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WARD 5 NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW ON MY WEBSITE? **WWW.PETERMILCZYN.COM**

Since the launch of the new Ward Website last year, many of you have taken the time to visit it. It is updated weekly with new information on City and Etobicoke news/events and meetings.

What information is on my website?

- Maps detailing where Parks, Schools, Churches and Fire Stations are in the Ward
- Links to important City of Toronto websites as well as Etobicoke sites with local information
- A monthly POLL question, which allows me to find out what you think about current City concerns
- A direct sign-up (for your neighbours and friends) to sign up to receive this e-update
- Copies of all previous Newsletters, e-updates and flyers are posted on this site....and more!

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE - NEW WATERMAIN FROM NORTH QUEEN & EAST MALL TO RICHVIEW RESERVOIR (MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY)

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Etobicoke Civic Centre, Main Board Room, 339 The West Mall

The City is carrying out a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for a new watermain starting at North Queen Street and the East Mall extending to the Richview Reservoir. The new watermain is needed to support the existing watermain, reinforce supply, increase security and improve system hydraulic performance.

The purpose of the second open house is to present the results of the evaluation of the route options; introduce the preferred route option; and the next steps of the study. Members of the public will be invited to drop in to view information displays, speak with members of the study team and provide their comments.

12th ANNUAL ART SHOW & SALE – KINGSWAY-LAMBTON UNITED CHURCH

Saturday, April 4, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kingsway-Lambton United Church
85 The Kingsway at Prince Edward Drive
For more info: 416-233-3123
Admission: \$10

Meet 35 artists, draw prize, original oil on canvas by Anthony Batten , 20" X 20"

PROVINCE SHORT-LISTS FOUR COMPANIES FOR NEW POWER PLANT PROPOSALS

The Ontario Power Authority (a Provincial Agency) announced on January 16, 2009 that they have short-listed four companies to bid on the construction of an 850 Megawatt natural-gas fuelled power plant in the southwest GTA.

One of those four companies is pursuing a proposal to bid on and construct a plant in Ward 5. The other three companies are looking at facilities in Mississauga and Oakville.

Trans-Canada Pipelines and Ontario Power Generation, in partnership as Portlands Energy Centre L.P., are proposing to the Ontario Power Authority to build a facility on the west side of Kipling Avenue, north of North Queen Street, at the rear of the Manby Transformation Station, located on Hydro property.

There is little information beyond that available at this time. These Companies won't be submitting formal Request for Proposals for a few months.

What I do know at this point in time is:

- The Province wants a power plant constructed somewhere along the main power transmission corridor leading into the Manby Transformation station. This limits the potential sites to properties in either south Oakville, south Mississauga, or south Etobicoke.
- A contract to award the construction of a power plant will be awarded before the end of this year, and **one location** will be built somewhere in the southwest GTA in a few years.
- **The site being considering in Etobicoke forms part of the Hydro property and is zoned U-Utility, which does allow for Power Plants.**
- As part of the RFP process they are required to conduct (as part of their submission for the RFP) Open Houses and Public Consultation.
- I will be demanding very extensive notice to residents in the area of any open houses and public consultation sessions. I may also demand additional public sessions in Ward 5 to ensure that the public has access to all available information.
- TransCanada and OPG have expressed their intent to work with the community, myself, and other Etobicoke Councillors, and maximize communications during the course of submitting their bid, and on an ongoing basis should their proposal be the one that is awarded.

Some of the key items of importance that I will be seeking information on are:

- Impact on neighbouring properties
- Type of power generation technology proposed

- Type of environmental remediation technology used
- Location/size of plant

As I receive more information in the coming months, I will share it with you and ensure that public meetings are held. If you have questions, please contact me. Please see the information in the section below on the **Public Open House scheduled on February 17th, 2009** or call my office for the details.

ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

5:00 – 7:00 pm Open House

7:00 – 8:30 pm Discussion

Franklin Horner Community Centre, 432 Horner Avenue

For more info: Please call 1-800-797-9604 or email info@powerauthority.on.ca

(please include “southwestern GTA” in subject line)

or visit the website at <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/swgta/>

The Ontario Power Authority is holding a public information session to discuss plans for a new source of electricity supply in your community and respond to your questions and concerns.

This session will provide information on:

- The need for new electricity supply to address rising demand
- How Ontario’s electricity system is getting greener and cleaner
- The plan to phase our coal-fired generation
- Why different forms of generation are required
- How natural gas plants operate
- The role of conservation

ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

NEXT MEETING OF EYCC (ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Monday, February 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/2009/agendas/ev.htm>

Ward 5 Items on the Agenda

Environmental Initiatives Summary

10:00 am

Presentation by Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, on the Division's environmental initiatives, including the environmental activities of the Waterfront Secretariat.

[Sign Variance Report – 16 Queen Elizabeth Boulevard](#)

10:30am

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18415.pdf>)

[Sign Variance Report – 3015 Bloor Street West](#)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18553.pdf>)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18554.pdf>)

[2800 Bloor Street West – Zoning By-law Amendment and Rental Housing Demolition and Conversion Applications – Refusal Report](#)

8:00 pm

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18542.pdf>)

[Capital Works Projects, 2009 – Highway Alteration By-laws and Sidewalk Installations](#)

January 20, 2009 report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18562.pdf>)

Attachments

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18563.pdf>)

Appendix A

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18564.pdf>)

[Burnhamthorpe Crescent Traffic Calming](#)

January 5, 2009 Report (recommending that official Polling of residents take place)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18433.pdf>)

Attachment

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18434.pdf>)

[Designation of Fire Routes and amendment to Chapter 880 – Fire Routes \(245 Dalesford Road\)](#)

January 15, 2009 report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18531.pdf>)

By-law

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-18532.pdf>)

[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 COUNCIL NEWS & TORONTO EVENTS

BIOSOLIDS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

You are invited to attend a Public Information Session to learn more about the Biosolids Master Plan, and the work completed to date, including identification of alternative solutions and the proposed approach that will be used to select preferred solutions. Please drop in anytime between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm to view displays, speak with the project team and provide your comments.

Thursday, February 5, 2009

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Etobicoke School for the Arts, Cafeteria

675 Royal York Road

Please visit the website at

<http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/wws/biosolids/index.htm>

or email: biosolids@toronto.ca

or call Nancy Martins, Public Consultation Unit, 416-392-4390

RECREATION GUIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation division has launched the Adapted Programs & Integrated Services Guide for People with Disabilities. The guide details the recreation programs and services available which are improving access, reducing barriers and promoting greater awareness of recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. Programming includes Art Alive/Painting and Drawing for individuals 19 and older, 'C' is 4 Cooking for children 6 to 12 years, and Kingsway Clubs - a recreational social club for adults 21 and older with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

www.toronto.ca/parks/Adapted_Integrated

NEW!

CITY OF TORONTO PROVIDES WEBLINK TO SEARCH FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

You can now search for Development Projects or individual Planning Applications by Ward, District, Address and Application Number back to January 1, 2006. A search by Development Projects will show the details of the various applications on a given site at

<http://www.toronto.ca/planning/developmentapplications/>

A search by individual Planning Applications will show details for every application.

Information on detailed project data, status, public meeting dates and contact information is available for these applications:

- Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-Law Amendment
- Site Plan Control
- Plan of Condominium
- Plan of Subdivision
- Part Lot Control Exemption
- Rental Housing Demolition and Conversion

TTC BEGINS e-ALERT SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Starting Wednesday, January 14, 2009 TTC customers will be able to get information about subway/RT service disruptions by subscribing to: [My TTC e-Alerts](#)

Since the fall of 2007 electronic notices have been posted at the TTC website under Service Advisories, to advise customers of major service disruptions on the subway and Scarborough RT. The information advises customers of the location of the disruption and informs them that shuttle buses have been put in place. e-Alerts is a subscription based service that allows customers to receive this information via email.

BIKING IN WINTER – ITS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Even though it's winter in Toronto, you can still use your bike during the season. In fact, an increasing number of people are commuting to work even during the coldest days of the year. Biking in winter can be quite enjoyable as long as you dress for the occasion. If you dress in layers, wear the proper clothing and use clothes that block the wind, you will find that your bike is not only effective in helping you get around, but that it's actually quite enjoyable.

To make things easier for cyclists this year, the City is improving its service levels for cyclists. In addition to providing more attention to clearing snow from bike lanes, the City is also clearing sections of the Martin Goodman Trail – from Northern Dancer Boulevard to the lower part of Sherbourne Street and from Windermere Avenue to Stadium Road.

So, keep that bike handy – even in the winter. You'll find that it's a great way to get around, stay in shape and help the environment as well.

CHANGES TO THE NON-REGULATED (ON-DEMAND) LEAD TESTING PROGRAM

Residents living in single-family homes built prior to the mid-1950s may have lead pipes connecting their property to the City's water supply system. **Homes built after this time are not connected with lead pipes.**

Residents in homes with lead pipes and who are concerned about lead in their water can request a free test from Toronto Water. These residents should practice flushing (see below) in the interim.

To decrease significant waiting times encountered by residents requesting a free lead test, the Toronto Water Laboratory has consulted with Toronto Public Health and implemented the following changes to the lead testing program:

- Testing kits are now available at six Toronto Public Health offices (see below) throughout the City of Toronto
- Residents must pick-up a testing kit from an appropriate Toronto Public Health office, collect their water sample and return the sample to the Toronto Public Health office
- Toronto Water Lab staff will retrieve completed kits from the Public Health offices, analyze the

samples and contact the residents with their results

- The kits are available at front reception, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Residents should contact the Toronto Water Laboratory at [416-392-2894](tel:416-392-2894) to pre-register for the test BEFORE picking up a test kit
- Alternatively, residents can email waterqualityline@toronto.ca with their full name, mailing address and phone number – Lab staff will respond with confirmation the request has been registered and provide information about the pick-up locations

Residents should only use cold, flushed water for drinking and cooking. They should never use hot water from the tap for consumption as heated water may contain higher lead levels. Boiling water does not remove lead.

Flushing the taps

Water can be flushed by running the cold tap until the water is cold, and then continue letting it run for at least a minute before drinking, especially if it has been standing in the pipes for a few hours. Residents can conserve by storing a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than flushing the taps each time drinking water is needed. Other activities such as showering, flushing toilets and washing dishes can minimize the need to flush taps.

For residents with lead pipes who have an infant in the home, particularly infants fed with formula made with tap water; have a child under the age of six in the home; or are pregnant, Toronto Public Health recommends taking the added precaution of using a filter certified by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) to remove lead. The NSF-53 mark should be visible on the product label. The NSF can be contacted at [1-877-867-3435](tel:1-877-867-3435) or www.nsf.org

For more information about lead exposure and potential health risks, residents can contact Toronto Public Health at [416-338-7600](tel:416-338-7600) or www.toronto.ca/health/lead

Lead test kit pick-up/drop-off locations - West Region
Etobicoke Civic Centre, 4th floor
399 The West Mall, at Burnhamthorpe Road

DEBATE ON FREEZING SALARY INCREASE TO COUNCILLORS

On January 28, 2009 Toronto City Council tabled a Notice of Motion recommending that Toronto City Council freeze the cost of living salary increase for 2009 for the Mayor and City Councillors, as of January 1, 2009. The motion required a 2/3 vote of council in order to waive

referral to the Executive Committee. That vote was not achieved. Therefore, the item will now be heard at April's meeting of the Executive Committee.

Delaying this important matter until April's Executive Committee meeting is not acceptable to me. Councillors should act now if their intent is to not accept a pay increase this year. You are either in favour of it, or not. Period. Toronto's taxpayers are being asked to pay increased property taxes, new taxes and new garbage collection fees this year, all while experiencing declining employment rates, job losses and salary freezes in the private sector.

Immediately after referral of this item, I signed and submitted the required Donor's Declaration Form and have committed to not accepting any of the cost of living increase. I will not wait to see whether Council does the right thing.

The sooner this Council demonstrates discipline and leadership the better. It is incumbent on City Councillors to lead by example; to demonstrate leadership. While Mayor David Miller has done the right thing by announcing that he would freeze his salary for 2009, his leadership demands that he use his powers of persuasion to lead the rest of Council in the same direction.

TORONTO COUNCIL ENDORSES PLAN TO PROHIBIT SMOKING AT PLAYGROUNDS IN CITY PARKS

Toronto City Council approved a plan to make changes to the Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks, to prohibit smoking at playgrounds and other child-centred areas in City of Toronto parks. The proposed changes to the Municipal Code will prohibit smoking and the holding of lighted tobacco in Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation zoos, farms and within a nine-metre radius of playground safety surfaces or any playground equipment in City of Toronto parks, including wading pools and splash pads.

The City Solicitor will apply to the Province for the set fines to be imposed for the new offences created by the bylaw. It is expected that the bylaw will come into effect sometime this spring, after the set fines have been approved. Enforcement will be managed through Parks, Forestry and Recreation, with an initial focus on public awareness and education.

While I support all efforts to reduce the effects of second hand smoke, I did not support this Report at Council. My concern is that another City Bylaw has just been approved that will be difficult to enforce, and will give false hope to residents. Complaints to the bylaw offices of the Parks Department will have to be investigated, but often the 'smoker' will have left the park before a bylaw officer is on the scene. Increased education/signage geared at smokers, and a collective consciousness amongst all park users as to where it is acceptable to smoke (and doing so near children/others is just **not** acceptable) is a better expense of your taxpayers' dollars.

WINTERLICIOUS 2009 RETURNS !

Beginning January 30, the Winterlicious prix fixe promotion expands to 150 restaurants, offering more choice for foodies at Toronto's finest restaurants. New for 2009, a pilot initiative intended to encourage greater creativity in menu offerings is made available through a higher price category (\$30 lunch, \$45 dinner). The Winterlicious Culinary Events also offer 12 mouth-watering culinary adventures featuring some of Toronto's diverse cuisine and notable chefs.

The hugely popular prix-fixe restaurant promotion presented by American Express and a highlight of the WinterCity experience, Winterlicious returns with participating restaurants offering three-course prix-fixe menus at \$15, \$20 or \$30 for lunch and \$25, \$35 or \$45 for dinner. New restaurants to the city-wide line-up include Scarborough favourites Joey Bravos and Joe Maggianos, Asian restaurants Bangkok Garden and Circle Thai, Mildreds Temple Kitchen, Athelier Thuet and popular Distillery District hot spots Pure Spirits and Archeo.

Winterlicious is part of Toronto's WinterCity Festival presented by RBC. A celebration of culture, creativity and cuisine, WinterCity is 3 festivals in 1: the WOW! Series at Nathan Phillips Square, the Warm Up Series at Toronto's cultural and tourist attractions, and the ever-popular restaurant promotion, Winterlicious presented by American Express. For more information on a three streams of WinterCity programming, the public can call Access Toronto at 416-338-0338 or visit www.toronto.ca/special_events.

2009 GREEN TORONTO AWARDS

The call for nominations for the 2009 Green Toronto Awards - the City of Toronto's environmental awards of excellence -- has been initiated by the Toronto Environment Office. The following information is provided to help you spread the word within your community. Thank you in advance for engaging your community!

Nominations for Green Toronto Awards now open

The Green Toronto Awards honour and celebrate the individuals, organizations and businesses leading the way to a cleaner, greener and more liveable Toronto. Nominations are accepted in 10 award categories:

Community Projects; Energy Conservation; Environmental Awareness; Green Design; Green roof; Leadership; Market transformation: Water Efficiency and Youth.

Each winner will receive a prestigious Green Toronto Award and a \$5,000 donation to a registered charity of their choice. The deadline for nominations is February 27, 2009.

Online Nomination Form:

More information about the nomination process and an online nomination form is available at www.toronto.ca/greentorontoawards.

Call for nomination postcard

To help inform your constituents, I have attached a promotional postcard for use in your print and/or electronic newsletters. We will also deliver hard copies of this postcard, and a poster, to display in your office.

Awards ceremony: April 23, 2009

Winners of the fifth annual Green Toronto Awards will be announced at a ceremony at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, on April 23, 2009. The ceremony will serve as the kick-off event for the Green Living Show.

The ceremony will be hosted by Mayor David Miller, Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone and the world renowned environmentalist and actor Ed Begley Jr.

More information

If you have any follow-up questions or information needs, please contact Nancy Ruscica of the Toronto Environment Office at 2-2984 or visit www.toronto.ca/greentorontoawards.

NEXT TORONTO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Toronto City Council
February 23rd and 24th , 2009
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Council Chamber**

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2009/agendas/cc.htm>**

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Sincerely,

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