

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.

Finally, rather than print this email, please conserve paper and forward it 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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CELEBRATING THE MOMENT

Friday, May 2nd

7:00 pm

Montgomery's Inn, Community Room
4709 Dundas Street West (at Islington Avenue)
For RSVP to 416-394-8113

Montgomery's Inn invites you to celebrate 50 years of photography with the Etobicoke Camera Club

SPRINGFEST CARNIVAL – LAMBTON KINGSWAY JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Saturday, May 3rd

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lambton Kingsway Junior Middle School

The event includes bouncy castles, games, dunk tanks, face painting, annual auction and more.

WILD THINGS WITH WINGS

Birdworks (Don Valley)

Saturday, May 3

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Visit www.davidSuzuki.org for details

David Suzuki, Majorie Harris and Dr. Laurence Packer at the Danforth Music Hall

Saturday, May 3

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Visit www.davidSuzuki.org for details

2008 HIKE FOR HOSPICE

Sunday, May 4th

Registration opens at 11:15 a.m. with our celebration starting at noon

Colonel Sam Smith Park,

Just south of the intersection of Kipling and Lakeshore.

There's no fee to register!

Hike for Hospice is an annual fundraising event that helps The Dorothy Ley Hospice provide services without charge to clients.

A new addition to this year's Hike program is our Tribute Ceremony. If you would like to honour someone special please contact us as soon as possible and we will acknowledge them at the Tribute Ceremony.

Registration opens at 11:15 a.m. with our celebration starting at noon. Come early for kids' face painting and Lofty the clown. Included for participants is a barbecue lunch after the Hike as well as a loot bag with goodies.

You can pre-register by calling the Hospice at 416-626-0116 or by going to www.dlhospice.org

For more information please call Greg at the same number and dial ext. 226.

CITY OF TORONTO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING
Planning Application: 1640 THE QUEENSWAY

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Main Boardroom, Etobicoke Civic Centre

399 The West Mall

Site

This 0.46 hectare parcel of land is located at the north-east corner of The Queensway and The East Mall. An existing Sunoco gas station and car wash is currently located on the site.

Proposal

This application proposes to demolish the existing Sunoco gas station kiosk building, canopy and pump islands and construct a new gas bar having a 112 square metre convenience store. The existing car wash will be maintained on the site, but given an upgraded image. The proposal will provide one driveway from The East Mall and one driveway from The Queensway.

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to have input on this project, view the plans and ask questions. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can still make your views known by sending a fax to (416) 394-6063 or by writing to Gregg Lintern, Director, Community Planning, Etobicoke York District, City Planning Division, 2 Civic Centre Court, 3rd Floor, Toronto On., M9C 5A3.

If you would like further information about the proposal, please contact Greg Hobson-Garcia, Planner, at (416) 394-2615.

22 DIVISION TORONTO POLICE &
D22 COMMUNITY POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Saturday, May 10th

11:00am – 3:00pm

Location: 22 Division

3699 Bloor Street West

(West of Islington Avenue)

Free Parking

**Come out and enjoy the day with your local Police, D22 C.P.L.C.,
D22 Community Service Groups, Toronto Ambulance and Fire Service**

[Guest Chef – Chief William Blair](#)

FEATURING

“Officer Pat Troll” Police Mascot

“Elmer” The Safety Council Mascot

Child Fingerprinting – Toronto Police

Go Transit – Safety Train Village Display

Police Station Tours

Police Exhibits: Horses, Motorcycles, Police ATV's,

Bicycles, K9 Unit

The George Kash Band – Live

Fundraising CPLC BBQ and Beverages

Face Painter, Clowns

And **MUCH, MUCH MORE**

See You There!!!

All proceeds go to the D22 Scholarship Fund

Contact PC Mitch LeBlanc @ 416-808-2215 for further information

PUTTING THE CITIZEN BACK IN PLANNING

Saturday, May 10

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Etobicoke Civic Centre

For more information: call 416-366-1656

www.peopleplantoronto.org

Examine and discuss how community needs and preferences are incorporated into the planning and development of your neighbourhoods.

SWANSEA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, May 28th

7:30PM

Rousseau Room, 1

95 Lavinia Ave.

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

KRAPP HOSTED NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING

KINGSWAY RATEPAYERS AGAINST POOR PLANNING

Thursday, May 29th 7:00 pm

Lambton Kingsway Junior Middle School, Gymnasium

The following message has been provided to my office by KRAPP:

As earlier reported, 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.

In order to ensure that we are all up to speed on this important issue KRAPP will hold a community meeting at the Lambton-Kingsway School gym on May 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Please make sure that you attend and ask your neighbours to join you.

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/>

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**

2. WARD NOTICES / COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED NO STOPPING PROHIBITION

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MATTICE AVENUE, EAST OF JOPLING AVENUE

June 10, 2008

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

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.

STEPHEN DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION **3 DAY TEMPORARY CLOSURE - BERRY ROAD & STEPHEN DRIVE INTERSECTION**

Monday May 5, 2008, 9:00am to Thursday, May 8, 2008, 7:00am

Construction work for the Reconstruction of Stephen Drive – Phase 1 from The Queensway to Berry Road is continuing with storm and sanitary sewer work taking place south of Berry Road. Road work is to start at The Queensway the week of May 5, 2008.

As part of the work, deep storm and sanitary manholes need to be installed at the Berry Road – Stephen Drive intersection. In order to properly carry out this work in a safe and efficient manner, the Technical Services and Transportation Services Divisions of the City of Toronto as the Road Authority plan to **temporarily close the Berry Road / Stephen Drive intersection to all vehicular traffic** for a 3 day period starting Monday, May 5, 2008. The traffic restriction is necessary to safely construct the new manholes and related sewers and to provide protection for all pedestrians, vehicles and construction crews.

We apologize for this inconvenience and trust that you will be patient and understanding during this process.

During the 3 day period, access for emergency vehicles, local residents and garbage pick-up will be maintained for all area streets. Local residents will be able to access their street and address as follows:

Affected Streets:

For: Stonegate Road, River Valley Crescent, Tanglewood Terrace, Fiesta Lane, Trillium Terrace

For: Stephen Drive north of Berry Road

For: Stephen Drive south of Berry Road

Access by:

Use: River Valley Crescent, Stephen Drive and Cloverhill Road

Use: Riverwood Parkway, Kings Point Drive

Use: Stephen Drive and Cloverhill Road

The current temporary routing of the local TTC bus will remain unchanged during this 3 day closure.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact **Mr. Eric Leon, Senior Project Engineer at 416-394-8442** or the site inspector. You may obtain emergency service by calling 416-394-8615.

STRATH AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT **INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO STRATH AND QUEEN MARYS**

The Works Department / Transportation Services have advised that this contract, which began last Fall, will restart in mid-May and be completed as soon as possible. I will advise as soon as I have an exact start date, and will circulate an update to effected residents in the coming weeks. Notices will be hand-delivered from the Works Department 48 hours before they commence work, to advise of the scope of work and any disruption to their driveway access etc.

I am currently working with departmental staff to have intersection improvements at Strath and Queen Marys done with this pre-planned resurfacing project (rather than to waste money by having the intersection improvements done at a later date this year, and eliminate additional inconvenience to residents). The

improvements are geared to reduce the excess pavement width, increasing greenspace, and slow down traffic at this intersection.

ROYAL YORK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE 8 **(NORSEMAN STREET TO MIMICO CREEK)**

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SIDEWALK AND PEDESTRIAN FOOT BRIDGE **EAST SIDE OF ROYAL YORK ROAD**

Wednesday April 16, 2008, 9:00am to May 2008

In order to properly carry out road reconstruction work for Royal York Road in a safe, quick and efficient manner, the Technical Services and Transportation Services Divisions of the City of Toronto as the Road Authority plan to **temporarily close the pedestrian foot bridge crossing Mimico Creek on Royal York Road from Norseman Street to Mimico Creek** starting Wednesday, April 16, 2008 to May 2008. The footbridge closure is necessary to safely construct the new roadway and sidewalk in an efficient manner and to provide protection for all pedestrians, vehicles and construction crews. If work proceeds well, the foot bridge and east sidewalk on Royal York Road will be reopened earlier. The west sidewalk for Royal York Road from Norseman Street to Mimico Creek will remain open.

We apologize for this inconvenience and trust that you will be patient and understanding during this process.

During the closure period, students and residents who normally use the pedestrian foot bridge can access the west sidewalk of Royal York Road by using Glenroy Avenue and the pedestrian crosswalk just north of Glenroy Avenue. Alternatively, access to Royal York Road can be made by using the pedestrian footbridge across Mimico Creek at Berry Road.

The TTC northbound bus stop located on the east side of Royal York Road across from the apartment buildings at #'s 800 and 810 Royal York Road will be closed and not accessible. TTC patrons can use the existing northbound bus stop at Norseman Street or the existing northbound bus stop at Glenroy Avenue.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact **Mr. Eric Leon, Senior Project Engineer at 416-394-8442** or the site inspector. You may obtain emergency service by calling 416-394-8615.

TEMPORARY NORTHBOUND BUS DIVERSION VIA NORSEMAN STREET

The City of Toronto, Transportation Services is continuing with its storm sewer, watermain and roadway reconstruction project of Royal York Road. Work is presently being conducted south of Bloor Street near Norseman Street.

Beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 5, 2008 the work will require the closure of the northbound direction on Royal York Road at Norseman Street. As a result, northbound TTC buses will be diverted around the construction zone via west on Norseman Street.

To minimize the impact on TTC customers attempting to access the Bloor subway line during this phase of the construction work, buses on the 76 Royal York South and 15 Evans routes will be operated from the Islington Station. Southbound buses on Royal York Road will maintain regular routing from Bloor Street.

City staff advises that northbound bus service can resume regular routing in early June 2008 or as soon as the road allowance is suitable for bus operation.

Northbound Transit Service Changes

76 Royal York South and 15 Evans buses will be diverted via:

- Norseman Street: one way west from Royal York Road to Islington Avenue

- Islington Avenue: one way north from Norseman Street to the Islington subway station

Southbound Transit Service Changes

- Bloor Street: one way east from Islington subway station to Royal York Road and Bloor
- Royal York Road: regular routing southbound

TTC route and scheduling information is available by calling the TTC Information Line at (416) 393-INFO.

*****INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DURING THIS PHASE**

Extra 40 km/h signs will be installed on Royal York Road. There will also be east/west green time on Norseman Street at Islington Avenue increased and this should help with the extra traffic that Norseman Street will be carrying during the directional closure.

DUNDAS STREET OVER HUMBER RIVER - STRUCTURE REHABILITATION

Anticipated Project Start Date: **July 2008**

Expected Project Completion Date: **December 2009**

The City of Toronto plans to rehabilitate the Dundas Street Bridge over the Humber River starting in July 2008 (**see map on reverse**). This work is being carried out as part of a bridge maintenance and improvement program. The purpose of the work is to:

- Restore and preserve the structural integrity of the bridge;
- Prolong the service life of the bridge;
- Achieve conformity with the current Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code; and
- Improve the durability of the structure.

Construction will begin in July 2008 and continue until December 2009.

Construction Details

❖ The project will involve removal and reconstruction of concrete bridge deck and sidewalk, replacement of existing concrete parapet and hand railings; new waterproofing and asphalt, substructure repairs, and localized concrete repairs; relocation of utility plants off the bridges if possible.

❖ The work will be done in two stages.

Stage 1 will involve work on the **north side** of the bridge with traffic on the south side (**July 2008 – February 2008**)

Stage 2 will begin upon completion of stage 1. It will involve work on the **south side** of the bridge with traffic transferred to the north side (**February 2008 – December 2009**).

Pedestrian Access and Traffic Details

One lane of vehicular traffic will be maintained in both directions for the duration of the rehabilitation work.

Pedestrians will be restricted to use the sidewalk on the south side when construction is on the north side of the bridge, and the sidewalk on the north side when construction is on the south side of the bridge.

Some noise is to be expected in the vicinity of the bridge during construction. All efforts will be made to minimize service interruptions during the removal of the concrete bridge decks and sidewalks. Minor service interruption is expected during the relocation of existing utilities. Notices will be sent out 48 hours in advance informing of any service interruptions.

Advance traffic warning signs will be posted in the area to advise the public on traffic restrictions, lane closures and pedestrian crossings.

Access to the neighbouring homes and condominium will be maintained. Nearby schools and hospital will not be affected by this rehabilitation work.

Work Hours

Construction work will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Extended hours and weekend work may be required in order to complete construction on schedule.

ROAD CLOSURE – HOME SMITH PARK

The roadway in Home Smith Park is scheduled for reconstruction this year and therefore will not be accessible by car. While I do appreciate this will cause some inconvenience, I do appreciate your patience while this much needed work is done.

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (EYCC)

NEXT MEETING OF EYCC

**Tuesday, May 6th, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

**Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall
Council Chambers**

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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 deputation, 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

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

CITY OF TORONTO /CITY COUNCIL NEWS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT THE ONTARIO FOOD TERMINAL

In an effort to improve the retention of stormwater and the aesthetics along The Queensway, the University of Toronto's Centre for Landscape Research, the City of Toronto and the Ontario Food Terminal (OFT), worked with TRCA to naturalize a 750-metre stretch of mowed grass buffering the OFT and The Queensway.

The project included the planting of 225 poplar trees along The Queensway and the establishment of wildflower grasses. To assist the survival of the trees, the compacted soil was excavated and replaced with upgraded soil, while the OFT will irrigate and maintain the naturalized buffer.

In 2008, naturalization and new stormwater retention initiatives will continue along the perimeter of the OFT.

PESTICIDE BYLAW BANS WEED AND BUG KILLERS

The City of Toronto is reminding residents to comply with the pesticide bylaw and choose natural ways to care for your lawns and gardens. The City's Pesticide Bylaw bans weed and bug killers in almost all circumstances. Fines for breaking the bylaw start at \$255.

Pesticides can be dangerous, and not just to the people that use them. Studies have linked pesticides to health problems, including cancer, Parkinson's Disease and birth defects. They can also run off lawns and into Lake Ontario, the source of our drinking water.

Visit www.toronto.ca/pesticides or call 416-338-7600 for information on:

- tips for fighting common weeds and pests
- which products to buy and which ones to avoid
- how to choose the right lawn care company
- natural lawn and garden care basics
- how to safely dispose of unwanted pesticides

The bylaw is working. Pesticide use is down in Toronto, and more people are using natural ways to care for their lawns and gardens. Thank you for helping us keep our City and our residents healthy.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Toronto City Council **May 26th and 27th, 2008**
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Council Chamber

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

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Please direct any questions to:

City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 100 Queen St. West

Toronto ON M5H 2N2

or call 416-392-7032

CITY COUNCIL DECISION **TTC - AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE ?**

The Notice of Motion before Council this week to declare the TTC an essential service, was referred back to Executive Committee. It will now be debated at their meeting of May 5/08, where specific direction will be given to staff around seeking out information to determine the parameters of such a designation. The Final debate will take place in September.

Why this approach or process?

1. Other Cities have tackled the issue of essential transit service in different ways. Montreal, as an example, only designates rush hour services as essential. We need to consider the parameters of essential service as well (i.e. the entire TTC network all the time or some variation).
2. The City will be engaging in binding arbitration in the coming weeks and the timing of the essential service designation is a sensitive issue.
3. The City has to further consider what changes to labour laws/regulation we may ask of the Province to protect the City (taxpayers) from excessive arbitration awards.

I have no doubt that on a simple yes/no vote by Council to designate the TTC an essential service today the vote would have been positive. I do support declaring the TTC an essential service, however this needs to be done in a smart way. I personally favour some kind of partial essential service designation as that would exert pressure on the Union to be more reasonable while maintaining crucial services (such as Wheeltrans, subways, and key routes). Failing that we need to ask the Province to change the way binding arbitration works with Public Sector workers. The default position these days is to simply give the highest previous award to next bargaining unit that goes through arbitration. The City of Toronto cannot afford this either.


Of course this Union has demonstrated a willingness to strike illegally. The last strike cost the Union and employees \$2.5 million in penalties. But I have no doubt that they would do it again. Unfortunately, even an essential service designation is no guarantee of them showing up to work.

Please watch for further comment on this matter as it is debated at Executive Committee and by City Council.

If you do not wish to receive my e-Updates, please email me back and request that your name be removed from this distribution list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Ming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent underline for the name "Ming".

 Please consider the environment before printing this email note.
Avant d'imprimer, pensez à l'environnement!