

January 17 2008 Ward e-Update

Dear Ward Five Residents;

Will you please assist me in promoting my e-updates in Ward 5?

It is not only cost efficient, but 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.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important local and City news.

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.**  
**Etoobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Council Chambers**

To view Community Council Agendas or minutes from meetings, please refer to the following City of Toronto website link: [www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/ey](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/ey)

### **ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECISIONS**

For more information on your Etoobicoke 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:

[www.toronto.ca/committees/council\\_profiles/torontowest](http://www.toronto.ca/committees/council_profiles/torontowest)

### **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](mailto:etcc@toronto.ca)

## **JANUARY/FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**Mark these dates on your calendar!**

### **KINGSWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Subject:** Please attend to see a Presentation from Transportation Services and Councillor Milczyn on the results and recommendations resulting from the Kingsway Residents' Traffic Working Group and Transportation Services traffic studies completed over the past year and a half.

A phased-in approach for traffic and safety improvements will be presented (implementation would begin Spring 2008 if supported by the community and approved at Community Council in the coming months). Feedback/comments and support from the community, for these recommendations, is being sought.

Recommendations from Transportation Services Staff would then proceed to Community Council for their approval in the next few months.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 23, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Lambton Kingsway Junior Middle School, Gym

### **22 DIVISION TORONTO POLICE SERVICES** **&** **THE COMMUNITY POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**Invite you to an:** **Interactive Presentation** (Hosted by 22 Division)  
**Learn How 22 Division Operates and**  
**How Your Community Is Protected**  
**Special Guest: Police Chief William Blair**

**Date:** Tuesday January 29, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Etobicoke Olympium (Rathburn Road and Renforth Drive)  
**For Info:** Please contact 22 Division at 416-808-2200

### **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**                      **January 29 and 30, 2008**  
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Council Chamber

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

**[www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/cc](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2007/agendas/cc)**

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Toronto ON M5H 2N2 or call 416-392-7032.

### **'EVERYBODY GETS TO PLAY' - COMMENTS AND INPUT REQUEST** **Staff Report on Recreation Programs and New User Fees, to go to City Council January 29, 30th for debate**

The Recreation Department Report released last week details their proposed increase in user fees, new programs/services and changes to the Welcome Policy that currently exists. Some of the new items contained in this report are:

- 30-50% increase in user fees by 2014 to boost 'cost recovery' (20% this year, 10% each year following)
- Increased subsidies to low income families
- Phasing out of existing 'priority centres' in selected neighbourhoods that offer free programs
- Funding of a new program in the TDSB to provide learn to swim and learn to skate programs for grades 4 and 5 students respectively
- Funding of a new program for grades 8 & 9 students (leadership skills programs) on a volunteer enrolment basis

**I am interesting in getting your feedback on this Staff Report, BEFORE I SPEAK to it at Council later this month. Please email me with your comments.**

If you need more information on the Report and the public meetings that are being hosted across the City to get public input, please refer to the City's weblink: [www.toronto.ca/parks/play/index](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/play/index)

## **BUILDING A GREAT CITY TOGETHER**

### **Important communication included in Interim Tax Bill**

Residents and businesses will receive an important communication about City services and how we pay for them in their Interim Tax bills, which started going out to property owners last week. The insert provides residents with information about the importance of City services and the City's financial plan to preserve those services.

The tax bill insert is part of a broader public information campaign designed to inform residents on and engage them in the 2008 operating budget process.

Beginning on January 28, residents can visit [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) for easy-to-understand information about this years' budget. An outdoor advertising campaign will provide residents with information about City services and encourage them to visit the website. Newspaper ads in the coming weeks will invite residents to make a public presentation to the Budget Committee on February 5 at City Hall. Residents can also send a written presentation to Budget Committee or their local Councillor.

Toronto City Council will consider the recommended 2008 Operating Budget at its meetings on March 31 and April 1.



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

**[www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/wintercity/winterlicious](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/wintercity/winterlicious)**

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**

**[www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/wintercity/skating](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/wintercity/skating)**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Ming".