

July 11 2008 Ward e-Update

Dear Residents;

This shortened e-update is primarily to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. As many Ward residents may be on vacation over the next month, and their e-mails not checked, I have decided to not send further e-updates until **AFTER** the Labour Day weekend.

I will only send out additional updates if time critical information is made available to me regarding events, meetings or Ward news.

Please email me or call my office AT 416-392-4040 anytime. I, or my Staff, will be pleased to assist you with your individual Ward 5 or City of Toronto questions and concerns.

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My best wishes to you and your family during the Summer of 2008.

WHAT'S IN MY SUMMER e-UPDATE?

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Kingsway Traffic Plan Report opposed at Community Council on July 7, 2008
Date of next Etobicoke York Community Council meeting

WARD 5 NEWS & EVENTS

Commercial Garbage Collection changes – Residential and Commercial concerns raised
Reminder – Rollout of the new residential garbage bins
Annual Environment Day – September 6th at 2 Civic Centre Court (behind Civic Centre)
Third City Forum – Increased Mayoralty Powers in Toronto

ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

EY18.15 THE KINGSWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD: TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT – MOE PART II ORDER REQUEST RESOLUTION

At the July 7th meeting of Etobicoke York Community Council, this item was scheduled at 3pm for full debate.

Etobicoke York Community Council did not support staff recommendations for Phase one of the plan for the Kingsway. I am very sorry to have to advise this, especially after local residents volunteered their time over a two year period to arrive at community consensus on this.

The Staff Recommendations lost on a tie vote of Councillors.

Voting details are:

COUNCILLORS OPPOSED TO ITEM:

Councillors Gloria Lindsay Luby, Rob Ford and Holyday, Mark Grimes and Suzan Hall

COUNCILLORS WHO SUPPORTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillors Milczyn, Nunziata, Saundercook, Di Giorgio, Palacio

Councillor Mammoliti was absent but likely would have broken the tie in favour of Staff Recommendations.

Since Traffic Calming is now a delegated item to Community Council; delegated decisions of EYCC are final. We are not able to take this to City Council for further debate.

NEXT STEPS?

I plan to meet over the coming weeks with my colleagues on Community Council and look to re-open this item at the next meeting of Community Council (on September 9th). I plan to speak to Councillor Mammoliti to secure his vote to approve, and speak to Councillors Hall and Grimes to determine why they didn't support Staff recommendations and the local community this month. I will hope they reconsider their vote in September.

My concern remains, that while some Councillors regularly oppose any traffic calming reports at Council, and I fully expected their opposition, others may not have read the entire Staff Report and been aware of the work done by the community on this Study; the data that exists regarding speeding on some streets in the Kingsway; and most importantly that Staff were recommending this 'compromise' community-based solution of installing less speedhumps (4 vs. the 12 speedhump traffic calming plan which Community Council already supported when formal polling of the Kingsway was done in 2004).

This community solution is less cost to taxpayers for (warranted) speedhumps. The intersection improvements recommended within the same Staff Report, were also budgeted and geared solely to normalize intersections which are currently much wider, and turn radii significantly greater, than most residential intersections across Etobicoke.

As some of you may recall this Working Group/Traffic Study process began with a singular goal of finding a mediated community solution. This was done on the direction of the Ministry of the Environment (after objections to the Notice of Completion were received by that office).

If you would like to read the Staff Report – please refer to the following link (Item EY18.15) <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ey/decisions/2008-07-07-ey18-dd.pdf>

Once I have confirmation that this item will be re-opened in September, I will advise you accordingly of the details. **At that time, I would encourage you to communicate your desires to Community Council, attend the Council meeting and register to be a deputant at that meeting.**

If you have additional questions about this agenda item, please email me or my Executive Assistant, Susan O'Connor (soconno@toronto.ca)

NEXT MEETING OF EYCC (Etobicoke York Community Council)

Tuesday, September 9th, 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>

WARD 5 NEWS AND EVENTS

COMMERCIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION CHANGES – BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL CONCERNS RAISED

Over the past few weeks, Solid Waste Management rolled out changes to the Commercial collection schedules. This involved changes in both the collection date/time, but also a larger change to collect waste curbside rather than in the laneways.

This change to 'harmonize' Citywide curbside collection was done in conjunction with a change to the 'time' of collection (is being done at night now vs. daytime), and to avoid complaints from residences adjacent to laneways (nighttime collection - after midnight - in laneways is noisy and has proven to be problematic). Nighttime collection on major arterial roads is less noisy to residents and normally clear of parked cars and pedestrians.

All this being said, I am NOT happy with the changeover. I feel that the communications from Senior Solid Waste Staff, to both my office and the community, has been sub-standard and that is unacceptable. This has resulted in missed collections, excessive waste left rotting on City sidewalks and laneways.

I also am not sold at this point that their process change to curbside collection is best choice and solution for Ward 5.

I have already contacted the Deputy City Manager, Mr. Richard Butts about my concerns, along with the General Manager of the Department, Mr. Geoff Rathbone, and the Mayor asking for their immediate resolution to this.

I participated in an emergency briefing session this morning in cooperation with the Board of the Kingsway BIA and collections staff to provide additional information and answer all questions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

ROLLOUT OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE BINS

Garbage Bin Order Cards have been mailed to your homes asking for you to pick which size of GARBAGE bin you would like to receive. The deadline for submission of your bin request is [JULY 25, 2008](#).

The bins will be delivered beginning in early October with collection starting immediately thereafter. For more information please contact my Constituency Assistant Kathy Micucci at kmicucc@toronto.ca or go to the program information City weblink:

<http://www.toronto.ca/target70/index.htm>

ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT DAY – SEPTEMBER 6TH AT 2 CIVIC CENTRE COURT (BEHIND CIVIC CENTRE)

This year's Annual Ward 5 Environment Day is scheduled for September 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Full details of this great Citywide Event will be advertised in the Guardian, and I will provide a reminder, with additional details, in an e-update in late August.

If you need more information now, please call my office.

This link to the City's website also has tons of information on all Environment Days across Toronto:

http://www.toronto.ca/environment_days/index.htm

THIRD CITYWIDE PUBLIC FORUM – INCREASED MAYORALTY POWERS IN TORONTO

When: Monday, July 28, 2008

Where: North York Civic Centre (Yonge and Sheppard, Council Chambers)

When: 7:00 p.m.

This third public forum is being hosted by Councillor Jenkins and is the third in a Citywide series of meetings being supported by myself and Councillors Nunziata, Del Grande, Thompson, Palacio and Ashton.

As we fully anticipate the Mayor to ask the Premier to grant additional powers to him this Fall - we are looking to hear from you FIRST – to get input and answer any of your questions regarding what impact additional powers may have now, and in the future.


My concerns are with respect to the impact of additional Mayoralty powers or his ability to meet with his Executive Committee behind closed doors may have on Council; and 'when' should additional powers be granted (now or with the next term of office).

The first public meeting was hosted in Scarborough, the second was held on June 18, 2008 at the Etobicoke Civic Centre. There will be additional meetings in York and Toronto.

If you would like to provide input or have questions, please email them to me.

HAVE A VERY ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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