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### Mornelle Community Celebrates “Safewalk”

TORONTO - Councillor Paul Ainslie’s Ward 43– Scarborough East is celebrating today with Angela Bracket Chairperson of the Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition, Ken Morden, Principal at Military Trail Public School Principal, Patrick Bolanda Community Support Worker for the Toronto District School Board, Stephen Linton and Scott McKean of the City of Toronto’s Crisis Response along with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and the children of the “Safewalk” Program.

“Today is a great indication of how our community is working together to create programs for the neighbourhood children” remarked Councillor Paul Ainslie. The Mornelle Court Residents Coalition has been a strong advocate for the community. Councillor Ainslie praised the Coalition for working together, creating a community volunteer base for the purpose of supporting programming and collectively raising the neighbourhoods positive profile.

The Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition began meeting in 2007 and quickly began listing the community needs. Since then they have held monthly meetings, held a community speak, have outreached to the Toronto District School Board, Centennial College and the University of Toronto, have held two March break week sessions which this year included CPR training for volunteers based in the community. Last summer The Toronto Community Housing held a neighbourhood BBQ with the Coalition and is planning another for this summer. A community Clean up day is also in the works.

Councillor Ainslie, is a proud member and supporter of the Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition. “I have seen this community rise to the occasion and it has truly been gratifying to see community members sitting around the table at the monthly meetings and working to put together events and programming. This community deserves a standing ovation.” explained Councillor Ainslie.

The Safewalk program currently has 40 registered children. Volunteer walkers safely collect the children and walk them to school in the morning, lunch hour and after school. The program organizer and Chairperson of the Mornelle Residents Action Coalition, Angela Bracket has explained that “The program has been a great success and a big relief to parents who are now confident that their children are arriving to and from school safely”.

Principal Ken Morden of Military Trail Public School located at 701 Military Trail, Scarborough is a strong supporter of the Coalition as well. He has been instrumental in the planning of the Safewalk program as well.

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