and gets reporting directly to the appropriate staff. Here is the [link](#) for this reporting tool.

For electrical emergencies (such as downed lines, exposed wires and hanging light fixtures), call Toronto Hydro immediately at 416-542-8000 and press option 1.

For issues concerning traffic lights, lights in a park, lights on a bike path, or trees blocking a light please contact the City of Toronto's 311 service.

### **Emergency Preparedness with Toronto Hydro**

In 2018, we were hit with five storms that were classified as extreme weather events. Toronto Hydro is building weather resiliency into the electrical system, but are also asking customers to be prepared for power outages. Although most power outages do not last long they would like to remind residents a little preparation goes a long way in helping to stay safe and minimize inconvenience.

Information on emergency kits and how to prepare effectively for power outages can be found on Toronto Hydro's [website](#). Also safety information is promoted through their Twitter account @TorontoHydro.

Toronto Hydro created a short video to explain their process of getting customer's power restored – view video [here](#).

### **PlowTO**

PlowTO, is a new winter road maintenance and salting operations website which enables residents to see the location of plows, sidewalk plows, and salt trucks, as well as when their street was serviced by them. More details [here](#).

**Registration for City of Toronto's winter swim and skate programs and March Break camps**  
Registration for City of Toronto winter swim and skate programs and March Break camps for Scarborough began on Sunday March 7. Find more information at this [website](#).

### **Grants**

#### **PollinateTO Community Grants**

The City is now accepting applications for its new PollinateTO Community Grants.

Community grants of up to \$5,000 are available to support community-led projects that:

- Create pollinator gardens and rain gardens

---

- Enhance or expand existing gardens with pollinator-friendly native plants  
Interested groups and organizations are encouraged to submit an application by May 1.  
Details [here](#).

### **Nahom Berhane Scholarship for Leadership and Inclusion**

This scholarship provides assistance to youth with a proven track record of volunteerism, community services and leadership in the community. In addition, the youth are in need of financial support to attend post-secondary institution including universities, colleges and professional trades training. Find the scholarship application and guidelines [here](#).

### **Apply for the IIOD Scholarship today!**

Eligible applicants can receive up to \$4,000 to cover tuition fees and school related expenses for post-secondary education or training. See flyer for eligibility. Complete [this application](#) form and apply by March 28, 2019 by 5pm.

### **StART 2019 Partnership Program: Location Scouting**

The StART 2019 Partnership Program is what brought our Ward the beautiful mural on the high-rise apartment buildings at 4000 Lawrence Ave East in 2017. If you have an area in mind like an underpass or a building in the Ward which you would like see beautified please forward any suggestions to my office at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) or 416-396-7222.

### **City Announces Grant Recipient to Help Increase Black Leadership on the Boards of Health and Social Services Organizations**

The City of Toronto announced TAIBU Community Health Centre (TAIBU CHC) as the successful grantee for its Black Leadership Governance Training Project Grant. TAIBU will partner with the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough, Alpha Kappa Alpha Toronto Chapter, and the University of Toronto Scarborough to develop and implement an initiative to increase the representation of Black Torontonians on the boards of health and social service organizations. See more details [here](#).

### **Preventing winter pipes from freezing during extremely cold weather**

With extreme cold weather cold weather temperatures we have been receiving, the City of Toronto is reminding residents how to prevent drinking water pipes in their home from freezing. Tips on how to prevent or thaw frozen can be found [here](#). If these steps do not resolve the issue, call 311 or submit a service request online [here](#) and someone from the City will investigate.

### **Projects**

#### **Distracted Driving Campaign Results**

Between January 14 and 20, 2019, the Toronto Police Service delivered a zero-tolerance enforcement and awareness traffic safety campaign focused on drivers operation a motor vehicle while using hand-held communication or entertainment device, including cell phones. Toronto Police Service Officers patrolled for distracted drivers on foot, bicycles, unmarked police vehicles, pick-up trucks and on TTC buses and streetcars. This Distracted

---

---

Driving Campaign resulted 670 drivers charged.

A clear message needs to be sent to all drivers that when you are behind the wheel, your only focus should be on the task of driving.

### **Scarborough Women's Centre Winter 2019 Programs**

Through various workshops the Scarborough Women's Centre help about 800 women through their education program. You can learn about healthy relationships, financial planning, dealing with anger, building self-esteem and family law. View the Winter 2019 Program Flyer [here](#). Visit their [website](#) for more information.

### **Launch of 2018 Senior Safety Zones**

The City of Toronto Transportation Services Department is launching the 2018 Senior Safety Zones program as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan. Unfortunately, older adults have made up over 80% of all pedestrian fatalities in the City over the past few years, and as such, this remains a key area of focus for the Vision Zero team. Installation work has already started, and is expected to be completed by September 30, 2018. Ward 24's Senior Safety Zone will be located at 60 Guildwood Parkway.

### **#TransformTO one home at a time with HELP from the City of Toronto**

Are you thinking about renovating? Are you interested in improving the comfort and energy efficiency of your home, while at the same time doing your bit for Mother Nature? With utility incentives and GreenON funding available – there has never been a better time to make improvements to your biggest investment, your home.

[Back to Index](#)

---

How to contact me:

Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Suite C52  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2  
Tel: 416-392-4008

Scarborough Civic Centre  
150 Borough Drive  
Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4N7  
Tel: 416-396-7222  
Fax: 416-392-4006

Email: [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

Website: [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com)



[SUBSCRIBE](#) / [UNSUBSCRIBE](#)