



# Paul Ainslie

Toronto City Councillor  
Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

## February 2020 - Volume 20, Issue 108 Outreach - Value – Input Making Our Community Thrive

Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Neighbours,

I would like to thank all those who attended my 2020 New Year's Celebration at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre on January the 11<sup>th</sup>!

On February 5<sup>th</sup> Scarborough Community Council supported my request to investigate ongoing sidewalk snow plow property damage. This is in response to receiving over 200 complaints regarding damages from December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A majority of the complaints consisted of damages to private property, windrows not being cleared, and poor quality of work. After 22 years of this program being in place, I am surprised by the high level of complaints. A report will be brought forward to the June Scarborough Community Council meeting. [View request here - 2020.SC13.18 - Sidewalk Snow Plowing.](#)

City Council will be meeting on February 19, 2020 to discuss the 2020 Budget. All the documents are online for your viewing, [2020 Budget Documents.](#)

Sightings of coyotes in our community. Residents who live near ravines, forests and large parks – typical coyote habitats – can expect an increase in coyote sightings during this time of year. To report a coyote sighting call 416-338-PAWS (7297), Email: [animalservices@toronto.ca](mailto:animalservices@toronto.ca) or Fill out an [online form](#). Animal Services will attend the site if needed.

More information and details on how to deter coyotes, keeping your pets safe and the City's coyote response strategy [here](#).

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is warning of risks due to landslides along the Scarborough Bluffs. Signs have been erected at certain access points at the Guild

Construction Access Road. These conditions pose a significant risk to public safety. Access to the shoreline has been and will continue to be PROHIBITED. More details [here](#).

All my Best,  
Paul

### **Volunteer!**

Interested in volunteering? Do you need volunteer hours for school, or just want to be active in your community? There are many events throughout the year where you can help.

- Community BBQ's
- Canada Day Parade
- Environment Days
- The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival
- Halloween Haunt
- New Year's Levee
- Movie Nights
- Town Hall Meetings
- Community Notification Deliveries

If you or someone you know might be interest, visit the following link [here](#).

Index:

#### 1. Your Community News Section

[Bendale Community](#)

[Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community](#)

[Coronation and West Hill Community](#)

[Curran Hall Community](#)

[Guildwood Village Community](#)

[Scarborough Centre Community](#)

[Scarborough Village Community](#)

[Seven Oaks Community](#)

[South Cedarbrae Community](#)

[Woburn Community](#)

[High Rise Community News](#)

#### 2. Ward 24 Wide Update

#### 3. The City Hall File

#### 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



Season's Greetings  
You are Cordially Invited  
to  
**Councillor Paul Ainslie's  
2020 New Year's Celebration**  
Saturday January 11, 2020  
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Cedar Ridge Creative Centre  
225 Confederation Drive  
Mix and Mingle  
Children's Activities  
RSVP  
Tel: 416-396-7222  
Email: [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

Happy to see many familiar and new faces at my 2020 New Year's Celebration in January 11 at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre!!

### **Your Community News Section**

For Municipal Standards issues please contact [311](tel:311).

### **Bendale Community**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Benshire Drive and Belchasse Street Pedestrian Cross Walk Installation**

A Pedestrian Crosswalk was approved in the Summer 2018 at the intersection of Benshire Drive and Belchasse Street. The construction and activation is expected for Spring 2020. I will continue to keep you updated on this file.

### **The Scarborough Museum in Thomson Memorial Park**

You will find an abundance of events at the museum. Located along the walking trails of Thomson Memorial Park, neighbouring the Bendale Community. The museum demonstrates the history and development of Scarborough's formation, founding and early settlement and its emergence as a major suburb in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. [Visit the Scarborough Museum for an opportunity to connect to the past through youth programming, exhibits and special events.](#) Find more details on exhibits, events and more [here](#).

### **[Explore Your City Parks:](#)**

- [North Bendale Park](#)
- [Bendale Park](#)



Thank you for all who attended my New Year Celebration at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre on January 11, 2020.

## **Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

[Back to Index](#)

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

[Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery Member's Exhibit](#)

[Exhibits and Events open to the public.](#)

## **Watermain Replacement on Janray Drive and Lucerne Court**

The City of Toronto is planning to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services, as well as road reconstruction on Janray Drive and Lucerne Court. The water services is the underground pipe which brings water to your water metre and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from you house to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain. Expected period is: Spring 2020 to December 2020. See notice [here](#).

## **Cedar Ridge Creative Centre**

225 Confederation Drive Toronto, ON, M1G 1B2

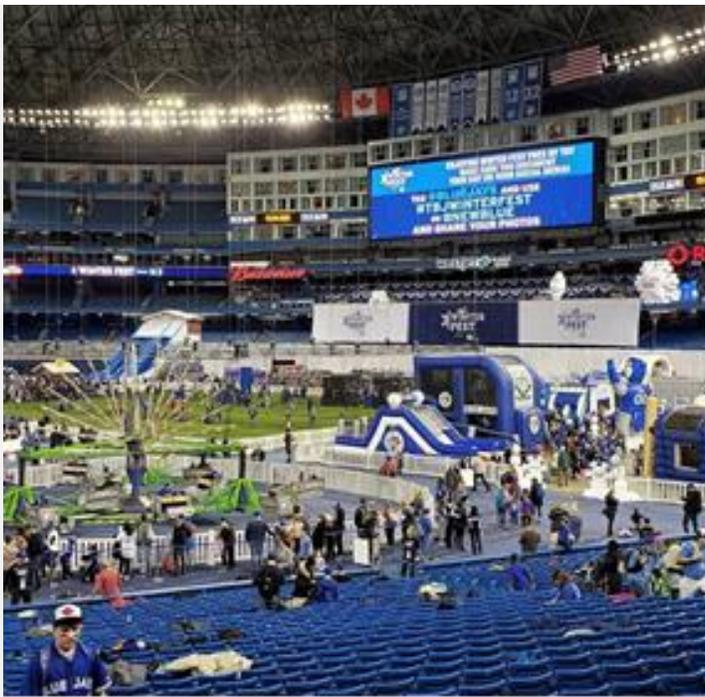
416-396-4026 Email: [crcc@toronto.ca](mailto:crcc@toronto.ca)

- Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery
- City arts galleries

Permanent art collections

[Explore Your City Parks](#)

- [Cedar Ridge Park](#)



Had an amazing time at this year's Blue Jays' WinterFest.

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

[Back to Index](#)

### **West Hill Play Park Enhancement Project**

The West Hill Play Park Enhancement Project which includes the installation of the Henderson playground option is on track to begin construction in Spring 2020. Further details will be provided when possible.

### **Decision Notice of Application First Party Signage Master Plan: 4435-4479 Kingston Road**

It is the Chief Building Official's decision to grant the requested variance required for the proposal. The proposal is to be erected substantially in accordance with the submission materials included as part of the Signage Master Plan application. Find decision notice [here](#).

### **Watermain Replacement on Livingston Road North, Greenvale Terrace, and Kingston Road (Greenvale to Celeste)**

The City of Toronto is planning to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Livingston Road North, Greenvale Terrace, and Kingston Road (from Greenvale to Celeste). The water services is the underground pipe which brings water to your water metre and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from your house to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain. Expected period is: Spring 2020 to December 2020. See notice [here](#).

### **East Scarborough Storefront**

Visit this great asset in our community! The East Scarborough Storefront facilitates collaboration, builds community and supports people to learn and create together, to live healthy lives, to find meaningful work, and to play and thrive in the Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park neighbourhood (KGO). [Learn how to get involved](#), and [check out](#)

### [Explore Your City Parks](#)

- [Greenvale Park](#)
- [Highland Creek Community Park](#)
- [Galloway Park](#)
- [Eastview Park](#)
- [West Hill Park](#)



Taken at last year's FCM Conference and Trade Show, Mayor John Tory's invitation to this year's Annual Conference and Trade Show in Toronto (June 4-7, 2020)

### **Curran Hall Community**

Curran Hall Community Centre  
277 Orton Park - 416-396-5156

[Back to Index](#)

### **Botany Hill Playground Enhancement Project**

The construction of the Botany Hill Playground Enhancement Project is anticipated for Summer 2020. This project includes a wide range of inclusive play features and an enhance playground surface. I will continue to keep you updated on this file.

**Road Resurfacing on Frolic Crescent, Greenock Avenue, Helicon Gate, Ingrid Drive, Milfordhaven Drive, Newark Road and Tralee Avenue**

In September, the City started road resurfacing on Frolick Crescent, Greenock Avenue, Helicon Gate, Ingrid Drive, Milford Haven Drive, Newark Road, and Tralee Avenue. Given the temperatures and weather conditions, the City is working with the contractor to complete the remaining work in spring 2020 when conditions are more favourable. See full update [here](#).

### **East Highland Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Protection, and East and West Highland Creek Channel Restoration in Morningside Park**

The City of Toronto's East Highland Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer carries wastewater from homes and businesses in Scarborough and some surrounding areas to the Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Channel work started in January 2020 and has an expected end date for July 2021. Once the work is completed, crews will repair areas affected by construction and surrounding vegetation, as needed. All work will be done according to seasonal planting guidelines (fall or spring) and is being carried out in consultation with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division. Please see construction notice [here](#) for the Highland Creek project.

### **Toronto Hydro Overhead Electrical Upgrade: Project Orton Park – Merkley (Phase 1, 2 & 3)**

Toronto Hydro's project to rebuild the aging overhead electrical system in the Orton Park – Merkley area is to help improve service reliability. The projected timeline for phases 1, 2 & 3: January 2020 to September 2020.

**Phase 1 Work Area:** The project includes Sundance Crescent (North), Ladysbridge Drive (East), Lawrence Avenue East (South) and Firth Crescent (West). See letter [here](#).

**Phase 2 Work Area:** This project area includes Brimorton Drive (North), Orton Park Road (East), Thornbeck Drive (South) and Scarborough Golf Club Road (West). See letter [here](#).

**Phase 3 Work Area:** The project area includes Botany Hill Road (North), Copping Road (East), Ladysbridge Drive (South) and Orton Park Road (West). See letter [here](#).

**Toronto Hydro projects can be checked [here](#).**

### **Curran Hall Community Centre Programming – [Join the programming offered within your community link.](#) Located at 277 Orton Park Road**

A number of programs are being offered for all ages at the Curran Hall Community Centre including summer Adventure Camps, Yoga, Pilates, dance for all ages, cooking classes, martial arts, visual arts, youth leadership programs as well as drop in programs for youth 9 - 12yrs old – Saturday: 1:30PM – 3:30PM.

#### **[Explore Your City Parks](#)**

- [Morningside Park](#)
- [Healthier Heights Woods](#)
- [Botany Hill Park](#)
- [Curran Hall Ravine Park](#)



The Guild Alive with Culture 2020 is set for this July 25 and 26, 2020 at the Guild Park and Gardens. Check out [www.guildalivewithculture.ca](http://www.guildalivewithculture.ca) for more details!

## **The Guildwood Village Community**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Guildwood GO Bike Lockers**

There is currently only 6 Bike Lockers at the Guildwood GO station. My office is currently working with City Staff to add more Bike Lockers at the Guildwood GO Station. This request was initiated after receiving requests from residents.

### **Probus-Guildwood**

Connect with Probus-Guildwood a co-ed social club. Meet active people who have different perspectives, interests and careers. Join the second Wednesday of every month, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 140 Guildwood Parkway, Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church Hall

Listen to Guest Speakers. Enjoy our monthly luncheons, events, newsletter & [website](#).

- Such as Barbara Dickson – author of [100 Bomb Girls' Stories](#)

### **[Explore Your City Parks](#)**

- [Bethune Park](#)
- [Elizabeth Simcoe Park](#)
- [Guild Park and Gardens](#)
- [Guildwood Village Park](#)
- [Poplar Park](#)
- [Rowatson Park](#)
- [Rosa and Spencer Clark Parkette](#)
- [South Marine Drive Park](#)
- [Sylvan Park](#)



Throwback to last year's Thai Pongal Reception at the Scarborough Civic Centre with Councillor McKelvie and Mayor John Tory.

### **The Scarborough Centre Community**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Drilling/Surveying work on McCowan Road, Grangeway Avenue and Consilium Place**

Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario are working together to deliver the Scarborough Subway Extension, a 7.8 – kilometre extension of Line 2 from Kennedy Station to McCowan Road/Sheppard Avenue. Work is done by using a small drill rig that drills into the ground, collecting soil and rock samples for further testing. This work must be done to determine the approach for the construction of the project, and will support the creation of foundation designs and other structural plans. This work began in December 2019 and will last for approximately 6 months. More details [here](#).

### **68 and 88 Corporate Drive Traffic Control Signals**

The Traffic Control Signal at Corporate Drive will be constructed in the spring of 2020. Our contractor has been experiencing a delay in their contracts due an influx of work and lack of resources combined with a delay in locate packages, work zone approval and 3<sup>rd</sup> party timelines. I have requested details for the delay.

### **The Scarborough Village Community**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Request for Traffic Control Signals: Kingston Road at Brinloor Boulevard**

Transportation Services has completed a review for the request for Traffic Control Signals at Kingston Road at Brinloor Boulevard. While the review concluded that the technical warrants for the installation were not met staff are recommending the installation of Traffic

Control Signals at this intersection. The report will be heard at a future Scarborough Community Council meeting. See the complete memo [here](#).

## **66 - 80 Dale Development Update**

On November 28, 2019 Scarborough Community Planning held a mandated community consultation meeting where residents were provided with the developers revised development proposal. The revised proposal plans for 2 buildings: 7 and 12 storeys.

A Resident Advisory Group has been formed with a mandate to enable further discussion and problem solving of issues as it relates to the proposed application in an effort to make improvements to the proposal. The membership of 12 residents has been meeting with the City Community Planner, Developer and myself. The Resident Advisory Group was formed through my request.

[View the Preliminary Report here](#). Proposal: [www.podiumdevelopments.com/80dale](http://www.podiumdevelopments.com/80dale)

For additional information and to comment on the proposal please contact Andrea Reaney, Senior Planner, [Andrea.Reaney@toronto.ca](mailto:Andrea.Reaney@toronto.ca).

## **Scarborough Village Recreation Centre**

Located at: 3600 Kingston Road, it has a variety of programming for all ages including a dance classes, a homework club, youth nights, as well as sports and art programs. Enjoy using your local community centre! [View programming here](#).

## **[Explore Your City Parks](#)**

- [Scarborough Village Park](#)
- [Fred Johnson Park](#)

## **Seven Oaks Community**

[Back to Index](#)

## **Update on Toronto Water Construction on Ellesmere Road between Morningside Avenue and Military Trail at Mornelle Court**

My office has received a high volume of inquiries regarding the Toronto Water Construction at the above noted area. My office has been notified the repair is for the slope failure on the south side of Ellesmere Road at Mornelle Court, west of Morningside Avenue which resulted in potential damage to a Toronto Water transmission watermain. The crew is continuing to work in the ravine installing armour stone to help with the erosion of the creek at the outfall of the new culvert. This project is estimated to be completed in Spring 2020, weather permitting.

## **Community Concerns: 38 Pineslope Crescent**

Thank you everyone for submitting your comments in regards to the 38 Pineslope Cres. application.

Many of you were able to attend the meeting last week and voice your concerns with the application, as a result Scarborough Committee of Adjustment refused all the variances in the application. (please see full decision notice attached)

Moving forward the applicant has two options, either make changes to the application or to file an appeal to Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB), the **deadline to file an appeal is Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB) is a different format than Committee of Adjustment, essentially it is a court hearing.

There is a Guide which explains in detail what TLAB is and how it operates, you can find it [here](#).

I will keep you informed if the appeal is filed and provide details on the hearing date and process to register for the hearing or submit comments. Feel free to get in touch with me directly for any further questions at any time.

### **Local Traffic Vehicle Identification Program**

I have been working with both the Toronto Police Services and the City Transportation Division to have this request for local vehicle decals for the residents of Seven Oaks explored for implementation. Transportations Services has reported back on the matter in the negative, and are not supporting the implementation of the program.

The findings indicated that: *Transportations Services has consulted with Toronto Police Services and, after taking into consideration the ability to enforce such exemptions, the potential impacts on equal access to transportation infrastructure and the administration of such a program, does not recommend implementing a pilot local traffic vehicle identification program.* The detailed report can be viewed [here](#).

Since the implementation of the turn restrictions at Military Trail and Highcastle Road there has been a significant decline in concerns for speeding and traffic congestion by cut through traffic in the area of concern by local residents.

### **[Explore Your City Parks](#)**

- [Seven Oaks Park](#)
- [Brooks Road Park](#)
- [Bonspiel Park](#)
- [Ellesmere Reservoir Park](#)



The next 43 Division CPLC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2020  
At 6:30 pm (Brigadier Room 43 Station)

### **The South Cedarbrae Community**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Snow Fencing Installation in Cedarbrook Park**

“No Tobogganing Allowed” signs are posted in Cedarbrook Park. The slope is dangerously close to the ravine and poses a risk of injury. Parks staff will be installing snow fencing at the top of the slope as another level of deterrence. Please adhere to the City posted signs.

### **New Traffic Control Signal: Bellamy Road and Eastpark Boulevard**

Construction of the new traffic control signals at Bellamy Road and Eastpark Boulevard is completed and currently awaiting a power connection from Toronto Hydro. The activation of the lights is expected for late February or early March 2020.

### **Cedar Brook Park Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

Both bridges in Cedar Brook Park will be repaired including removal and installation of two new pedestrian bridges, new abutments and rehabilitation of approaches and landscape improvements, [as shown on this notice](#). Construction started in December 2019 with an expected completion in **May 2020**. The area surrounding the bridges needed for the work will be closed. The remainder of the park will remain open.

### **Toronto Hydro Overhead & Underground Civil & Electric Work: Project Markham Road**

Please be advised that Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild and relocate the overhead and underground electrical system in our community in preparation for the GO Expansion Electrification program. Expected project timeline is from **December 2019 to May 2020**. More details [here](#).

## Cedarbrook Community Centre

Located at 91 Eastpark Blvd., it has a variety of programming for all ages including dance classes, homework clubs, youth nights, sports and art programs. Explore your local community centre. [View programming here.](#)

### Explore Your City Parks

- [Cedar Brook Park](#)
- [Bakerton Parkette](#)



This year on January 27<sup>th</sup>, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, we remembered the millions of lives affected by Holocaust.

## The Woburn Community

[Back to Index](#)

### **Town Hall Meeting and Confederation Park Improvements Community Consultation**

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Centennial Recreation Centre, 1967 Ellesmere Road

I hope to see many of you there!

### **Confederation Park Improvements**

Confederation Park will be receiving improvements this year. Including:

- Playground Enhancements
- Volleyball Courts
- Basketball Court Rehabilitation
- 

Parks Forestry and Recreation will be hosting a community public consultation to provide details and gather your comments on this project. This public consultation will take place at my March 12<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting in the Centennial Recreation Centre. More details above.

## **Watermain Replacement on Brimorton Drive: Markham Road to Scarborough Golf Club Road**

The City of Toronto has completed the watermain replacement project on Brimorton Dr from Markham Rd to Scarborough Golf Club Rd. Weather permitting, the permanent restoration phase will commence in Spring 2020, and will include curb repairs, sod restoration and road resurfacing. In order to facilitate the remaining work, there will be ongoing local lane closures along the street when the work resumes in Spring 2020. This project's **expected end date is June 2020**. Please see full update [here](#).

## **Road Resurfacing on Helicon Gate**

The road resurfacing work for Helicon Gate is carried over from 2019. The concrete work and asphalt work can only be done on milder weather, this work will start up again in the Spring time. An update construction notice with further details will be distributed to residents in the area as soon as available.

## **Toronto Hydro Overhead & Underground Civil & Electrical Upgrade: Project Markham – Ellesmere**

Toronto Hydro is currently rebuilding the aging electrical system which includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and hydro poles within the city-owned property.

Work Area: The project area includes Ellesmere Road (North), Gander Drive (East), Clementine Square (South), and Markham Road (West). Expected timeline: January 2020 to February 2020. See letter [here](#). Updates on this project can be viewed using [Toronto Hydro's Project Map](#).

## **Toronto Hydro Reliability Improvement – [Project Bellamy-Lawrence](#)**

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging overhead and underground electrical system in the community to help improve service reliability. **The project started in May 2019, with an updated expected completion date of January 2020**. Find more details [here](#).

## **Centennial Recreation Centre**

Located at 1967 Ellesmere Road, it has a variety of programming for all ages including dance classes, homework clubs, youth nights, sports, cooking and art programs. Explore your local community centre. [View programming here](#).

## **[Explore Your City Parks](#)**

- [Densgrove Park](#)
- [Churchill Heights Park](#)



I was glad to meet with residents of 36 – 38 Lee Centre at my Community Town Hall Meeting this past January 21.

### **High-Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods**

[Back to Index](#)

#### **Lee Centre Town Hall Meeting**

I would like to thank those who attended my Community Town Hall on Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. Residents play a vital role in our community and I appreciate when residents take time out of their busy day to come speak to me. At this town hall we spoke about transit concerns, including more frequent service for the residents in your area.

We also spoke on other issues important to you including improving local amenities, like improvements to the Lee Centre Park which we are working on with Toronto Parks staff and asking for more features in the community. I very much appreciated all your comments on these issues in the community.

These items have been sent to appropriate staff for review. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for an update.

#### **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 an 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.

For residents living in the High Rise community outside of TCHC buildings, please contact 311 to activate an investigation for any concerns regarding repairs and/or building issues.

Appropriate staff such as Municipal Licensing and Standards & Public Health will be notified and a follow up will ensue. Please be sure to always obtain the Service Request # from 311 so that the progress of your issue can be tracked at your leisure.

### **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 EarlyON Child and Family Centre](#)**

Mornelle All-Stars Safe Walk Program runs Mondays to Fridays.

Pick up times

8:00AM at 110 Mornelle Court – For 3050 Mapledale and 110 Mornelle

8:15AM at 90 Mornelle Court – For 750 Morningside and 90 Mornelle

8:15AM at 80 Mornelle Court – for 70 and 80 Mornelle

### **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)



I was happy to have participated in this year's Bell Let's Talk Day with Mayor John Tory

## **2. Ward 24 Wide Update**

[Back to Index](#)

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

TRCA [Upcoming Events](#)

[Calendar of events](#)

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

## No Public Access: Locations along the Scarborough Bluffs and Lake Ontario Waterfront

Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is warning of risks due to landslides along the Scarborough Bluffs. Signs were erected at certain access points to the Guild Construction Access Road. These conditions pose a significant risk to public safety. Accordingly, access to the shoreline has been and will continue to be PROHIBITED. More details [here](#).

## The Meadoway Visualization Toolkit

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has partnered with Perkins+Will and Future Landscapes to develop a [visualization toolkit](#) which demonstrates the potential future look and feel of the Meadoway. The Meadoway will provide a green east-west link between Rouge National Urban Park and downtown Toronto, by transforming 16 km of underutilized green space within the hydro corridor into a more cohesive and revitalized active transportation network and community space.

## Automated Speed Enforcement Program Update

Transportation Services has begun the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems across the City of Toronto. ASE is a key piece in the City's Vision Zero toolbox that is intended to enhance road safety in Community Safety Zones near schools. For further information on the program please visit this [website](#) or email: [ASE@toronto.ca](mailto:ASE@toronto.ca). Scarborough locations can be found [here](#).

## Parks and Recreation Drop In Programs

Parks and Rec have Open Gym times at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI on Thursdays and Saturdays. The Open Gym time is free and no registration is required.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI				
Program	Ages	Day	Time	Session Dates
Open Gym with Caregiver	1+ years of age	Saturday	10:30am-12pm	January 4- February 29
Open Gym with Caregiver	6+ years of age	Thursday	6:15pm-7:45pm	January 9- March 5
Open Gym	13-18 years of age	Thursday	7:45pm-9:15pm	January 9- March 5

Parks and Rec have Drop In Basketball at West Hill CI. The Drop In Basketball time is free and we have the youth fill in a registration form on site.

West Hill CI				
Program	Ages	Day	Time	Session Dates
Drop in Basketball	13-16 years of age	Friday	6pm-7:30pm	January 10- March 6
Drop in Basketball	17-24 years of age	Friday	7:30pm-9:30pm	January 10- March 6

### **3. City Hall**

[Back to Index](#)

#### **Council Highlights**

##### **Toronto City Council meeting of January 29, 2020**

###### **Plan for implementing the ravine strategy**

Council unanimously adopted an implementation plan for the Toronto Ravine Strategy guiding the cleanup and protection of the city's extensive ravines. The plan addresses the need for enhanced services for litter collection and control of invasive species in ravines. Among several amending motions that were adopted with this agenda item is one calling for the 2020 Clean Toronto Together campaign to place an emphasis on ravine cleanup, and one proposing discussions about having schools adopt their local ravine and help support ravine sustainability and protection.

###### **Toronto and Ontario transit partnership**

Council adopted an update on discussions with the Province of Ontario regarding four priority transit projects known as the Ontario Line, Line 2 East Extension (three-stop expansion of Line 2 into Scarborough), Yonge North Subway Extension and Eglinton Crosstown West Extension. In addition to adopting the update report, Council supported a series of amending motions, such as one presenting three principles to guide any agreements between the City and the province related to the approval process for transit-oriented development.

###### **Air quality in the subway network**

Council agreed to ask the Toronto Transit Commission's board to implement mitigation measures that can be delivered in the short term, along with longer term measures, to improve air quality in the subway system. Line 2 is identified as a priority for mitigation measures. At the request of the Toronto Board of Health, staff of Toronto Public Health recently oversaw an independent study of air quality in the subway system, which included identifying beneficial measures that could be pursued. The study also highlighted various positive health aspects of subway use as part of the public transit system.

###### **Support for move to electric vehicles**

Council approved an electric vehicle strategy and provided direction on implementing it as a critical component in transitioning Toronto to a low-carbon city as articulated in the City's climate action strategy, TransformTO. That strategy sets the goal of all Toronto transportation using zero-carbon energy by 2050. Increasing the adoption of electric vehicles, or EVs, is a necessary part of that change. A projection indicates Toronto will need to accommodate more than 220,000 plug-in electric vehicles (about 20 per cent of all personal vehicles) within the next 10 years.

###### **Digital infrastructure plan**

Council adopted a series of working principles and a vision statement, along with other

directions, to guide work on a digital infrastructure plan for the City. Digital infrastructure includes physical structures, cabling and network systems, software systems, data standards and protocols, as well as the data itself.

The complete, formal documentation for this latest meeting is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

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

[2020.SC13.18 – Sidewalk Snow Plowing](#)

[2020.PA13.1 – Bike Share Toronto – Purchase of Equipment in 2020, Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program](#)

[2020.SC12.19 – All-Way Stop Control Review – Dale Avenue and Cromwell Road](#)

[2020.IE11.15 – Feasibility of Implementing Local Traffic Vehicle Decals](#)

[2020.SC12.23 - Re-opening of Item SC11.8 - Scarborough Minor Arterial and Collector Road Speed Limit Reductions as Part of Vision Zero Speed Management Strategy](#)

[2019.SC11.8 - Scarborough Minor Arterial and Collector Road Speed Limit Reductions as Part of Vision Zero Speed Management Strategy](#)



I celebrated the Year of the Rat on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Yee Hong Foundation's Dragon Ball.

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

**[Monthly Town Hall Meetings](#)**

## **Woburn Community: Town Hall Meeting and Confederation Park Consultation**

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Centennial Recreation Centre, 1967 Ellesmere Road

### **Community Events**

#### **Theatre Scarborough's 2020/2021 Season Launch**

Saturday February 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm

Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd

Cost: Free

More details [here](#).

#### **Gang Prevention Town Hall**

Toronto Police Services Integrated Gang Prevention Task Force

Thursday February 20, 2020

6pm-9pm

Centennial Community Centre – 1967 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON M1H 2W4

Free food / Child Friendly

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

#### **United Nations international Decade For People of African Descent Awareness Exhibit**

As part of the City's celebration and recognition of Black History Month, the Awareness Exhibit will be touring City of Toronto Civic Centres.

Touring Schedule of the exhibit as follows:

- City Hall, Rotunda: January 30- February 7
- Scarborough Civic Centre, Gallery Space: Feb 3 – Feb 6
- North York Civic Centre, North East Grounds: Feb 10 – Feb 13
- Etobicoke Civic Centre, Foyer: Feb 17 – Feb 20

More details [here](#).

#### **Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood: Oils in the Bible Workshop (1 of 3)**

Friday March 6, 2020 at 7:30pm

Friday April 3, 2020 at 7:30pm

Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood (85 Livingston Road)

See flyer [here](#).

#### **Kennedy House Youth Shelter Scarborough "Coldest Night of the Year"**

Saturday February 22, 2020

Registration at 4:00pm; Walk Starts at 5:15pm, return in 1-2 hours.

5-10Km walk: walk from Kingston/Markham to Guildwood Pkwy/Kingston and back.

2km walk: walk from Kingston/Markham to Eglinton/Kingston and back.

More information [here](#).

## **Osteoporosis Support & Information Group Meeting**

Monday, February 24, 2020

10am to 12noon

Scarborough Village Recreation Centre, 3600 Kingston Road

## **The Friends of Cedarbrook & Thomson Memorial Parks: New Year's Resolution Health Walk in Cedarbrook Park**

Saturday March 7, 2020

1PM to 2PM

Cedarbrook Community Centre parking lot, 91 Eastpark Boulevard

More details [here](#).

## **Scarborough Village Theatre: Dying to Live**

Wednesday March 10, 2020

Doors open at 6PM – the play and discussion will run from 6:30pm to approx. 9:30pm

The cost is \$10 per youth.

More details [here](#).

## **Scarborough Seedy Saturday & Green Fair**

Saturday March 28, 2020

11AM to 4PM

St John Henry Newman Highschool, 100 Brimley Rd South

\$2 of Pay What You Can

See flyer [here](#).

## **CPLC Meetings - 43 Division Station, 4331 Lawrence Ave E**

Community Police Liaison Committees (CPLC) are made up of community volunteers and police service representatives from the local division's geographic area. Each committee is inclusive to reflect the demographics of the local community.

- Thursday, April 9, 2020  
6:30 pm (Brigadier Room 43 Station)
- Thursday, June 11, 2020  
6:30 pm (Brigadier Room 43 Station)

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

More Rouge Park events [here](#).

## **Toronto Zoo**

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

## **Terra Lumina: An Enchanted Night Walk into a Bright Future**

Terra Lumina takes visitors on a journey through a luminous vision of our planet's future. Passing through a portal, travelers will be transported to a fantastical vision of the year 2099, a time when humans have learned to live in harmony with nature, protecting our planet and the wildlife that calls it home. The Terra Lumina exhibit runs until Monday April 13, 2020 at the Toronto Zoo. Tickets are now on sale [here](#).

[Full Toronto Zoo Events Calendar](#)

[City of Toronto Events Calendar](#)

[What is happening in our City](#)

[Tourism Toronto – Official website](#)

[Back to Index](#)



On Bell Let's Talk Day, Canadians and people around the world joined in to help create positive change for people living with mental health issues.

## 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 meet weekly on Tuesday nights at St. Edmund Campion Catholic School on Highcastle Road. [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 One Left Behind!" program)

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

----  
"Kids have a great time learning new skills that are translatable to real life. Communications, safety, cultivating friendships. It has been a great experience for my kids."

----

"Scouting provides youth many experiences that they would not typically come across in their day to day lives. Scouts has been a great opportunity for my children to explore the outdoors, learn life skills and meet new people."

----

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 please call [416-724-9215](tel:416-724-9215) and explore what Scouts Canada can do for your children, ages 5 to 26!!

### **How to file a simple tax return with Canada Revenue Agency**

Thursday February 13, 2020

6:30Pm to 8:00pm

Toronto Public Library, Guildwood (123 Guildwood Parkway)

Details [here](#).

### **Free Tax Clinic for 2020 Tax Season**

Locations:

- 4352 Kingston Road (Spice It Up Restaurant)
- 90 Mornelle Court (Mornelle Hub)
- 3790 Kingston Road (Community Room)

Register now at 647-718-1354

See flyer for list of documents to bring [here](#).

***Get Active to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes*** is a FREE 6 week series that occurs one day a week, for 2 hours.

**What:** Learn how to lower the chance of developing diabetes; have fun trying new activities with a Fitness Instructor

**When:** Tuesdays March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28 2020

**Time:** 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Where:** East Scarborough Storefront at 4040 Lawrence Ave East (Overture Rd) in the back room

For more information and to **REGISTER**, please contact Domi at 416-419-2766 or [dsiem@schcontario.ca](mailto:dsiem@schcontario.ca).

See flyer [here](#).

### **Scarborough Centre for Health Communities**

Find more locations [here](#).

Sign up for the SCHC Newsletter [here](#).

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

100 Galloway Road, Scarborough

Telephone: (416) 281 - 0262 ext. 208

[www.esbgc.net](http://www.esbgc.net)

[February 2020 Program Calendar](#)

[February 2020 Satellite Program Calendar](#)

- [Galloway EarlyON Child and Family Centre \(100 Galloway Road\)](#)
- [Morningside EarlyON Child and Family Centre \(Unit 15 - 4218 Lawrence Ave East\)](#)
- [Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre \(110 Mornelle Court - the main floor\)](#)

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

**OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS**

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

## **South Asian Autism Awareness Centre (SAAC) Programs**

Find out about the many SAAAC programs for children with autism. These programs run through the school calendar year (Sept-June), starting September 2019. See more [here](#).

## **East Scarborough Storefront**

4040 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough

Telephone: 416-208-9889

Service Hub details: <https://thestorefront.org/services/>

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

## **KGO Updates: Community e-newsletter for Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park**

East Scarborough Storefront's KGO Updates is a crowd-sourced email newsletter which keeps people in Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park (KGO) informed about what's going on in our neighbourhood. The newsletter goes out every two weeks, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. [Sign up here to stay informed in KGO!](#) (And [check out past issues here](#)).

## **Toronto Public Library**

[City Librarian's Report](#)

### **Events in Ward 24**

[View events and programs](#)

January to March events happening at library branches in our ward [here](#).

You can also stay up-to-date with the latest library news and upcoming programs by signing up for our What's On at the Library e-newsletter: <http://tpl.ca/e-news>

You can also check out this [online interactive map](#) that gives a taste of all the great things that happen at each Toronto Public Library branch.

## **Toronto Police Service**

Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints:

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600.

### **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 are 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 - 7pm

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

East Metro Youth Services

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

(The Zone)

### **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. Please sign up [here](#).

### **Scarborough Women's Centre**

The Scarborough Women's Centre delivers programs and services to promote positive change for women in a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

See the Winter 2020 Program [here](#).

### **Action for Food Security (AFS) – Scarborough Village – Woburn**

Action for Food Security aims to develop a coordinated food access awareness and education plan for Scarborough Village-Woburn with the focus on sustainability.

For further information and to participate please contact Omar Brooks at 416-642-9445 Ext. 4177 or email at [obrooks@schc.ontario.ca](mailto:obrooks@schc.ontario.ca)

More details [here](#).

### **Family Service Toronto**

Family Service Toronto (FST) helps people face a wide variety of life challenges. Services are available to everyone who lives or works in Toronto. Check out [these programs](#) by Family Service Toronto and visit their [website](#) for more details.

### **ISEE Initiative**

ISEE INITIATIVE (ISEEI) is a non-profit organization based in Toronto that focuses on providing education and creating awareness about domestic violence among all individuals in order to overcome socio-cultural barriers. ISEEI also offers multi-level support to empower and rehabilitate victims of domestic violence. See resource list [here](#).

## **Frontier College Scarborough**

1200 Markham Road, Suite Lower Level 10

February 2020 Community Calendar [here](#).

### **Job & Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **The Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood – Music Director**

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood is seeking a Music Director to help continue to grow their dynamic Music Ministry and embrace a variety of styles of music including traditional hymnody and popular song.

To apply, send your resume to [officetrinityguildwood@rogers.com](mailto:officetrinityguildwood@rogers.com)

Find them on Facebook at HolyTrinityGuildwood or visit [www.trinityguildwood.org](http://www.trinityguildwood.org) for more details.

#### **Job Fair**

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

10am to 2:30pm

Chinese Cultural Centre, 5183 Sheppard Ave E.

See flyer [here](#).

### **Workshop and Training Sessions**

#### **Building Up: Career in the Trades**

Building Up's Pre-Apprenticeship Program pays participants \$14/hr while they learn. Building Up is gearing up for the first intake for their four-month full-time paid pre-apprenticeship program. Please apply [here](#). Once you've applied, you will receive an email confirming your invitation to their next information session on Monday February 24, 2020.

See flyer [here](#).

#### **Cooking Connections**

Learn about sustainable and healthy living through cooking and homemade products for girls ages 14-18. Every Saturday 10AM to 1PM February 8 to March 14 at the Immigrant Resource Centre (2330 Midland Ave.)

See flyer [here](#).

#### **Event Planning Workshop by City of Toronto Neighbourhood Grants Program**

You will get:

- Sample event planning Checklist
- Tips and templates to help plan your event & address challenges
- A list of funding sources for grassroots events

February 26, 2020 | 6PM to 9PM

Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 3

More details and register [here](#).

#### **How to Find and Permit City Spaces**

Are you looking for space at a community centre, library, school, park or other City place?

Come to this session to get information and meet City Staff.

March 3, 2020 | 6PM to 9PM

Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 1

More details and register [here](#).

### **2020 OGRA Conference: Working in Public Works Student Forum**

February 23-26, 2020 at the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto

Are you graduating post-secondary this Spring? Or interested in learning more about career opportunities in the municipal sector? This year's student forum panel discusses careers in public works, the type of knowledge required, what it takes to succeed, the opportunities for growth, and how the industry is evolving. Join us for a networking session afterwards.

[Click Here](#) for more information or to register!

### **Toronto Public Health: Stand Up to Bullying**

This workshop will enable parents to recognize the signs of bullying and to help their children develop essential social skills to deal with peer conflicts and build healthy relationships.

Location: Morningside EarlyON Child and Family Centre

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Time: 10am to 11am

See flyer [here](#).

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

Are you a job-seeker 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! Please see 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.

More information [here](#).

## **6. Get Involved in your Community**

[Back to Index](#)

### **Parks Forestry and Recreation City-Wide Study of Dog Off-Leash Areas**

Staff have developed preliminary recommendations to improve maintenance standards at the city's existing dog off-leash areas that are based on stakeholder feedback, and "Pup Up" consultations. Residents appreciated the opportunity to share ideas and provide comments on how dog off leash areas can be improved. These public meetings were well-attended and positive for both staff and residents.

Staff have prepared a second public survey, you can find [here](#). This survey will close on February 18, 2020.

### **Poetry Saved Our Lives**

Randell Adjei, leads the Poetry Saved Our Lives program at Morningside Library, 4279 Lawrence Ave. East

Got a story to tell? Aspiring to become a songwriter, author, novelist? Fine tune the lyrics of your life, and develop your creative writing and poetry skills.

Come out and work with some of the finest young artists Scarborough has to offer. Find your inner voice and transform it into poetry.

Every Wednesday

Jan 22-May 6, 2020 from 4pm to 6pm

Ages 13-19

Food and Drinks

Call for more info and to sign up: 416-396-8881

### **Reading Challenge 2020**

This year, Toronto Public Library challenges you to read outside your comfort zone. Read or listen to 12 books in 12 categories from January to December 2020 to complete the Reading Challenge. More details [here](#).

### **BRIDGES 2020: A forum to support cross-sector collaboration and partnerships**

Registration for BRIDGES 2020 Collaboration Forum is now open.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

9AM to 4:30PM

Centennial College Event Centre, 937 Progress Ave, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

Flyer [here](#).

### **Scarborough Arts: Truth Be Told 2020!**

Are you a youth in Scarborough interested in exploring your creativity? If so, mark your calendars for *Truth Be Told 2020*. [R.I.S.E. Edutainment](#) in partnership with the [Art Gallery of York University](#) presents *Truth Be Told 2020*, a multidisciplinary art program for youth at the Malvern Public Library that includes hip hop, audio recording, photography and spoken word poetry workshops. See flyer [here](#).

Event details: **Tuesdays and Wednesdays | 4 PM - 6 PM** at Malvern Public Library (30 Sewells Road)

### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)- Take action now: Reach out to your MP!**

With a new federal government now in place, FCM need to move quickly to ensure local priorities remain front and centre on the national agenda. Use FCM's simple engagement tool to reach out directly to your new or re-elected Member of Parliament on Twitter. Let

them know you're ready to work together to build better lives.

TAKE ACTION: reach out to your MP today [here](#).

### **Join the East Scarborough Storefront Steering Committee**

The East Scarborough Storefront is seeking passionate people with diverse experiences who live or work in East Scarborough to join The Storefront's Steering Committee. See poster [here](#).

### **City of Toronto's Recreation Programs**

Registration is open for winter swim/skate programs and March Break Camps. See how to register for Recreation Programs [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](#).

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

[Back to Index](#)

### **Public Service Information**

#### **New PRESTO Devices**

Beginning February 6, GO Transit is introducing some new PRESTO payment devices as part of a trial. The devices have a new design, including larger screens that display information in a clearer and more intuitive manner, enhancing both user experience and accessibility. The new devices will also support future enhancements to the PRESTO system. We have exciting plans in store for modernizing PRESTO that will give customers more ways to pay and these new devices already have the built-in capability to support these enhancements. For more information, visit this [website](#).

### **Gallery X Scarborough**

On Thursday February 6 the Gallery X Scarborough on-line gallery went live [here](#). Gallery X is a volunteer Board of 20 Directors all of whom are working on a public gallery for Scarborough. The aim of this organization is to establish and maintain a permanent public arts gallery space in Scarborough, Ontario, capable of producing an ongoing program of artistic and cultural expression, available to all members of the community.

### **Winter sightings of coyotes are normal in parts of Toronto**

Toronto residents who live near ravines, forests and large parks – typical coyote habitats – can expect an increase in coyote sightings during this time of year. More information and details on how to deter coyotes, keeping your pets safe and the City's coyote response strategy [here](#).

### **Toronto Public Health on novel coronavirus**

While the risk of the novel coronavirus remains low, Toronto Public Health (TPH) is actively

monitoring the situation along with its provincial and federal health colleagues. Toronto Public Health has posted a [Q&A](#) on the toronto.ca web [page](#) for the public with detailed information about the coronavirus and measures being implemented by TPH and the Public Health Agency of Canada. Once again, the risk posed by the coronavirus to our community remains low and it is important to get your information from credible sources.

### **Metrolinx's "Where's My Bus" Real Time Bus Information**

Metrolinx is now installing new bust stop signs with *Where's My Bus* ID numbers, which will tell customers when their GO bus is going to arrive at their street stop, making travelling easier and better. Installation of the new signs route by route is expected to be completed by July 2020. Visit this [website](#) to learn more.

### **Notice of Hydro One's vegetation maintenance work in City of Toronto**

Hydro One is responsible for maintaining a safe distance between vegetation and power lines to keep the corridor safe for public use, keep the lights on and to allow easy and safe access for our crews. This important work ensures that Hydro One can continue to provide a supply of safe and reliable electricity to the City of Toronto.

If you have any questions you can reach out to them to Hydro One's Community Line: 1 (877) 345-6799 or [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com).

### **Preventing Frozen Pipes**

Cold weather can cause your pipes to freeze, resulting in no water and expensive property damage. Find steps to protect your water pipes from freezing [here](#).

### **Watch Your Speed Program (WYSP)**

The Mobile WYSP uses devices called speed display signs or driver feedback signs which contain a radar device and an LED display. These signs are installed against an existing hydro pole or streetlight and no longer require the space of trailers previously used for installations. The radar measures the speeds of oncoming vehicles and the LED sign displays their speeds to the passing motorists, thereby reminding them to check their speeds and to obey speed limits. You can request a Mobile Watch Your Speed Sign [here](#).

### **Reporting Toronto Hydro Street Light Outages**

To report a street light out, the most efficient way of having it addressed is to contact Toronto Hydro's 24/hr. call centre at 416-542-8000, follow the automated message and submit your report with one of the live agents. You may also submit your reports online at [www.TorontoHydro.com/streetlightout](http://www.TorontoHydro.com/streetlightout)

Should the light not get repaired in a reasonable amount of time, please contact my Constituency Office at 416-396-7222 with your reference number.

### **RentSafeTO: Apartment Building Standards**

The Municipal Licensing and Standard Division is running a public education campaign on

RentSafeTO. **RentSafeTO: Apartment Building Standards** is a bylaw enforcement program that ensures apartment building owners comply with building maintenance standards. If apartment repairs are not being completed within a reasonable time, residents are encouraged to contact their landlord first to make service requests. If the problems still persist, they can contact 311 for the RentSafeTO team.

### **Summary of Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood Traffic Requests**

My office on a regular basis receives calls on road behavior and requests for an increase in police enforcement to ticket those in violation. I have constantly asked for more traffic enforcement in Scarborough Guildwood with my latest attempt in May of this year. See response from [43 Division Superintendent](#).

I encourage you to continue to send me and 311 your requests to investigate traffic concerns as they are forwarded to the traffic services division for investigation, I am also proactive in bringing locations to their attention. The study period is approximately 9 months from request to receiving a traffic study report. We live in a time where we are all in a hurry. We all need to slow down and pay attention to our surroundings. If we could all be proactive and pay attention and watch for each other I believe we could avoid many tragic outcomes.

### **Grants**

#### **New funding to reduce plastic waste**

The Zero Plastic Waste Initiative aims to increase waste collection, improve value recovery, and prevent and eliminate plastic pollution. Funded by the federal government, the initiative supports projects up to a maximum of \$250,000 that use innovative approaches to reduce plastic waste and pollution in Canada. The application deadline is March 2, 2020. Application details [here](#).

#### **Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program**

The Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship program offers up to \$4,000 to deserving young leaders across Toronto entering/ attending post-secondary or trade school. The program also provides valuable employment support and professional networks that pave the way for academic and career development. These scholarships reward students who have shown leadership in diversity and anti-racism initiatives, demonstrate financial need, and represent different neighborhoods across the city. **Applications are due Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 5pm (electronically or hard copy)**. Application form and more details [here](#).

#### **2019 Neighbourhood Climate Action Grant Feedback**

Thank you very much for your participation in the pilot round of the [Neighbourhood Climate Action Grants](#). Staff is interested in hearing from everyone on your experiences with this grant program so far – grant applicants, groups that considered applying for a grant,

Planning Table members, those that heard or gave a presentation on the grants, people who helped to shape the grants framework – everyone!

Please help to inform a potential future grant by completing a 5 minute survey [here](#). **Please complete by February 14, 2020.**

For more information, please visit:

[Neighbourhood Climate Action Grants](#)  
[Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy](#)

### **Grant Call for Youth Mentorship Program in Scarborough Neighbourhood Improvement Areas**

The City of Toronto has approved a grant to support mentorship programs for school aged children between the ages of 6 and 12 years in Scarborough Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs).

A two stage application process has been implemented to select a successful proponent for this opportunity:

- The letter of intent is the first stage of the application;
- An in-person presentation by short-listed applicants to a grant review panel\*;
- The grant review panel will then make final funding recommendations to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration Division.

\*The review panel will be comprised of city staff, youth with lived experience and sector leaders.

Deadline to submit your online letter of intent is **February 14, 2020 by 12:00PM**

More details on the program, key dates and how to apply can be found [here](#).

### **City of Toronto Waste Reduction Community Grants**

The City of Toronto is now accepting applications for its waste reduction community grants. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to support innovative community-based projects that reduce residential waste and increase participation in the City's [waste diversion programs](#).

The grants support the City's Long Term Waste Management Strategy PDF and reflect its guiding principles:

- working with community partners to enhance access to waste diversion programs;
- increasing public engagement; and
- working together to deliver services.

Find more details on eligibility and how to apply for the City of Toronto's Waste Reduction Community Grants [here](#).

### **TD Park People Grants Launch**

TD Park People Grants will provide \$2000 to groups from Metro Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Greater Toronto Area, National Capital Region (Ottawa-Gatineau),

Montreal, Quebec City or Halifax Regional Municipality, to build community and support environmental stewardship in your park or green space. Make your green space great with events like park clean-ups, tree-planting and movie nights. **Applications close on March 2nd.** [Visit the website](#) to get all of the details, helpful event ideas and application form for the TD Park People Grants program.

### **Youth Opportunities Fund**

The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) provides grants and capacity building supports to grassroots groups, community based organizations and collaborative focused on improving the wellbeing of children, youth and families facing systematic barriers. YOF has three granting streams, each with a different purpose and aimed at different groups. More details on each of these streams [here](#).

### **Projects**

#### **TTC 5-Year Service Plan & 10-Year Outlook**

On **December 12**, the TTC will be unveiling their 5-Year Service Plan & 10-Year Outlook. The Scarborough network plans have been aligned with the opening of Line 5 Eglinton which is planned for late 2021. The TTC is planning to consult with residents on the changes in 2020 with the goal of implementing the routes in 2021. I have been advocating for increased public transportation services including a community bus route developed by a number of residents. See route map [here](#) for discussions – these routings are conceptual and subject to operational assessment and community consultation.

Please join the list to receive updates about the plan to make your voice heard. Please send an email to [planning@ttc.ca](mailto:planning@ttc.ca), with the subject line "5-Year Service Plan & 10-Year Outlook".

### **My Local Government – it's for me**

The City of Toronto provides services that have a direct impact on your daily life and sometimes it is not clear how government works. Where to find information or how to express your opinion.

"My local government – it's for me" is a great place to start if you would like to learn about your local government, the decision making process and how to get involved. Information is available in English and 24 additional languages that will help you become informed, have your say and serve your city. Find out more [here](#).

### **HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan and Guild – Creating a New Housing Plan**

HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan – Discussion Backgrounder. To guide the consultation process, a discussion backgrounder has been prepared which describes components of the housing spectrum, provides highlights of the City's performance as part of its first housing

plan (2010-2020), and outlines some of the housing challenges Toronto faces today and in the future. Find more information [here](#).

[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](#)