

Dear Ward Five Residents;

In the past months many area residents, resident groups, clubs and associations have responded to my offer to promote their local events in my e-updates. If you have an event or information that you would like me to add, please forward to my office (with as much notice as possible).

I am changing the format of my e-updates this month by adding a colour coded INDEX which should help you find key items of interest to you more quickly.

If you are opening this on your BLACKBERRY, it may be difficult to read. I would suggest forwarding to your PC and opening there for ease of reading.

If I have missed something, or you have a question about a Ward or City matter – please call my office right away to get it resolved.

Please conserve paper, and forward this email to interested family members and neighbours. Your assistance in promoting my e-updates is also appreciated. They are not only a 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 remind your friends to email me, requesting that they be added to the distribution list.

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1. EVENTS & MEETINGS LISTING (in date order)

YOUTH BICYCLING SKILLS AND LEARN-TO-RACE CLINIC

When: Every Wednesday from May 7 to July 23 from 7 to 8:30 pm. If weather looks bad check www.midweekclub.ca for special notices. Need not attend all sessions; come as often as you can.

Where: Ski Hill area of Centennial Park, Etobicoke (Toronto).

Who is this program for: Youth aged 9 to 14, boys and girls. All levels of physical fitness.

Teaches: Bicycling skills, safety, bike maintenance, and bike racing skills via grass and gravel-road racing. This program is built upon Midweek's successful adult learn-to-race program plus programs run by other Canadian cycling organizations.

Type of bike: Any type of bike. It can be a bmx, mountain, coaster, road, cyclo-cross or hybrid.

Mandatory equipment: CSA approved helmet is mandatory and a good pair of running shoes.

Recommended equipment: It is recommended participants have cycling gloves, a rain jacket, a bike multi-tool and tire-levers. The gloves are to protect their hands when they fall and the bike tools and tire levers are for the maintenance side of the clinic.

Pay as you go: \$64 base fee plus \$5/week (tax receipt supplied). Fees include special kid's membership into Midweek Cycling Club and an O.C.A. Citizen Permit (insurance).

Registration: At any session. Parent or guardian is required to attend first session.

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUTH IN THE WORKPLACE

Monday, May 26, 2008

8:00 p.m.

Royal York Road United Church

851 Royal York Road, Queensway Hall

For further information, contact: Susan McJannett 416-239-0950

In 2007, 115 people were killed and over 217,000 were injured in Ontario workplaces. Young workers and those on the job less than four weeks were 50% more likely to be part of these statistics.

All people, whether parents, grandparents, spouses or simply concerned citizens, need to be aware of how to protect themselves and others in their workplaces. The topic is particularly important at this time of year when summer employment and first jobs will place many young people at risk.

Maureen Shaw, President and CEO of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, will give advice on how to protect workers during a talk on **Monday, May 26 at Royal York Road United Church** 851 Royal York Rd. (three blocks south of Bloor St.). The meeting will begin at **8 p.m.** in Queensway Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Ms. Shaw, leader of Canada's largest health and safety association and a mother of an injured worker, is a compelling speaker and a tireless advocate for safety in the workplace.

SWANSEA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, May 28th

7:30 PM

Rousseau Room, 1

95 Lavinia Ave.

Belinda Gallagher will speak to us about Unusual and Underused Plants in the Garden

REMINDER !

NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING

DUNPAR CONDOMINIUM UPDATE (Prince Edward South and Dundas St. West)

Hosted by: KINGSWAY RATEPAYERS AGAINST POOR PLANNING (KRAPP)

Thursday, May 29th 7:00 pm

Lambton Kingsway Junior Middle School, Gymnasium

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OMB DECISION TO APPROVE THIS CONDO?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN APPROVED?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ACTION THE CITY IS TAKING?

GET ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS!

In order to ensure that we are all completely informed regarding this important and complicated issue, KRAPP will host a community meeting at the Lambton-Kingsway School gym on **May 29 at 7:00 p.m.** They have invited me, and I will be attending as their guest to answer to any City Council or Planning matters.

I encourage you to join us, to get accurate information and have all your questions answered. Please ask your neighbours to join you.

MESSAGE FROM KRAPP

As earlier reported by KRAPP, Toronto City Council's decision on March 5 to support a Judicial Review of the OMB decision in favour of Dunpar was great news for the Kingsway community. It supports what you have said to us - that there has to be integrity in planning; that the height and encroachment restrictions should be adhered

to; and that we are not to compromise on the recently completed Dundas Avenues study. From day one the message you have given KRAPP is very simple - insist that Dunpar build its condominium within the established guidelines.

KRAPP believes the OMB decision is wrong. Both KRAPP's lawyer and the City Solicitor have advised us that they believe the decision is wrong at law. Accordingly, our fight against overdevelopment and encroachment in our established neighborhood continues thanks to neighbours like you, and the financial contributions that KRAPP has received.

This issue isn't without controversy. With the passage of time it is only natural to lose interest or receive misinformation - please don't let this happen.

On May 29 KRAPP encourages you to bring forward any and all questions that you may have.

Just to remind everyone about why this vital fight continues - an intelligent and well thought out Avenue study was put in place to address responsible development on Dundas; Dunpar proposed a development that we believe flies in the face of that study ignoring both height and encroachment concerns; our neighbors, the residents truly and directly impacted by the development, gave KRAPP an overwhelming mandate to hold Dunpar to the Avenue study plan; KRAPP has stuck to the mandate; the OMB decision is flawed, so, along with the city, this community is going to stand in tough and fight this.

So, as neighbours with a common interest standing together, let's recharge the batteries for the next round the fight goes on. Hope to see you May 29. Lastly, KRAPP continues to need your financial contributions as we fight this fight. Please visit us at: <http://www.kingswayresidents.com/>

STONEGATE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 31, 2008

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

11:00 am – 1:00 pm bbq

Stonegate Plaza, 150 Berry Road

For more information, please call 416-231-7070

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING **THE KINGWAY PARK EAST AREA STUDY OF ZONING STANDARDS**

June 5, 2008

7:00 p.m.

All Saints' Kingsway Anglican Church

2850 Bloor Street West

Area

The Kingsway Park East Area is located between the Humber River to the east, Royal York Road to the west and the residential areas between Dundas Street West and Bloor Street West, excluding the commercial properties.

Purpose of the Study

To review the zoning standards in place for the area to determine if changes or additions to the standards are appropriate for lot size, lot frontage, side yard setbacks, gross floor area and attached garages.

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to have input on this study and ask questions of Staff and Councillor Milczyn.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can still make your views known by sending a fax (416) 394-6063 or by writing to Gregg Lintern, Director, Community Planning, Etobicoke York District, City Planning Division, 2 Civic Centre Court Floor 3, Toronto On, M9C 5A3.

If you would like further information about the proposal, please contact Wendy Johncox, Senior Planner, at (416) 394-8227.

VILLAGE OF ISLINGTON BIA

'Paint the Street!'

Mural Launch and Community Festival

Saturday, June 7, Noon to 5 PM

Dundas St W, Kipling to Montgomery's Inn (at Islington)

For more information, please contact:

Lola Macanowicz or Christine Idzik of

Lewis, Macanowicz Associates, The Co-operators

416- 234-2777 or Lola_Macanowicz@cooperators.ca

BOOK LAUNCH & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: First book from an 88 year old Somali-Canadian Renowned Oral Poet And *Then She Said, Saa Waxay Tiri* –

The Poetry and Times of Hawa Jibril Translation and Introduction by Faduma Ahmed Alim

Wednesday, June 25th 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.,

The Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Drive, Etobicoke.

Book Signing and Tea:

June 26, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.,

Montgomery's Inn (Dundas W. & Islington)

To attend the event, or for more information, please contact Martin Howard at 416-203-8428 or info@jumbliestheatre.org. Copies of the book will be available for \$20 at the events, or for \$22 from the Jumblies Theatre's website, www.jumbliestheatre.org.

Hawa Jibril was born in 1920, and composed her 1st poem when she was a 12-year-old nomadic girl, spurred on by a family squabble. For almost 80 years, she has, through her poetry, been challenging women's oppression, colonialism, clan warfare, and the plight of refugees, using Somali oral alliterative genres, which are at once social commentary, collective memory, and instruments of social change.

Somalia didn't have its own written language until 1972, and, until very recently, Hawa's poems have been carried only in her mind, and in the minds of her family and compatriots. Now her poetry has finally been transcribed, translated by her daughter, Faduma Ahmed Alim, and printed in both English and Somali.

From the nomadic plains of Somalia, to the city of Mogadishu, to international conferences, and her new home in Canada, Hawa Jibril has inspired others to stand up for human rights and social justice. Now, she is settled in a Toronto Community Housing high-rise with her daughter. Though she's not generally known in Canada, for most Somalis Hawa Jibril is a household name, and the largest Somali diaspora community in the world is in Toronto.

The title of the book - *And Then She Said, Saa Waxay Tiri* - comes from a Somali ritual phrase that is used to introduce a poet (usually male). Hawa's book does indeed draw us into a captivating tale, crossing time and space - from camel herding to gun battles, from desert shrubs to city streets, from the boldness of youth to the sorrow and wisdom of age, from Mogadishu's turmoil to a Toronto high-rise - as one woman's life and poems speak for thousands of others who, like Hawa Jibril, have braved perilous bridges, adapted and changed, and ended up living, with often un-noticed talents and distinctions, in our own Canadian cities.

Jumbli's Theatre, a company that creates art with, for and about communities, presented a play in 2007 based on Hawa's life and poetry, *Bridge of One Hair*, at the New World Stage. Now Jumbli's is hosting the launch of **And Then She Said, Saa Waxay Tiri** on Wednesday, June 25, from 7:00 -10:00 at The Assembly Hall (Kipling and Lakeshore Blvd). A second event will also be held at Montgomery's Inn (corner of Dundas W. and Islington) from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at which the authors will be present to sign books.

To attend the event, or for more information, please contact Martin Howard at 416-203-8428 or info@jumbliestheatre.org. Copies of the book will be available for \$20 at the events, or for \$22 from the Jumbli's Theatre's website, www.jumbliestheatre.org.

STONEGATE FARMERS MARKET

June 25 to September 3, 2008

Open Every Tuesday

4:00 – 7:00 pm

St. James Humber Bay Anglican Church (parking lot)

194 Parklawn Road

2. WARD NOTICES / COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (EYCC)

NEXT MEETING OF EYCC

Tuesday, June 10th, 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>

PROPOSED NO STOPPING PROHIBITION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MATTICE AVENUE, EAST OF JOPLING AVENUE

June 10, 2008

Etobicoke York Community Council Agenda Item

Concerns have been raised by area residents and staff of Our Lady of Peace School, 70 Mattice Avenue, with respect to traffic congestion on Mattice Avenue, west of Jopling Avenue, during pick-up and drop-off periods. This congestion is the result of vehicles being parked on both sides of the Mattice Avenue between Jopling Avenue and the hydro corridor.

Please be advised that the Transportation Services Division, Etobicoke York District will be submitting a report to the Etobicoke York Community Council recommending, in part, the introduction of a “No Stopping, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Mattice Avenue between Jopling Avenue and the west limit of the hydro corridor.

VALHALLA INN DEVELOPMENT STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

June 10, 2008 7:00 pm

**Etobicoke York Community Council Agenda Item
399 The West Mall, Council Chambers**

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS & REPORTS or SPEAKING TO AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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

PREVIOUS 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

CITY OF TORONTO /CITY COUNCIL NEWS

PUBLIC INVITED TO PUBLIC FORUM ON TTC ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Where: Canadian National Institute for the Blind. 1929 Bayview Avenue. (Regularly scheduled Accessible bus service available on the 11 Bayview from Davisville Station.)

Who: TTC Commissioners, TTC Staff and the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT).

The public are invited to attend an Open Forum to discuss Accessibility issues and Disability Accommodation on the TTC.

TTC Commissioners, TTC staff, and members of the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) will be on hand to hear from the public on matters of the accessibility of conventional and to-the-door (Wheel-Trans) public transit services in Toronto.

Let us know how the TTC can make the system better for our customers with disabilities. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 20th, at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MUSICAL GUESTS CONFIRMED FOR GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL

Toronto's third annual celebration of all things green - the Green Toronto Festival - will feature a variety of outstanding entertainment for the entire family on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24 at Yonge-Dundas Square.

Musical performances for Saturday, May 24 are as follows:

Chris McKhool - Kids' Show	12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Jen Gould - Kids' Show	1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Larra Skye	2:15 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sultans of String	3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.
The Spoons	4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Kellylee Evans	5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Kardinal Offishall	6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.
David Usher	7:15 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Chantal Kreviazuk	8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Chris McKhool's performance will include an attempt to set a new world record for the largest bicycle bell ensemble.

For more information about the event, please visit www.toronto.ca/greentorontofestival.

The Green Toronto Festival is sponsored by Green Living, Curbside Cycle, Delta Chelsea Downtown Toronto, Hard Rock Café, Eye Weekly and Bullfrog Power.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING

Proposed Official Plan Amendment to authorize Section 37 funding of Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Studies: Mapping Areas for Potential HCD Research

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

6:30 pm

Metro Hall

55 John Street, Toronto

Rooms 308 & 309

Proposed OPA with Maps of Areas for Potential HCD Research

The City of Toronto has previously proposed an Official Plan Amendment (OPA) to authorize the funding of HCD studies as an eligible community benefit under Section 37 of the Planning Act. Community benefits are

otherwise limited to capital facilities and do not include studies. Originally, the proposed OPA would have applied anywhere in the City.

In response to concerns expressed by certain residents' organizations, the City has decided to refine the proposed OPA to authorize Section 37 funding of HCD studies in specified areas that exhibit characteristics warranting further research and possible designation as HCDs under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Heritage Preservation Services staff, in collaboration with the Ryerson School of Planning, has created maps for inclusion in the proposed OPA, showing the general locations of potential HCDs. The proposed OPA would authorize Section 37 funding of HCD studies in development projects that are in, or in close proximity to, the areas of potential identified on the maps.

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to obtain further information on the proposed OPA and to view the proposed maps, ask questions and provide feedback. Staff will present the proposed OPA, including the maps, and make available the profiles of potential HCD study areas. In addition to providing comments at the meeting, you can make your views known

For further information and/or discussion about the proposed mapping, please contact Scott Barrett, Senior Preservation Coordinator, Heritage Preservation Services at 416-338-1083, Email: sbarret3@toronto.ca

TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Toronto District School Board in partnership with the Toronto Public Library will be delivering a series of targeted Intimate Parent/Caregiver Conversation Cafes (IPCC) that will focus on engaging parents in schools and their children's education. These sessions will be offered during the months of May/June.

For more information, you may e-mail Linda Mendonca at outreach@tdsb.on.ca or call 416-394-2070.

TORONTO RESIDENTS EMBRACE NATURAL APPROACH TO LAWN CARE

Toronto Public Health is joining forces with major home and garden retailers to help residents follow Toronto's pesticide bylaw. Starting this coming weekend, experts from Toronto Public Health will be on-site at various Canadian Tire and Home Depot stores and Humber and Sheridan nurseries to provide tips on using natural products to protect lawns from weeds and pests and the safe disposal of unwanted pesticides.

"Toronto's pesticide bylaw is working," said Toronto Medical Officer of Health Dr. David McKeown. "Since the bylaw was passed in 2004, residents are using fewer pesticides and more natural alternatives." Dr. McKeown released a report last year showing that by the second year of the bylaw, Toronto homeowners reported 35 per cent less pesticide use.

Pesticide bylaw presentations

Saturday, May 10	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Canadian Tire (Keele St. and St. Clair Ave. W.)
Saturday, May 10	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Canadian Tire (Leslie St. and Sheppard Ave. E.)
Saturday, May 17	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Home Depot Gerrard Square (1000 Gerrard St. E.)
Sunday, May 18	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Home Depot Leaside (101 Wickstead Ave.)
Saturday, May 24	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Humber Nurseries (8386 Hwy 50)
Saturday, June 7	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sheridan Nurseries (784 Sheppard Ave. E.)
Saturday, June 7	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sheridan Nurseries (2827 Yonge St.)
Sunday, June 8	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sheridan Nurseries (1774 Ellesmere Rd.)
Sunday, June 8	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sheridan Nurseries (2069 Burnamthorpe Rd. E.)

Residents can also find information about the bylaw and natural products at retailers across the city, at the City's Community Environment Days (2008 schedule available at: www.toronto.ca/environment_days), online at www.toronto.ca/pesticides or by calling 416-338-7600.

REPORTING AIRPORT NOISE

With the summer season upon us and your constituents spending more time outside and at home with windows open, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the process for submitting questions or concerns regarding the impacts of aircraft activity in their area.

As you may know, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is responsible for noise mitigation for aircraft operating to and from Toronto Pearson within a 10 nautical mile radius of the airport. The GTAA works with NAV Canada (air traffic control), Transport Canada, and the Community Environment and Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC) to mitigate the impacts of aircraft activity on local communities.

If a resident has a question or would like to register a complaint, please direct them to the community relations page on www.gtaa.com or have them phone our noise office directly at **(416) 247-7682**. [Link to Submit Noise Questions & Concerns](#) For noise complaints beyond the 10 nautical miles of Toronto Pearson, contact Transport Canada at (416) 952-0335.

Our team in the GTAA noise management office will follow up with residents to answer any of their questions or address their concerns. On the basis of these complaints and their own extensive monitoring, the GTAA enforcement office investigates potential violations, takes preventative actions, and recommends monetary penalties to be assessed by Transport Canada.

Residents are also welcome to attend the GTAA's regularly scheduled CENAC meetings to discuss issues relating to the environment and the mitigation of aircraft noise. Meetings are open to the public and attended by officials from the GTAA, airport stakeholders, and community representatives. More information on the CENAC, including a schedule of upcoming meetings, can be found on our website at: [Link to Community Environment Noise Advisory Committee](#)

TTC RAMPING UP ROUTES TO SUMMER ATTRACTIONS!

The TTC is pleased to announce the following transit service increases to Toronto's favourite summer destinations. These service changes mean faster and more frequent rides to your favourite spots starting on Sunday, May 11.

TO HARBOURFRONT, ONTARIO PLACE, EXHIBITION PLACE

6 BAY

§ Seasonal service change

Bus service runs later into the early evening on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Buses run every 17 minutes.

29 DUFFERIN (ACCESSIBLE)

§ Seasonal route extension

Summer seasonal service runs on the route extension to Ontario Place. Buses on the 29B "To Exhibition & Ontario Place" branch will run after 9 a.m. daily.

509 HARBOURFRONT

§ Seasonal service change

Service increases at most time of the week, running every seven to 10 minutes throughout the day. Late-evening service runs every 10 to 15 minutes, seven days a week, until about 1 a.m.

510 SPADINA

§ Seasonal service change

Service increases between Spadina Station and Queens Quay on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

TO CANADA'S WONDERLAND

165 WESTON RD NORTH (accessible):

§ Seasonal route extension

At the request of York Region Transit, service extends to Canada's Wonderland on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays until Saturday, November 1. Buses run every 24 minutes during the daytime on Saturdays and about every 32-40 minutes on Sundays and holidays.

TO CHERRY BEACH

172 CHERRY STREET (ACCESSIBLE)

§ Seasonal service change

Direct bus service runs from Union Station to Cherry Beach (Clarke Beach Park) on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Buses run to Commissioners' Street every 30 minutes Monday-to-Friday evenings; to Cherry Beach every 20 minutes on Saturdays; and every 30 minutes on Sundays and holidays. Last buses are at about 1:15 a.m. every day.

TO LAKE SHORE

92 WOODBINE SOUTH

§ Seasonal service change

Bus service increases to every 10 minutes in the early evenings on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The last bus will leave the Lake Shore at 12:15 a.m. every day.

TO PARC DOWNSVIEW PARK

101 PARC DOWNSVIEW PARK (ACCESSIBLE)

§ Seasonal service change

Bus service runs from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Buses run every 20 minutes.

To Toronto Zoo starting on Saturday, May 17

85 Sheppard East (accessible)

§ Later service to Toronto Zoo

Starting on Saturday, May 17, later bus service will be provided from the Toronto Zoo in the early evening on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The last trips to Don Mills Station and Rouge Hill GO Station will leave from the zoo at about 8:30 p.m.

86 SCARBOROUGH (ACCESSIBLE)

§ Seasonal route extension to Toronto Zoo

Starting on Saturday, May 17, the buses will run to the Toronto Zoo on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Later service will be provided from the Toronto Zoo in the early evening, Monday to Friday. The last bus will leave from the zoo at 8:30 p.m.

IF YOU'RE LEAVING TOWN

192 AIRPORT ROCKET (ACCESSIBLE)

§ Service increase

Bus service increases at busy times of the week, to reduce crowding and to accommodate increased summer travel to and from Pearson Airport.

For more information on these and other service changes, TTC customers can call 416 393-INFO (4636), check the InfoPosts located at transfer locations on their routes, or visit www.ttc.ca.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO 13 TTC ROUTES

Starting on Sunday, May 11, the TTC is introducing 30 service increases on the following 13 bus and streetcar routes to help reduce crowding:

- § **24 Victoria Park (accessible):** Monday-to-Friday morning; afternoon rush and late evening.
- § **32 Eglinton West (accessible):** Sunday and holiday daytime and early evening.
- § **68 Warden:** Monday-to-Friday morning rush.
- § **73 Royal York:** Saturday, Sunday and holiday daytime.
- § **105 Dufferin North (accessible):** Monday-to-Friday morning and afternoon rush; bus route extends to Major Mackenzie Drive (operated jointly with YRT).
- § **110 Islington South:** Saturday evening.
- § **111 East Mall (accessible):** Saturday afternoon; Sunday and holiday early evening.
- § **113 Danforth (accessible):** Saturday afternoon.
- § **117 Alness:** Monday-to-Friday afternoon rush.
- § **123 Shorncliffe (accessible):** Monday-to-Friday morning rush, and midday, Saturday afternoon, Sunday and holiday afternoon and early evening.
- § **165 Weston Rd North (accessible):** Bus route extends to Canada Drive; service increases along Major Mackenzie Drive (operated jointly with YRT).
- § **168 Symington:** Monday-to-Friday midday.
- § **192 Airport Rocket (accessible):** Monday-to-Friday all day; Saturday, Sunday and holiday morning.

For more information on these and other service changes, TTC customers can call 416 393-INFO (4636), check the InfoPosts located at transfer locations on their routes, or visit www.ttc.ca.

TTC ADDS TWO MORE ACCESSIBLE BUS ROUTES

The TTC is pleased to introduce two more accessible bus routes. Starting on Sunday, May 11, the **32 Eglinton West** and **307 Eglinton West** bus routes will be wheelchair and scooter friendly.

Sixty-five per cent of the TTC's bus routes (110 of 167 routes) are now accessible.

The new routes will be served by low-floor, kneeling buses equipped with a flip-ramp. These buses can be identified by blue lights on either side of the front destination sign, and the blue international wheelchair symbol displayed above the front right bumper next to the entrance door.

All fully accessible buses include two wheelchair/scooter positions. The TTC now has more than 1,200 accessible buses in its fleet - and more are coming!

TTC customers can call 416 393-INFO (4636) or visit www.ttc.ca for more service information and for a complete accessible route listing.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

City Council meeting of April 28 and 29, 2008

Banning handguns in Canada

City Council approved a motion asking the federal government to ban handguns in Canada, including the sale, purchase and possession of any handgun. Police officers and military personnel would be excluded from the ban. Council also voted to ask the Government of Canada to institute a mandatory five-year minimum sentence for any person found guilty of handgun possession and those persons involved in the sale or purchase of such firearms. A national handgun ban is just one of a number of initiatives aimed at ensuring the safety of Toronto neighbourhoods and communities. Other initiatives include advocating for stronger border security to stop illegal guns from being smuggled into Canada from the U.S., pushing for tougher laws to address the illegal use of guns, and building on the success of the Toronto Police Service's Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (TAVIS). This approach is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Toronto Gun Violence Strategy,

which is part of the Mayor's Community Safety Plan. Passed unanimously by City Council in March 2004, the Mayor's Community Safety Plan balances law enforcement with crime prevention, builds on strengths in neighbourhoods, and builds partnerships to increase employment, training and recreational opportunities for youth in Toronto's priority neighbourhoods. Staff will report back in June 2008 on further options and measures the City can implement to address gun violence.

Increased penalties for running a red light

Council recommended a package of stiffer penalties for red-light running offences. The proposed new fines and penalties will be sent to the Government of Ontario for consideration and implementation. As part of the package, the City is requesting the Province to consider raising the fine from \$180 to \$500, and increasing the demerit points from three to five for red-light running offences. Council is also calling for the immediate suspension of the driver's licence of any driver convicted of multiple red-light running offences or who causes an injury as a result of running a red light. Red-light cameras have resulted in significant reductions in the number of collisions at red-light camera locations. In May 2006, City Council approved an expansion of the program from the initial 10 cameras in 37 locations to a total of 98 cameras in 169 locations by the end of 2009. The City has operated red-light cameras since November 2000.

Support for International Car Free Day

City Council expressed its support for International Car Free Day, an annual event celebrated by 100 million people in 1,500 cities around the world that is supported by the European Union, the United Nations and the federal government. Car Free Day began in Canada on September 22, 2001 when Toronto became the first North American city to officially host a Car Free Day event. Car Free Day street events and forums highlight the many problems caused by the dependence on automobiles, including air pollution, global warming, stress and safety issues. This international event emphasizes the rights of pedestrians and cyclists, the need for more and better public transit, and helps people rediscover their local community outside the confines of their vehicles. In November 2007, Toronto's Medical Officer of Health released a study estimating that vehicle-borne pollution contributes to about 440 premature deaths in Toronto and costs the city's economy \$2.2 billion each year.

New underground PATH pedestrian tunnel

Council endorsed the expansion of the existing underground PATH system to include a new underground York St. pedestrian connection between Union Station and Wellington St. W. The \$65-million project is based on the need to plan and prepare for the significant increase in pedestrian demands within Union Station over the next 15 to 20 years. The additional pedestrian facilities are required to relieve congestion and support future downtown growth and pedestrian activities generated in part by GO Transit's ongoing service expansion. Council also directed staff to pursue a tri-partite partnership with the other levels of government and private sector stakeholders to fund the construction and maintenance of the new PATH pedestrian connection. GO Transit has indicated they would support a recommendation to fund one-third of the cost, as a provincial contribution. The new underground pedestrian tunnel promotes public transit and other more sustainable modes of transportation, as well as the revitalization of Union Station.

Motorcycles and scooters permitted in HOV Lanes

Council agreed to allow motorcycles and scooters to use the City's High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes. This change will take effect once the existing HOV signs are altered to include a motorcycle/scooter pictogram, which is expected to be completed over the next couple of months. Since HOV Lanes are situated next to the curb, safety for these motorists is expected to be improved.

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