

February 1 2008 Ward e-Update

Dear Ward Five Residents;

Please assist me in promoting my e-updates to others in Ward 5?

This is not only cost efficient way to communicate regularly, but it reduces paper waste, and is a quick way for me to stay in touch on many Ward and City issues.

Please forward this email to your neighbours/friends and ask them in return to email me requesting to be added to the distribution list.

If you know of a Ward Group, Association, Church, Committee or School that would like me to advertise their association news or an event, please have them forward details to me (one month prior to their event).

If there is a specific City or Ward issue that you would like me to include in a future e-Update, please send in your request.

Please watch for and read my **WARD Winter Newsletter** which will be delivered via Canada Post in late February to each household.

ETOBICOKE NEWS

NEXT MEETING OF ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 **9:30 a.m.**
Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Council Chambers

To view the entire Community Council Agenda or minutes from previous meetings, please refer to the following City of Toronto website link: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/ey.htm>

NOTE: Key Ward 5 Development items on this month's agenda:

EY14.30 (6:30 pm Public Meeting for deputations) – **21 The Old Mill** – Official Plan and Zoning Amendment Applications – FINAL REPORT from staff.

EY14.24 – 1640 The Queensway – Rezoning Application (gas bar and convenience store) – Preliminary Report (recommending community consultation to occur)

EY14.25 – 2800 Bloor Street West – Rezoning Application/ seven storey seniors residence – Preliminary Report (recommending community consultation to occur)

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECISIONS

For more information on your Etobicoke York Community Council, the area profile, agendas or reports etc., please refer to the following weblink as I believe you will find it useful and informative:

http://www.toronto.ca/committees/council_profiles/torontowest.htm

INFORMATION REGARDING COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Agendas and Staff Reports are circulated to my office the week prior to the meeting. Once received, I am happy to forward any Staff Reports or provide additional information on agenda items. If you wish to be kept informed on particular developments or City applications, please make sure you register with the Clerks office indicating your interest in a specific item, application or issue. They will then advise you of when reports on that Item are being included on a Community Council agenda.

To obtain more information, to register to be a deputant, or to submit a written deputation for an Agenda item, please contact the Etobicoke York Community Council:

Ms. Glenda Jagai, Committee Administrator
City Clerk's Office, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, ON M9C 2Y2
416-394-8101
etcc@toronto.ca

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Mark these dates on your calendar!

TORONTO FIRE SERVICES – CAREER INFORMATION SESSION

Learn more about careers with Toronto Fire Services.

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2008
Time: 12 noon
Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall
Council Chambers
For Info: Hotline: 416-392-FIRE (3473)
<http://www.toronto.ca/fire/recruitment.htm>

The Kingsway Chapter, Professional Engineers of Ontario proudly sponsors

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

**Al Gore's Presentation on the Causes and Effects of Climate Change
From an Engineer's Perspective**

Presented by Mr. Mike Gerbis, P. Eng., President & CEO of The Delphi Group

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
at
The Assembly Hall
1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr.,
Etobicoke (S/E corner of Kipling & Lakeshore Blvd. W.)

Complimentary Admission 7:00 p.m.
(Engineers and guests with a reservation should arrive by 7:15 p.m. Unclaimed and extra seats will be open to the general public after this time on a first come, first served basis)

Presentation 7:30 p.m.

Discussion 9:00 p.m.

Are we responsible? Is it Nature that's producing the warming? Two thousand eminent scientists say our carbon dioxide production is the problem. Mike is the leader of a consulting group that concerns itself with advice on health, environment, clean energy, climate change and environmental technologies. They number many major Canadian corporations among their clients as well as all levels of government and non-governmental organizations.

The Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and former Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Laurel Broten (who lives in our Chapter) will be attending to introduce Mr. Gerbis who has been trained to deliver Al Gore's message. Al Gore recently won a Nobel Peace prize for his efforts in this field.

Parking is available on the map attached.

The web site for the Assembly Hall is: http://www.toronto.ca/culture/assembly_hall.htm

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR

Hosted by Donna Cansfield, MPP Etobicoke Centre and Laurel Broten, MPP Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008
Time: 11:00 am – 3:30 pm
Location: 250 The East Mall
For Info: Donna Cansfield's Constituency Office at 416-234-2800
email: dcansfield.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org
Laurel Broten's Constituency Office at 416-259-2249
email: Lbroten.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH: TORONTO'S PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT GRANT – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall
Main Floor Boardroom

ISLINGTON SENIORS ART SHOW

All are invited to come and see the magnificent art works that have been created by Seniors at the Islington Centre. .

Date: Opening Reception on **Sat. Feb. 23 from 2-5 p.m.**,
and ongoing Gallery open from Feb 25 to Mar 19/08
Time: Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 12 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: The Assembly Hall, located at 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive
For Info: 416-231-3431

CITY OF TORONTO NEWS

NEXT TORONTO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Toronto City Council **March 3rd and 4th, 2008**
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Council Chamber

For more information Council agendas, please refer to the following City website link:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/cc.htm>

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Please direct any questions to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.
Toronto ON M5H 2N2 or call 416-392-7032.

The City of Toronto Municipal Land Transfer Tax (MLTT)

Effective February 1, 2008, the City of Toronto will implement a Municipal Land Transfer Tax for all property purchases registered in Toronto, with some exemptions as permitted under the City's by-law.

In most cases, the Municipal Land Transfer Tax is paid when your property transaction is registered by a lawyer and will be included as part of your real estate closing costs.

The MLTT will be calculated based on Council approved graduated rates and the purchase price of the property.

The City of Toronto will offer MLTT rebates for first-time home purchasers and for purchasers who demonstrate that an Agreement of Purchase and Sale was entered into on or before December 31, 2007. In most cases, rebates will be automatically calculated and applied to your closing costs when your property transaction is registered by your lawyer. Your lawyer should be able to advise if you are eligible for any rebates or exemptions.

For more information please visit <http://www.toronto.ca/taxes/mltt.htm> or call a Customer Service Representative at 416-338-4829
TTY: 416-392-0719.
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Celebrate! Explore! Savour!
January 25 to Feb 7, 2008

http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/wintercity/winterlicious.htm

Experience a series of mouth-watering Culinary Events or indulge in great food at great value with the ever-popular Prix-Fixe promotion. The Winterlicious Chef Series serves up the ultimate dining experience with top local and international chefs.

Take advantage of the incredible value and exclusive prix fixe menus offered by 130 of Toronto's top dining establishments.

Prix fixe menus are offered in the following price categories:

- Per person, plus taxes and gratuity. Some restrictions apply. Reservations recommended. Lunch and dinner menus include starter, entrée and dessert. Beverages, taxes and gratuity additional.

Prix fixe promotion reservations are accepted January 10, 2008.
Contact restaurants directly for reservations.



Tim Hortons Ice Breakers - Nathan Phillips Square

http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/wintercity/skating.htm

Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity

On January 29, City Council unanimously approved "Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity" - a bold, innovative action plan that will stimulate economic competitiveness and growth, enhance livability, and create opportunity for all Torontonians. "The Agenda for Prosperity is a testament to what can be achieved through continued collaboration between the private, labour, community and academic sectors, together with the Toronto Public Service," said Mayor David Miller. "This document will serve as a road map for getting Toronto to a place that is prosperous for all, not just some." Details: **<http://www.toronto.ca/prosperity.htm>**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline.