



# Paul Ainslie

Toronto City Councillor  
Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

## June 2020 - Volume 20, Issue 112 Outreach - Value – Input Making Our Community Thrive

Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Neighbours,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

I want to thank everyone for your efforts during this very difficult time. It is very important for all of us, to the best of our ability to follow the [mandatory physical distancing bylaw!](#)

Last month, on May 13<sup>th</sup> myself, Hon. John McKay M.P. and Mitzie Hunter M.P.P. held our second “Scarborough-Guildwood Live Town Hall”. I would like to thank everyone who tuned in, submitted questions in advance, as well as during the live meeting. If you missed the meeting you can watch it [here](#).

The month of June is a celebratory one with honouring many.

The month of June is celebrated as Seniors' Month across Canada. We celebrate the achievements of all seniors who helped build our province and country. During this crisis, we want to make sure that seniors living in our community are celebrating safely and can communicate through innovative mediums with their loved ones. If you want to recognize a remarkable senior in our community, please nominate them for an Ontario Senior Achievement Award. More information can be found [here](#).

To our seniors, thank you for all the work you’ve done, and continue to do, to build our community and our country.

June is also Pride Month; the Rainbow and Transgender flags were raised at City Hall on June

1<sup>st</sup> during a ceremony to commence Pride Toronto's 2020 Virtual Pride Festival. The Festival will run virtually from June 1 to 28, celebrating Pride in a new, creative, and unique way to showcase the history, courage and diversity of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, or Questioning and Two-Spirit communities (LGBTQ2S+), while ensuring the safety of residents and proper physical distancing. The month-long Festival will culminate with the Virtual Pride Festival Weekend from June 26 to 28. Information about Pride Toronto and the Virtual Pride Festival is available at [pridetoronto.com](https://pridetoronto.com). More in the [news release](#).

We also celebrate National Indigenous History Month in the month of June giving all of us the opportunity to celebrate the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. This month is ideal time to learn more about the rich history of the Indigenous peoples who shaped our province and our country. Learn more and discover Indigenous Culture along the TransCanada-Trail [here](#).

Please keep in mind the province has recently expanded **COVID-19 testing criteria**, asking everyone with even one mild symptom to get tested. If you think you were in contact with a person with the virus, get tested. Learn more about COVID-19 symptoms [here](#).

In partnership with Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Health, the Scarborough Health Network has opened one-day Pop-up COVID-19 Assessment Centres across Scarborough to increase access to COVID-19 testing for our community.

A pop-up assessment centre will open on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute (145 Guildwood Parkway), open 9AM - 5PM. On Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> the pop-up assessment centre will be open at Scarborough Centre for Alternative Studies (720 Midland Ave) from 9AM to 5PM. More information can be found [here](#).

If you are in need or know anyone who is there are several food security locations in Scarborough-Guildwood.

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks and soup kitchens in the Ward 24

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in East Scarborough

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in Scarborough

Please remember to call ahead to book to ensure they are properly stocked. For those interested in volunteering, food banks are always looking for volunteers, so please feel free to save and share this information.

The City's website is updated daily with the latest health advice, and information about City services and social supports. Check <https://www.toronto.ca/covid-19/> for answers to common questions before contacting the Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Hotline or 311.

The City's COVID-19 website includes:

- [Health Advice](#)
- [Affected City Services](#)
- [Community Settings & Workplaces](#)
- [Economy Support & Recovery](#)
- [Social Support](#)
- [Travel Advice](#)

I am continuously updating my social media platforms and my website with up to date information. Please visit and follow:

- Twitter: [@Ainslie Ward24](#)
- Facebook: [@ward24scarboroughguildwood](#)
- Instagram: [@cllrainslie](#)

You can also reach me by telephone at 416-396-7222 or email me at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)

All my Best,  
Paul

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**Still riding TTC or wishing you could?**

A team of researchers from the University of Toronto are working to support public transit for Torontonians during and after the COVID-19 crisis. If you rode the TTC more than once a

week before COVID-19, they would like you to partake in their survey, whether you still ride or not. It takes about **15 minutes** and participants can enter their raffle for one of 30 \$50 gift cards. **Please follow the link to this Survey: <https://tinyurl.com/COVIDTransitSurvey> Or copy and paste the URL into your web browser.**

All responses will remain strictly confidential and anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact: Matthew Palm, University of Toronto, [Matthew.palm@utoronto.ca](mailto:Matthew.palm@utoronto.ca)



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## Your Community News Section

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

## Bendale Community

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### South Bendale Park – Forest Restoration

#### Forest Restoration: Invasive trees replaced with Native trees and shrubs

The City of Toronto Urban Forestry's Forest Management staff is planning maintenance activities within the park to remove invasive non-native trees and shrubs and replace them with 2,500 native trees and shrubs to revive the area. The work will involve the removal of invasive trees over 10cm in diameter and under 10cm following Ministry of the Environment regulations. Residents in the area will receive a notice with more details and contact information. Anticipated timelines may experience delays due to the current COVID-19 situation.



Thank you to the Scarborough Business Association, Grand Cinnamon Banquet Hall and Superfan Nav for donating meals to our frontline workers at Scarborough Health Network.

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

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

The City of Toronto will replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services along with road reconstruction on Janray Drive and Lucerne Court. The water service is the underground pipe which brings water to your water metre and is owned by you and by the City. Homeowner's portion: private home to the end of the property line, City Portion: property line to the watermain. Anticipated timelines may experience delays due to the current COVID-19 situation. See notice [here](#).

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

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

The West Hill Play Park Enhancement Project which includes playground enhancements, such as retaining the existing swing set with a new coat of paint and new swing seats as well as adding an accessible swing seat. Construction is scheduled to mobilize in early July, with construction anticipated to take 4-6 weeks.

## **Upcoming Restoration Planting in Morningside Park**

The City of Toronto Urban Forestry is proposing to plant native trees and shrubs in Morningside Park. These plantings are intended to increase the urban tree canopy, improve biodiversity, restore the native plant community and to prevent soil erosion, following construction and invasive vegetation management. The planting is critical to mitigating the potential for soil erosion and other adverse impacts on this area including the control of invasive vegetation. As well, the assets obtained to support this project must be planted to prevent loss and financial implications. See details [here](#).

## Toronto Hydro Overhead and Underground Civil & Electrical Work: Project Kingston Road (Revised Timeline)

Please be advised Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild and relocate the overhead and underground electrical systems in this area: Greenvale Terrace (North), Galloway Road (East), Scarborough Golf Club Road (West), and Westlake Road (South). More details [here](#). Timelines may be delayed due to the current COVID-19 situation.

## 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 service 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. Timelines may be delayed due to the current COVID-19 situation. See notice [here](#).





Happy to distribute a drive through meal with MPP Mitzie Hunter and the Scarborough Muslim Association to celebrate Iftar.

### **Curran Hall Community**

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

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

The construction of the Botany Hill Playground Enhancement Project includes enhancement in surfacing, play components and pathway accessibility. Construction began on the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to complete construction for the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

### **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: were January 2020 to September 2020. More details for [Phase 1](#); [Phase 2](#); and [Phase 3](#). Timelines may be delayed due to the current COVID-19 situation.

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



Thank you to everyone for taking part in the "Guildwood Cares COVID-19 Car Convoy" on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> to thank frontline workers.

## **The Guildwood Village Community**

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### **Toronto Hydro Lighting Assessment: Catalina Drive**

Toronto Hydro has completed a lighting assessment for Catalina Drive and have discovered this area needs new lighting. This project is currently in the design phase.

### **Pedestrian Crosswalk at Dearham Wood & Schubert Drive**

Crosswalk construction, electrical and civil work, are currently in progress. Activation is expected by the end of June 2020.

### **Traffic Control Signal at Morningside Avenue and Cumber/Fordover**

Traffic Control Signals at the above noted intersection is currently being tendered. Construction for this project is scheduled in 2021.

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Thank you to the Scarborough Harley Davidson Owners Group (HOG) for supporting the Scarborough Health Network  
(And thank you to my friend Doug Ruggles for the cool ride!)

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### **Traffic Control Signals: Ellesmere Road and Grangeway Avenue**

The underground work for the traffic control signals at Ellesmere Rd and Grangeway Ave is currently in progress. Activation is expected by August 2020.

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

The Traffic Control Signals on Corporate Drive have been installed and currently waiting activation to be completed by the end of June 2020.

### **Traffic Control Signals: Progress Ave**

The Traffic Control Signals on Progress Avenue west of Production have been installed, currently waiting for activation. Activation is expected to be completed by June 2020.

### **Drilling/Surveying work on McCowan Road**

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](#).

## **The Scarborough Village Community**

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### **Kingston Rd and Eglinton Ave Tree Plant Area Maintenance and Expansion Plan**

Urban Forestry is continuing forest management on the North East corner at the intersection of Kingston Rd and Eglinton Ave. this spring and summer 2020. This work will involve removal of large trees and invasive species to improve growing conditions for longer lived native species that are better suited to the site. More details [here](#).

### **Toronto Hydro Overhead and Underground Civil & Electrical Work: Project Cromwell Senator Electrical**

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging underground electrical system on: Dale Avenue (North), Dale Ave (East), Kingston Road (South) and Cromwell Road (West) to help improve service reliability. The rebuild includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and transformers within the city-owned property. More details [here](#). Timelines may be delayed due to the current COVID-19 situation.



ActiveTO installed in the Seven Oaks Community on Military Trail and Highcastle Road

### **Seven Oaks Community**

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#### **Update on Military Trail Reconstruction from Highcastle Road to Ellesmere Road**

Some of you have reached out regarding the Military Trail project which is unfortunately experiencing further delays partially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project included the road reconstruction on Military Trail from Highcastle Rd to Ellesmere Rd. More updates will be provided as soon as possible.

#### **ActiveTO Quiet Street Locations**

Councillors have been asked to send in recommendations for Quiet Street locations in their Wards. The list of initial ActiveTO locations in Ward 24 include

- Military Trail from Highcastle Road to Bonspiel Drive
- Highcastle Road

While there was no consultation on this first round of recommended streets, I have confirmed additional locations will be considered based on established prioritization criteria and City Councillor feedback. **Please send me your suggestions at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca).**

You may continue to submit areas of concern using the established 311 procedure for

physical distancing complaints. A public-facing map that details the locations of all ActiveTO interventions is in progress and this will be shared with your office when available.

**The CurbTO program continues** to be rolled out to address sidewalk crowding and temporary parking concerns around active businesses. Please continue to direct your inquiries to my office at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) or 311 regarding Curb Lane Pedestrian Zones and Temporary Parking Pick-Up Zones.

## STAY HEALTHY WHILE WORKING FROM HOME



[TORONTO.CA/COVID19](https://toronto.ca/covid19)

 **TORONTO** Public Health

Working from home during COVID-19 can be a big adjustment. There are things you can do to stay productive while maintaining your physical and mental health. Learn more [here](#).

### **The South Cedarbrae Community**

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#### **Cedar Brook Park Plant Plan 2020**

The City of Toronto Urban Forestry staff are proposing to implement a native tree and shrub planting at Cedar Brook Park this year. Please see attached plan for more details. The purpose of this planting is to increase forest canopy, biodiversity and improve the health of the associated ravine system. See [this map](#) for details.

#### **Pedestrian Crossover at Greencedar Circuit and Daphne Road**

Crosswalk construction, electrical and civil work, are currently in progress. Activation is expected by the end of June 2020.

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

Please be advised 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 was from December 2019 to May 2020.

More details [here](#). Anticipated timelines may experience delays due to the current COVID-19 situation.



Happy to drop off facemasks and hand sanitizer for the Friends of Jesus Christ West Hill Community Food Bank at 4205 Lawrence Ave E

## **The Woburn Community**

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### **Pedestrian Crossover at Brimorton Drive and Dolly Varden Boulevard**

Crosswalk construction, electrical and civil work, are currently in progress. Activation is expected by the end of August 2020.

### **Toronto Hydro Lighting Assessment: Brimorton Drive and Markham Road**

Toronto Hydro has completed a lighting assessment at the location of Brimorton Drive and Markham Road and have discovered that there is a need for upgrades for new lights to be added. This project is currently being tendered (asking for quotes) out for construction.

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

The City of Toronto has completed the watermain replacement project on Brimorton Drive from Markham Road to Scarborough Golf Club Road. Permanent restoration phase will commence on April 27, weather permitting, which includes curb and sidewalk repairs, sod restoration and road resurfacing. In order to facilitate the remaining work, there will be ongoing local lane closures along the street. See construction update [here](#).

## High-Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods

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### Landlords and condo boards urged to adopt new health and safety measures

The City of Toronto is urging landlords and condo boards to adopt new health and safety measures to protect residents from COVID-19. This includes placing alcohol-based hand sanitizer or a hand washing station at all building entrances and in common areas that remain open, such as laundry rooms; closing non-essential common areas and regularly disinfecting high traffic common areas. More information is available on the City's website, here: <https://bit.ly/2UnGINR> including the General Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Commercial or Residential Buildings fact sheet, here: <https://bit.ly/39nsBab>

### TCHC Air Conditioner Replacement Program

The air conditioning replacement program is continuing in TCHC units (including in seniors' units) with work commencing in several buildings this first week of April. TCHC is adhering to all Public Health guidelines. Staff and contractors are taking all necessary precautions and not going into units where people have let them know they are isolating. The installation of new air conditioners is a vital health and safety program for this population and is critical to move forward with as the weather warms. Additional details include:

- Tenants can always refuse someone coming into unit, either before the appointment or on the day of the appointment.
- Contractors are asking standard screening questions at door (cough, fever, etc.)
- Contractors and staff are maintaining social distancing in units by asking tenants to go in other rooms.
- Contractors are wearing personal protective equipment (PPE).

### Fraud Warning: TCHC Client Care Centre

TCHC's Our Client Care Centre received several reports from tenants who were called by someone claiming to be volunteers offering to deliver groceries to their homes, and then requesting their banking information. The following message has been shared with TCHC tenants.

#### **FRAUD WARNING:**

**Tenants:** If you get a call from a "volunteer" offering to deliver groceries who then asks for your banking or credit card information, hang up. It's a scam. If you've been the victim of fraud, report it to local police. Toronto Community Housing staff or first responders calling you during the COVID-19 emergency will never ask for your banking or credit information.

### Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Support Resources

Below are Resources that may help with finding out about Tenant Rights:

1. City funded Housing Help Centres to help with avoiding evictions and keeping housing [here](#).

2. City funded Financial Supports (including RentBank, one time interest free loan to help with making rent) [here](#).
3. FMTA Tenant Hotline (advice, referrals, general questions): 416-921-9494

FMTA Guide to Tenants' Rights (available in 12 languages) [here](#).

Email Rees for help with writing letters/Civic Engagement: [rees@torontotenants.org](mailto:rees@torontotenants.org)

Email Joe Ita for Tenant School registration/waiting list: [joeita@torontotenants.org](mailto:joeita@torontotenants.org)

### **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\*\*\***

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

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

### **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](#)



Thank you to the amazing team at the Canadian South Asian Growth and Support Services for running their Food Bank in 90 Mornelle Court.

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### **Naturalization planting (tree and shrub) in Ward 24**

#### **Meadow Restoration Field Work**

Meadow restoration work in The Meadoway has now started following TRCA's comprehensive COVID-19 IMS Procedures for Field Work. See [this map](#) for details and schedule on the restoration field work in Ward 24.

#### **Update on City parks and beaches**

The City's coordinated enforcement team remains focused on providing education about the physical distancing bylaw and provincial orders. Ensuring compliance through education and awareness remains the preferred method of engagement, but enforcement continues to take place if necessary.

Toronto beaches and parks provide many opportunities for recreation, a break from the daily routine, and for enjoying the calming effect of nature. Toronto beaches are open in the

same way green spaces in parks have been open. Beaches are not closed under Province of Ontario's Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, City staff are working with public health officials regarding how the supervised swim program (i.e. lifeguards) could operate at Toronto beaches and the City will share more information when it becomes available.

While visiting a beach or park, you must practise physical distancing and avoid crowding. Under the City's physical distancing bylaw, any two people who don't live together, who fail to keep two metres of distance between them in a City park or public square, can receive a \$1,000 ticket. Under the Province's Emergency Order, a social gathering or organized public event of more than five people is prohibited, unless everyone gathered together live in the same household.

If residents arrive at a park and find that it is overcrowded, the City encourages them to visit a different park or return later when there are fewer people.

### **Waste bin exchanges**

As part of our phased approach to resuming services, 311 will now begin taking requests for waste bin exchanges, which were initially suspended as part of the City's COVID-19 response. Requests to upsize or downsize a recycling or garbage bin can now be made by calling 311. Requests for a new garbage, recycling or green bin, additional bin or bin repair can also be made by calling 311. More information [here](#).

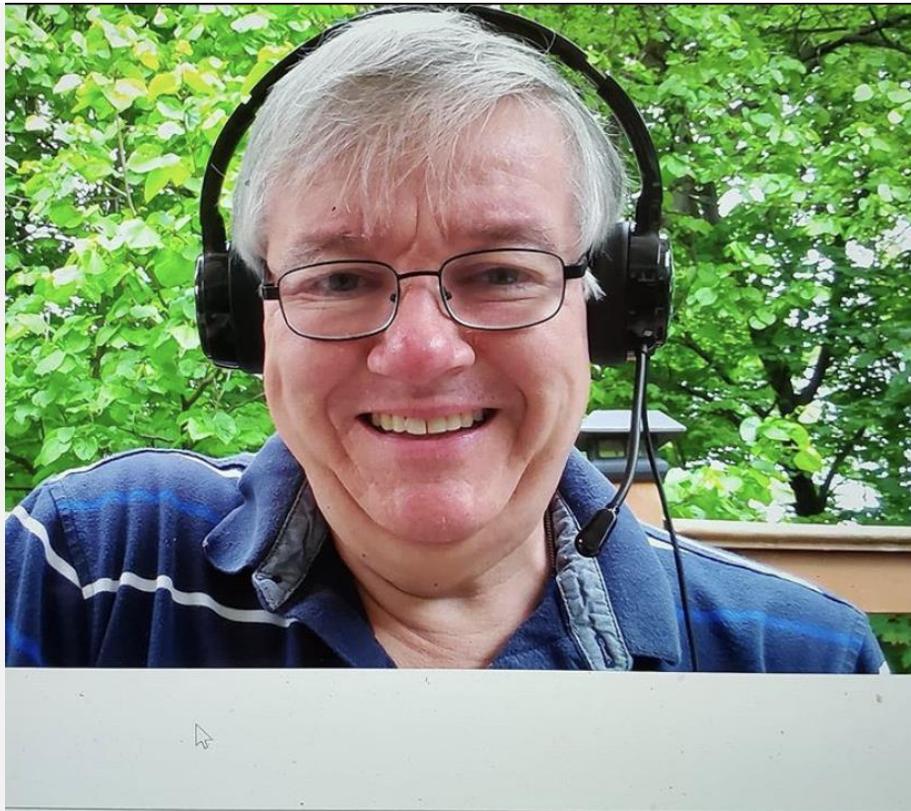
### **Toronto Police Services: [Primary Report Intake, Management and Entry \(PRIME\)](#) & [Citizen Online Report Entry \(CORE\)](#)**

The TPS PRIME unit provides the public with telephone (416-808-2222) and online response to non-emergency and administrative services. TPS is now taking parking complaints online so members of the public can go to [this link](#) and report their parking complaint and get the assistance they need without having to place a telephone call. In addition to parking complaints, the public can also report on neighbourhood concerns/issues, graffiti, theft or fraud under \$5000 and more. Visit the [CORE website](#) for more information on online reporting.

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

**Conservation Authority (TRCA) announces measures to proactively protect staff and members of the public from the potential risk of contracting COVID-19.**

**[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL LIST OF CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS.](#)**



The City of Toronto held its second virtual City Council meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Formal documentation of City Council decisions: <http://www.toronto.ca/council>

### **3. City Hall**

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#### **City of Toronto COVID-19 Landing Page**

The City's website is updated daily with the latest health advice, and information about City services and social supports. Check [www.toronto.ca/covid-19/](http://www.toronto.ca/covid-19/) for answers to common questions before contacting the Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Hotline or 311.

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- [Social Support](#)
- [Travel Advice](#)

#### **City of Toronto update on COVID-19**

The City of Toronto continues to respond to COVID-19. Residents are reminded of the importance of adhering to public health advice to wash their hands often, stay within their household bubble and practise physical distancing, or wear a face covering or non-medical mask to protect others when in settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Up to date case status data can be found on the City's [reporting platform](#).

## **Council Highlights**

### **Toronto City Council meeting of May 28, 2020**

#### **COVID-19 response and restart plans**

Council adopted a variety of motions tied to a report about the City's ongoing COVID-19 emergency response activities as well as its plans to restart some public services and support the reopening of Toronto's businesses. Among the motions adopted is one specifying that any negotiations with the provincial and federal governments on financial assistance should not only address a one-time payment to deal with the City's 2020 financial problems, but also include consideration of revenue tools and/or direct financial assistance for future years for transit, housing, child care, and public health, among other priority areas.

#### **Second phase of Housing Now initiative**

Council approved the second phase of Housing Now to get more affordable housing built. In this phase, six new sites will create between 1,455 and 1,710 new residential units, including between 1,060 and 1,240 purpose-built rentals, about half of them affordable rental units. The sites, which are near public transit as well as commercial and employment areas, are to become part of complete communities. Housing Now leverages City-owned land for the development of affordable housing as a component of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan, which has the goal of creating 10,000 affordable homes on City-owned lands.

#### **Expansion of Toronto's cycling infrastructure**

Council approved expanding and accelerating Toronto's cycling network as part of the ActiveTO program. The initiative includes 25 kilometres of new bikeways and the accelerated installation of 15 kilometres of previously planned on-street cycling lanes. Most of the ActiveTO bikeway initiatives are quick-start installations using temporary barricades, with minimal change to the existing street design. The bike routes are intended to mirror major transit routes to provide further safe, active transportation options during Toronto's COVID-19 restart and recovery phase.

#### **Property tax deferral**

Council supported recommendations to allow Toronto property owners to temporarily defer their property tax payments. City property owners who are up-to-date on their tax payments as of March 2020 can request additional time to pay their taxes without incurring "late" fees for the six-month period from June 1 to November 30, 2020. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate their financial hardship stemming from COVID-19, including a prolonged suspension of pay or loss of employment, or excessive business revenue loss or business closure, or a pending business insolvency/bankruptcy.

#### **Support for live music venues**

Council agreed to provide support to Toronto's live music venues by approving changes designed to reduce their municipal taxes, consistent with taxation of a class of properties the City designates as creative hubs. Small and medium-sized live music venues, which provide the vital training ground and launch pad for musical careers, now face unprecedented challenges to survive. Eligibility criteria for this year will consider lack of

activity as venues were required to close temporarily as part of Ontario's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Planning and development

Council adopted a series of items pertaining to approvals that will enable developers to move ahead with several private-sector property developments. Most prominent among them is a major project involving a three-tower, mixed-use complex planned for the Yonge-Bloor area. That development, facing Cumberland Avenue between Bay and Yonge Streets, is to include about 1,600 residential units along with commercial space, as well as a new park and improvements to the area's streetscape.

### Canada Day celebrations

Council authorized staff to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Canadian Heritage for the City to present "virtual" 2020 Canada Day celebrations in Toronto. The City plans to co-produce a virtual event with Harbourfront Centre and TO Live that highlights the heroes of Toronto's pandemic response efforts as well as local artists and neighbourhoods. Content produced for the Toronto event will be featured in a national Canada Day broadcast on July 1.

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

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



The new Scenic Safari tour at the Toronto Zoo Opened on May 23

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#### Scarborough-Guildwood Virtual Town Hall

On the evening of May 13th, myself, MP Hon. John McKay, and MPP Mitzie Hunter held Scarborough-Guildwood's Second Virtual Town Hall streamed through Facebook. I would like to thank all those that submitted questions in advance and those who tuned in.

In case you missed the Town Hall, you can watch it [here](#).

## **City Update: Toronto Extends Cancellation of Major Events and Launches Recovery Program**

The City of Toronto is extending the cancellation of City-led and City-permitted major festivals and events with attendance of more than 250 people through July 31, and those with attendance of 25,000 or more through August 31. This includes:

- Festivals
- Conferences
- Cultural programs held in facilities managed by the City
- Events held in public locations, such as roads, parks and civic squares managed by the City

More information: [www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19](http://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19)

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The Boys' and Girls' Club of East Scarborough hosts Drive Thru Lunches every Friday!

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### Canada's Economic Response Plan

The Federal Government's Economic Response Plan lists several economic supports for businesses and individuals. Read more about it [here](#).

More information is shared by Hon. John McKay M.P.'s Community Update. To sign up for his updates, or if you have any questions regarding the below Federal programs, please contact his office by phone at 416-283-1226 or by email at [John.McKay.c1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:John.McKay.c1@parl.gc.ca).

### Support for Individuals

#### Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 every 4 weeks for up to 16 weeks to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19. More information [here](#). You can also apply over the phone at 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041.

### **Support for Seniors**

#### Reduced minimum withdrawals for Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIF)

The Government of Canada has reduced the required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25% for 2020. More information [here](#).

### **Support for Youth, Post-Secondary Students and Recent Graduates**

#### Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) provides financial support to post-secondary students, and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. This benefit is for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI). More information [here](#).

### **Support for Families**

#### Increasing the Canada Child Benefit

The Government of Canada is providing up to an extra \$300 per child through the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for 2019-20. This will mean approximately \$550 more for the average family. Those who already receive CCB do not need to re-apply. More information [here](#).

#### Extra Time on Income Tax Filings and Payments

Any new income tax balances due or installments are being deferred until after August 31, 2020 without incurring interest or penalties. More information [here](#).

### **Support for Businesses**

#### Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

The Government of Canada will cover 75% of an employee's wages – up to \$847 per week – for eligible employers. This program will be in place until August 29. More information [here](#).

#### Canada Emergency Business Account

The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) will provide interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses during a period where their revenues have been temporarily reduced. More information [here](#).

#### Canada Emergency Commercial Rent assistance

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) provides relief for small businesses experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Property owners will reduce rent by at least 75% for the months of April and May (retroactive, and June for their small business tenants. CECRA will cover 50% of the rent, with the tenant paying up to 25% and the property owner forgiving at least 25%. More information [here](#).

## **Public Safety Alert, Protecting Vulnerable People**

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Toronto Police Service has not experienced an increase in reports for crimes against vulnerable people, however, crimes often go unreported. If you are a victim of any kind of abuse or if you believe someone you know is being victimized, please see the following community resources available below. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Child Abuse**

[Kids Help Phone](#) - 1-800-668-6868

[Children's Aid Society of Toronto](#) – 416-924-4646

[Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto](#) - 416-395-1500

[Jewish Family & Child Service of Greater Toronto](#) - 416-638-7800

[Native Child & Family Services of Toronto](#) - 416-969-8510

### **Intimate Partner Violence**

[Victim Services Toronto](#) - 416-808-7066

[Assaulted Women Helpline](#) - GTA: 416-863-0511 - T/F 1-866-863-0511

### **Elder Abuse**

[Toronto Seniors Helpline](#) – 416-217-2077

[Seniors Safety Line](#) – 1-866-299-1011

[Advocacy Centre for the Elderly](#) - 1-855-598-2656 or 416-598-2656

## **Managing Stress and Psychological Wellbeing is as Important as Managing your Physical Health**

As we adapt to our current circumstances, it's normal to feel overwhelmed. It's important, however, to avoid feelings of isolation as we work to change our behaviours from wanting to connect and be physically close to one another as social beings to respecting social distancing.

Here are some tips for staying emotionally healthy and resilient during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- It's OK to not be OK. Notice what your emotions and your body are telling you, acknowledging these feelings may lessen and become more manageable.
- By helping others, you may benefit from focusing on their needs.
- Ensure self-care. Be sure to take care of yourself, eat healthy foods, get enough sleep and exercise.
- Find ways to stay connected, emotionally when we cannot be physically close. This can reduce your sense of isolation.
- Setting a routine for yourself can provide some structure in your day can be helpful to maintain positive habits.

Know when one should seek professional help for COVID-19 relation stress or anxiety. Some warning signs may include:

- Persistent anxiety, worry, insomnia or irritability
- Taking excessive or unnecessary hygiene precautions, such as wearing a facemask at home when you have no symptoms of the virus

Where to find Mental Health help:

- [City of Toronto Mental Health](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [The Psychological Foundation of Canada – Stress Strategies](#)
- [Canadian Mental Health Association](#)

See this link for tips on managing your stress and well-being [here](#).

### **Additional COVID-19 Resources and Supports**

#### **City of Toronto's Housing Stabilization Fund**

This fund provides money for emergency housing needs to people receiving financial assistance through Ontario Works or income support through the Ontario Disability Support Program in the City of Toronto. Details here: <https://bit.ly/34qPcSA>

#### **Food delivery for seniors**

As of April 7, call **Red Cross at 1-833-204-9952** for seniors who have had to self-isolate and do not have alternative access to food through family, friends, or other food delivery services and are not receiving assistance from another community food program.

#### **The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) Food Delivery**

The CAA is providing Transportation and delivery services to support COVID-19 response for agencies. They will deliver only the following items: Food (uncooked and cooked; Medicine; Pharmaceuticals; Medical equipment (size limitations will apply). If you are interested in using this service please contact: [CommunityServicesResponseFleet@caasco.ca](mailto:CommunityServicesResponseFleet@caasco.ca) and share your organization name, contact name, phone number, address, and the type of pick-up and delivery required.

#### **Toronto Art Council**

##### **City program to support festivals affected by COVID-19**

The City's [Cultural Festivals Recovery Program](#) will provide up to a maximum of \$25,000 one-time emergency funding and advisory services to cultural festivals affected by COVID-19. This program is for cultural festivals that were planned to take place in Toronto between March 14 and December 31, 2020. Note that annual operating clients of TAC or the City are not eligible, but TAC project clients are eligible to apply to this program.

**The Government of Canada has launched the \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund** to provide assistance to organizations serving vulnerable populations. Toronto Foundation is working with the Government of Canada to deliver a total of \$5.1 million of

this funding in Toronto. [The Toronto Foundation is now accepting applications](#) from registered charities for grants for emergency support of up to \$75,000. Arts organizations working with vulnerable communities are encouraged to apply.

**Toronto Arts Foundation** supported and expedited a one-million-dollar donation from the Hal Jackman Foundation to support 80 of Toronto's small and mid-sized charitable arts organizations. Organizations affected by depleted earned revenue due to closures of theatres, concert halls, galleries and other arts gathering spaces, were selected by the Hal Jackman Foundation to receive funds. See the [full press release](#) and [list of organizations](#) receiving funds.

Other resources: Please see the [TAC COVID-19 Updates pages](#) for links and resources including statements from Canada Council for the Arts and Ontario Arts Council.

## **Volunteer, Job & Program Opportunities**

### **Manifesting Amazing Dreams**

Canadian Training Institute (CTI) will deliver the paid Manifesting Amazing Dreams program to the next cohort of participants virtually, with a start date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

The Manifesting Amazing Dreams program is an initiative of the CTI and is funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS). The program supports youth between the ages of 12 and 20 who are experiencing multiple barriers, including, but not limited to, involvement/risk of involvement in criminal activity, the justice system, and gang activity. See flyer [here](#).

### **Internships with Toronto Community Housing are back, and they are happening Virtually!**

#### *Who Can Apply:*

- Young professional, student or adult seeking a new career
- Toronto Community Housing tenant
- Recent graduate or currently enrolled in vocational training, college or university
- Eligible to work in Canada
- Able to commit to the duration of the internship
- Have a passion to learn about the social housing sector

#### *Available Opportunities:*

- Operations, Information Technology Services, Legal, Development and more!

#### *How to Apply:*

- Visit [www.torontohousing.ca/careers](http://www.torontohousing.ca/careers) to search jobs and apply online.

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR SUMMER VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP?

Email [economic-ops@torontohousing.ca](mailto:economic-ops@torontohousing.ca) or call 416-981-6300 for more details.

#### **“Choices” Employment Essentials program**

*Choices: Building Skills for a Better Future* is a 12-week program that offers you the opportunity to overcome employment challenges, develop your work and life skills, and make a positive change on your own terms. This program is being offered online during the COVID-19 quarantine. More details in [the flyer](#).

#### **“Elevate” Sector Skills Training program**

*Elevate: Job Training for Food Manufacturing Sector* is a FREE 10-week online training program to prepare you for a job in the food and beverage manufacturing industry. This program is being offered online during the COVID-19 quarantine. More details in [the flyer](#).

#### **Stay informed with webinars and online events with BusinessTO**

##### **COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for the Retail Sector (Free)**

Thursday, June 11, 11 a.m. - [Register](#)

[Watch On Demand](#)

##### **Ask an Accountant - Applying for Government COVID-19 Support Programs (Free)**

Wednesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m. - [Register](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30 p.m. - [Register](#)

##### **Business AdviceTO Event Series (Free)**

Weekly online events for tech, retail, and female lead businesses that provide an opportunity to share, learn and grow with other entrepreneurs and leaders mitigating through COVID-19.

##### **Business AdviceTO with Partners SheEO World**

- Wednesdays, May to August, 9 a.m. - [Register](#)

##### **Business AdviceTO with Partners Retail Insider**

- Wednesday, June 10, 11a.m. - [Register](#)
- Wednesday, June 17, 11a.m. - [Register](#)

##### **TechTO Together (Free)**

Friday, June 8, 7 p.m. - [Register](#)

### **Digital Strategies for Artists and Organizations**

Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. - [Register](#)

### **Collision from Home**

Collision is moving online for 2020. Join “The world’s best speakers” and tech’s leading lights for one incredible online event.

June 23 - 25 - [Register](#)

### **Elevate Live Event Series (Free)**

This 13-week series features thought leaders and entrepreneurs sharing current insights into the most pressing issues facing the tech industry.

Wednesdays, 12 p.m. - [Register](#)

### **Ontario Non-profit Network Webinar**

The Ontario Non-profit Network (ONN) is creating engaging and informative webinars for the non-profit sector. Topics for upcoming webinars range from scenario planning and cash flow management to how lessons from previous crises can help us prepare for a post-COVID-19 world.

You can find more details on each webinar and register for free by clicking on the links below.

- June 18, [Responding to the financial crises then and now](#)

### **Planned Parenthood Toronto: Connecting and Coping during COVID-19**

Build your toolbox of coping strategies, explore ways to connect with other, and plan for moving forward. Details [here](#).

### **TYES More Life Zoom Workshop Series**

Every Tuesday 5PM-6PM until June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Download the Zoom APP or visit [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 843 3038 033

Password: TYES2020

More in the [flyer](#).

### **East Scarborough Storefront**

4040 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough

Telephone: 416-208-9889

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

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

**Latest KGO Update** [HERE](#).

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](#)).

## **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

## **East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club Free Pick-Up Lunch**

The East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club hosts free pick-up lunches on Fridays where free lunches are given to members in our community from the ESBGC parking lot (100 Galloway Rd) on Fridays. Drive-Thru or Walk-Thru and grab a warm lunch from 12:30pm to 2:30PM. Sign up to their weekly newsletters to receive the registration link on Thursdays [here](#).

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

- [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)

## **EarlyON Virtual Parenting Workshops**

Scarborough East EarlyON Child & Family Centre is hosting Virtual Parenting Workshops throughout the month of June. View the workshop schedule [here](#).

## **Scarborough East EarlyON Child and Family Centre June 2020 Newsletter**

Check out Scarborough East EarlyON Child and Family Centre's June 2020 Newsletter for details on online workshops, location specific programs and more [here](#).

## **Toronto Public Library**

## [City Librarian's Report](#)

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](#). Borrow e-books through Toronto Public Library details [here](#).

### **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](#).

Toronto Public Library has launched "38 Ways to Use the Library from Home"  
Visit [this website](#) for more information.

### **Toronto Public Library Digital Card & OverDrive**

Torontonians who don't have a Toronto Public Library card can now access OverDrive, our largest collection of eBooks and audiobooks, with the new Instant Digital Card. This temporary card is available to people age 13 and older with a Toronto cell phone that can receive texts. New customers can enjoy this access until September 1, 2020. The link to access the temporary library card is [here](#).

### **The List: Great Reads for Youth 2020**

Great Reads for Youth 2020 is now available online with 100 title recommendations and 13 video reviews by our teen readers. This resource was created by the Youth Materials Selection Committee (YMSC). 92 of the 100 recommended titles are available digitally. The List: Great Reads for Youth 2020 magazine will be available at branches after we reopen. The magazine can be downloaded as a pdf from the link below. Have fun reading! List Website can be accessed [here](#).

### **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](#), Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), [online](#) or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

## East End Arts

Sign up for the East End Arts' monthly eNewsletter, or their youth monthly eNewsletter. Please sign up [here](#).

## Frontier College Scarborough

Frontier College Scarborough's offers online intakes and assessment, remote classes and tutoring and digital workshops. Check out the June 2020 issue [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](#).



I had a tour of CARES "Collective Action and Response for Everyone in Scarborough" operated by GlobalMedic and the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus to distribute supplies to food banks in our area.

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### Frontline Health Staff Appreciation Car Rally

Vision Infinite Foundation is holding a Frontline Health Staff Appreciation Car Rally, details below:

Date: Sunday June 7, 2020 at 3PM

Location: 2867 Ellesmere Road Scarborough

Notes: Meeting point is at the plaza located at the North East corner of Ellesmere Rd and Neilson Road 15 minutes prior to the event. All public health guidelines will be strictly followed during the rally.

## **Volunteers NEEDED for Emmanuel Life Management Centre COVID-19 Emergency Food Bank**

Emmanuel Life Management Centre will be handing out, hampers with groceries to residents and communities in need. Food delivery is also available for seniors, elders and person/s with disabilities. Compliance with physical distancing rules will continue and remain 6ft apart while being served.

Date/Time: Every Thursday from 4PM to 6PM

Location: 142 Chester Le Community Corner

Contact: Interested in VOLUNTEERING call Janel at 437-886-4694 9AM to 6PM Mon – Fri or Email [elmc2010@hotmail.ca](mailto:elmc2010@hotmail.ca)

## **Volunteer with GlobalMedic**

GlobalMedic is assisting where needed in Canada's response to COVID-19 pandemic. GlobalMedic will be packing hygiene kits and emergency food nearly every weekday to support vulnerable people and front-line healthcare workers across Canada. The University of Toronto Scarborough and the City of Toronto are supporting the recruitment of volunteers who can be a part of these events and support GlobalMedic in addressing food insecurity issues for those in the Greater Toronto Area during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and to sign up to volunteer with GlobalMedic visit [this link](#).

## **City Hall Live Online**

City Hall Live Online, a showcase of Toronto musicians, kicked off today at noon and featured a performance by The Weather Station, introduced by Mayor John Tory. The series will run Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m., with two shows per day until the end of June. This series will directly compensate more than 100 local artists for 30-minute performances from their homes, livestreamed via [Facebook Live](#). Toronto-based musicians can apply for City Hall Live and other City of Toronto Music Office programs at <http://www.toronto.ca/music>. More details [here](#).

## **Is Your Agency Collecting Data to Assist with COVID-19 Response Efforts?**

Is your organization already keeping track of programs and services being offered in your community? Contact [covidupdates@211ontario.ca](mailto:covidupdates@211ontario.ca) to share the data you've collected!

Do you know of other organizations that might be collecting this kind of data? Let [covidupdates@211ontario.ca](mailto:covidupdates@211ontario.ca) know and they'll follow up!

To update your organization's 211 record, fill out this form: <https://211ontario.ca/tell-211-about-changes-in-services/>

211's Service Navigations are using this data to assist the hundreds of people from across the GTA who are calling 2-1-1 everyday for help with food security, housing assistance, mental health, and other problems exacerbated by this pandemic.

## **Scarborough Health Network Call for PPE Donations**

Help our heroes in the fight against COVID-19. Do you or your business have any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that could help the Scarborough Health Network care teams and patients safe. Email: [PPEdonations@shn.ca](mailto:PPEdonations@shn.ca)

## **Resources for Volunteers and Non-Profits**

Volunteer Toronto is a charity that connects volunteers to the causes that need them. In response to COVID-19, I am reaching out to share resources for both non-profits and individuals in your network:

- For non-profits: Any non-profits or grassroots groups can contact Volunteer Toronto to start recruiting for urgent response efforts or remote support during COVID-19. Complete this short form and a staff member will reach out: <https://bit.ly/2WpIJX3>. All fees have been waived for this service.
- For individuals: Volunteers play a crucial role in helping communities fill urgent needs. For individuals looking to get involved, join Toronto's COVID-19 Volunteer Response Team here: <https://info.volunteertoronto.ca/covid19>. Alerts with urgent community needs are sent to your inbox every 3-7 days.

## **Help save lives by staying home- Promising signs public health measures are working**

As Toronto moves into week seven of this pandemic, officials are seeing promising signs that public health measures are working. Dr. de Villa stressed the need to continue to practise social distancing and only leave the house for essential reasons, noting restrictions will be eased sooner if people continue to heed public health advice.

Case status data can be found on the City's reporting platform: <https://bit.ly/2S6z9Ef>. The advice from Toronto's public health officials has been clear and consistent: To stop the community spread of this deadly virus, we must reduce all contact with others as much as possible. Stay home, except for essential outings.

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks and soup kitchens in the Ward 24

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in East Scarborough

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in Scarborough

Please remember to call ahead to book to ensure they are properly stocked. For those interested in volunteering, food banks are always looking for volunteers, so please feel free to save and share this information.

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**Public Service Information**

**Lakeshore East Construction Updates**

## Eglinton GO

The cable installation work is now complete. There will be hydro-geological investigations underway from June 8-12, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This involves the drilling of 5 boreholes and installation of ground water monitoring wells. This is for the Eglinton GO Accessibility Upgrades Project. All borehole locations are away from pedestrian traffic and there will be fencing around the work areas. Some noise can be expected during the drilling work.

## **Toronto Public Library starting curbside drop-off and pick-up service**

Toronto Public Library (TPL) today announced details about the rollout of its curbside drop-off and pick-up service. Starting Monday, May 25, select library drop boxes will be opened to accept the return of library materials. On Monday, June 1, drop boxes at all remaining accessible branches will open to accept returns. TPL estimates that there are more than one million items currently out on loan. More in the [news release](#).

## **Two new FCM funding offers for municipalities**

### **GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative**

The new \$300 million [Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative](#) will provide support to local affordable housing providers—including municipal providers, not-for-profit organizations and housing co-operatives—to retrofit existing affordable housing, or to build new energy efficient units.

## **Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP)**

[Municipal Asset Management Program \(MAMP\)](#) is also being launched. Since 2017, MAMP funding has helped nearly 600 communities use data to make informed decisions about their infrastructure assets—from roads to water systems.

## **Student's Guide During COVID-19**

Please see [this guide](#) for students to understand their rights and expectations during remote learning. ALL students and their families have access to available resources, tools and language (if needed) to advocate for themselves during remote learning.

## **Questions about Property Tax Deferral**

Please see the following break down of property tax deferrals based on your installment periods:

**11-Month Installment:** Will be returning to normal payment schedule in July. May and June taxes are to be spread evenly over July to December payments.

**6-Month Installment:** April and May payments are shifted 2 months forward to June and July. July, August and September payments are shifted 1 month forward to August, September and October.

**2-Month Installment:** July payment are deferred to August.

Customers already enrolled in the City's pre-authorized payment plan don't have to re-enroll – payments will start again automatically after the grace period ends.

Updates regarding property tax deferrals can be accessed on the City's website [here](#).

### **Public Safety Alert, Online Scams & Safety**

Over the last several weeks, investigators with the Toronto Police Service have noted an increase in online scams associated to COVID-19. These include:

Text messages requesting banking information for:

- Processing government payments for Emergency Benefits or Canada Revenue Agency
- Fines for leaving the house too many times in a day
- Demands for immediate payment with threats of cancelled services (i.e. streaming sites)

Emails with fraudulent or corrupt links on topics such as:

- "Delivery details" for those most likely to be using delivery services
- "Special offers" for COVID-19-related products/services

Websites claiming:

- Sales of COVID-19-related products and services, such as testing kits, cleaning products or remedies
- Information from "health officials", requesting information and/or links to other sites

With more residents spending time at home, online, investigators are reminding the public to take the following steps to protect themselves:

- Do not click on random links
- Do not provide your personal information – including banking information
- Do not install unknown applications, even if you're asked to via email/text/etc.
- Use two-factor authentication for online payments
- Do not use links sent via email/text to access online accounts
- Set up strong passwords for new or existing online accounts
- Back up your work regularly and work offline, when possible
- Use software to protect yourself from malware and viruses

To learn more, watch this video: <https://bit.ly/2SgabSV>. Full news release here:

<https://bit.ly/2VLKmwv>

### **Clean Reusable Bags After Every Use**

Public health officials report that the coronavirus is still viable on hard surfaces such as plastics after 72 hours. If shoppers continue to reuse bags, they need to wash and sanitize their reusables to reduce the risk of spreading the pathogen. See cleaning tips below:

Reusable Polypropylene Bags – The Most Common Reusable: **Do not put them in the washing machine or dryer. They will melt.** Wipe both the inside and outside by hand with warm soapy water or use a sanitizer and air dry completely. Don't forget the inner and outer seams.

Polyester and Canvas Bags: Toss them in the washing machine, launder in hot water with detergent, then, put them in the dryer.

Nylon bags: Flip them inside out and wash them by hand in warm soapy water. If you prefer to machine wash them, use the gentlest cycle to prevent the bag from coming apart. Then, allow them to air dry

### **The Canadian Women’s Foundation “Violence at Home Signal for Help**

The social isolation measures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic are making it more difficult for those who are at risk of abuse or violence to safely reach out for help. “Signal for Help” is a simple one-handed sign someone can use on a video call. It can help a person silently show they need help and want someone to check in with them in a safe way. Details can be found here: <https://canadianwomen.org/signal-for-help/>

### **Grants**

#### **The Boys’ and Girls’ Club winner of the Youth Mentorship Grant**

The Boys’ & Girls’ Club of East Scarborough is the successful applicant. All the reviewers, but especially the youth, felt that youth would respond to this program model. Boys’ & Girls’ Club of East Scarborough currently offers programming in Scarborough Village, Morningside, Kingston Road/Galloway/Orton Park. This funding will expand the following program components into Woburn and Eglinton-East:

- Mentoring through Sports & Recreation and Academic enhancement
- Opportunities for youth to become trained mentors in the delivery of Sports & Recreation and Academic support programs for racialized children
- Three-tiered academic support:
  - Reading & math to succeed: grades 1-4, partnering with high school students
  - Tutoring for grades 6-8 partnering with U of T students
  - Afterschool homework club
- Develop a train the trainer program with community partners and community members
- New partnership with TCHC to implement the Mentoring to Overcome Violence Everywhere (MOVE) program into new spaces, and with new cohorts of youth
- Partnership with a sorority house with a focus on Black Feminist thought for girls, which will be replicated and revised with a male sorority house with a focus on boys

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### **Essential Government Information for COVID -19**

Public Health's information line & 311 are experiencing high call volumes. Residents can get the information they need online at [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)

The City's website has a tool that can translate pages into 51 different languages.

**If you need info on COVID-19, please visit the following websites:**

[City of Toronto](#)

[Province of Ontario](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[Official Global Travel Advisory](#)

The City's website is updated daily with the latest health advice, and information about City services and social supports. Check <https://www.toronto.ca/covid-19/> for answers to common questions before contacting the Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Hotline or 311.

I am continually updating my social media platforms as well as my website with up-to-date information:



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

**You can also reach me by: telephone at 416-396-7222 or email me at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca)**

### **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

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