

October 17 2008 Ward e-Update

e-Newsletter from Toronto City Councillor PETER MILCZYN Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Dear Residents;

I am aware that my last *e*-update was just a week ago on October 9th, however during the last week, a lot of new information has been forwarded to my office. I felt best to send a second *e*-update this month in order to keep you well-informed.

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WHAT'S IN THIS *e*-UPDATE

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Mechanical Leaf Collection

This service was approved by Council to augment the bagged leaf/yard waste collection available across Toronto. The Mechanical Leaf Collection Program, which Council approved for some Etobicoke and Scarborough streets, has now been scheduled by Works Staff and details were forwarded to my office yesterday.

I was pleased to see that there will be **two different weeks of collection for each area (as compared to one week last year)**.

This program is scheduled to begin on **Monday, October 27, 2008** and continuing through to **Friday, December 5, 2008**. If your collection week is the week of November 10th - Please note that there will be no leaf collection on Remembrance Day, Tuesday, November 11th.

Not all streets in Ward 5 get the mechanical collection to augment the bagged leaf collection. Streets in Ward 5 who will receive Mechanical Leaf Collection will be notified of their scheduled collection weeks by a coloured flyer which will be delivered to their home by the Works Department. That Department has advised me that a map detailing all collection areas and weeks of collection, will be placed in the Etobicoke Guardian next week (Wednesday).

If you have questions about this service, please email me back or call my office for additional information **(416-392-4040)**. To find out more about the collection schedule, please review the map on the City of Toronto website below:

http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/leaf_pickup/pdf/leaves_etobicoke_streets.pdf

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MECHANICAL COLLECTION:

- **To facilitate maximum collection, all leaves must be raked to the edge of, but not onto the traveled portion of the roadway, before the start date of the collection week.**
- **In the event that snow falls prior to the completion of the program, Road Operations will cease collections but will resume collection during the month of April 29, 2009 to complete any area not done as a result of a snowfall.**
- **Please be further advised that Road Operations staff will not be returning in the spring to those streets that did receive their two scheduled mechanical leaf collections.**
- **Inclement weather (rain) may also impede the collection of leaves. Please bear this in mind on your collection weeks.**
- **To augment mechanical (vacuuming of leaves) collection, please remember that you can bag your leaves – or put in an open rigid container - and put out curbside on the collection days indicated in your garbage/recycling calendar.**

Islington Ratepayers and Residents Association (IRRA) – Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas Street West (Dundas and Islington)

The guest speaker will be Randall Reid who will give a history of "Dundas Street - from the Humber River to Six Points."

Neighbourhood Meeting hosted by Alterra-Finer Space Ltd
(to present their revised plans for 2 Fieldway Road – proposed Retirement Home)

When: Thursday, October 30, 2008
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 210
110 Jutland Rd.
(Approximately four blocks north of The Queensway, on the north-west side of Islington Ave.)

Purpose of Meeting

Alterra-Finer Space Ltd. would like to take the opportunity to introduce the community to their revised development proposal for the currently vacant lands located on the westerly portion of 2 Fieldway Rd.

Alterra-Finer Space Ltd. has stated the following to me: “After the highly successful conversion of the old Bell office building on the site to residential condominium units, we have revised our plans for the vacant portion of the site which was previously envisioned to be developed with street townhouses. Through consultation with industry experts, we have now determined that there is a need for a luxury retirement home in the neighbourhood. Accordingly, we have decided that a well designed retirement home would be the best use of the lands, and would like to proceed with the retirement home concept. We anticipate submitting applications for Site Plan Amendment and Minor Variances before the end of the year.”

Residents in the area have been sent notices/invites from the Developer and will have an opportunity to view site plan drawings of the proposed retirement home and ask questions about this proposal at this meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend. I plan to attend this meeting and be there to hear your opinion and views.

If you are unable to attend, and have questions, please contact the Developer at 416-964-1800.

West Kingsway Ratepayers Association (WKRA)

Date: Thursday, November 6th, 2008
Time: Social Time 7:15 p.m. - meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 210, 110 Jutland Avenue
For Information: email Bill Reynolds at thewkra@yahoo.ca

The WKRA have invited me to attend this meeting. I will, along with Laurel Broten, M.P.P. be there to meet with current and potential new members of this Ratepayers Association.

Current Members, past members and other residents of the WKRA area are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The WKRA represents the area bounded by Bloor St. West to the north; Mimico Creek and Royal York Rd. to the east; Kipling Ave. to the west and the H.E.P.C. power line (below Norseman) and Titan Road to the south”.

Royal York Road United Church hosts 40th Annual Fair

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00p.m.
Place: Royal York Road United Church, 851 Royal York Road

Baking, crafts, flea market, books, jewellery, silent auction, country store and cafe will all part of the fun. In honour of this anniversary, the first 40 families will receive a \$2 coupon!

Canadian Firefly Tank Restoration Fundraising Dance

Etobicoke Collegiate Initiative

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008
Place: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 210, 110 Jutland Avenue
For more info: Please see our website at www.ecifirefly.com

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute has undertaken to restore a World War II Sherman tank. They are holding a dance to raise money for parts. Cost of the tickets is \$15 and includes a dinner.

Dorothy Ley Hospice Halloween Bed Race

Date: Sunday (morning), October 26, 2008
Place: Bloor Street West, between Willingdon Blvd. and Wendover Road
For more info: and To register your team please visit www.dlhospice.org

The concept is simple... get a team of 8-10 people... decorate a bed... push it as fast as you can down a street. The inaugural 2008 Dorothy Ley Hospice Bed Race takes place in the Kingsway. If you wish to support this initiative, the goal is to raise \$120,000 to purchase eight beds for the Hospice Palliative Care Centre.

The 2008 PumpkinFest

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

The 5th annual PumpkinFest will be happening on Willingdon Blvd., just off Bloor Street West in the Kingsway area of Etobicoke. The street will be decorated with hay, corn stalks and pumpkins..... lots of pumpkins!!

This "PUMPKIN PATCH" just keeps getting better and bigger. They'll be clowns, face painters, street performers and costumed volunteers on hand to entertain the "little goblins". Dress up and meet us in the Kingsway for fun activities. Merchants will be handing out wrapped candies and treats to children dressed in Halloween costume.

ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Next Meeting Of EYCC (Etobicoke York Community Council)

Tuesday, November 18th, 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/2008/agendas/ey.htm>

NOTE – at the time of sending this update, the November Community Council Agenda is not public, and therefore I have not had the opportunity to review and list all Ward 5 items which will be voted upon in November. If you have questions about a previous Agenda or the upcoming Agenda, please refer to the above link or call my office for assistance.

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

GoodLife Fitness Toronto Marathon

The GoodLife Fitness Toronto Marathon, Half Marathon, 5k and Relay are just around the corner. Find great deals on running gear, accessories and much more from over 50 great vendors at the GoodLife Fitness Toronto Marathon Expo!

EXPO - October 17th & 18th, 2008

Where: The Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. West, Toronto
When: Friday October 17th, 10am - 7pm
Saturday October 18th, 9am - 5pm

Pickup your race kit and get great deals on running products from our vendors and sponsors. Talk to renowned author, motivational speaker, and founder of the Running Room John Stanton. Meet your pace bunnies and SpongeBob SquarePants!

RACE DAY - Sunday October 19th, 2008

Marathon: 9am, Mel Lastman Square
Half Marathon: 8am, Mel Lastman Square
Relay: 9:20am, Mel Lastman Square
5K: 8am, Queen's Park

INFORMATION:

Water and Aid Stations:

Are dispersed along the course with Cedar Springs water, lemon-lime Gatorade, and 3 PowerBar Gel flavours - chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry-banana.

Bus Shuttles to Mel Lastman Square (MLS):

Shuttles will depart from the following 3 locations between 6 and 7:30am:

- * Yonge & Eglinton, NE corner
- * Richmond & University, Hilton Hotel
- * Yonge & College, Courtyard Marriott Hotel

Finish Area:

All races finish at Queen's Park and there will be on-site medal engraving!

TO REGISTER:

Please refer to the following website for more information: <http://www.torontomarathon.com/>

Join www.freemyteam.com today and enjoy a complimentary meal at Shoeless Joes. Every marathon participant who achieves a time of 3:30 or less, and every Half Marathoner who achieves a time of 1:45 or less, will receive a complimentary meal at Shoeless Joes.

Live Green Toronto Scavenger Hunt

I am pleased to announce an exciting month long initiative that will encourage Toronto residents to get fit, get active and start walking. As part of the Walking Festival in the month of October we are encouraging residents to participate in the **Live Green Toronto Scavenger Hunt** by visiting one of four event locations around the City and taking a unique tour through one of Toronto's neighbourhoods. This initiative is being undertaken in partnership with the Toronto Public Libraries.

Participants fill in an entry form and answer questions along a directed walk in a particular Toronto neighbourhood. Four random locations were chosen in different parts of the City to give as many residents as possible an opportunity to participate. All walks start and end at a library but meander through a park area where possible.

The deadline to submit entry forms is October 31, 2008. All entrants will have a chance to win one of many exciting prizes including \$100 gift certificates from the Running Room, MP3 players and Live Green Toronto prize packs. Winners will be randomly chosen from completed entries.

More information as well as entry forms can be found on the Live Green Toronto website:

www.livegreentoronto.ca

The **Live Green Toronto Scavenger Hunt** is an initiative of Live Green Toronto, which is designed to engage and inspire all Torontonians in taking action to reduce their carbon footprint, be more energy efficient and combat climate change. The City's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan targets an 80 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050.

Toronto's Deadline for Installing Backflow Prevention Devices is Approaching

On January 1, 2008, Toronto's new Water Supply Bylaw came into effect. The bylaw includes improvements for the protection of Toronto's water distribution system and harmonizes all previously existing bylaws into one.

To comply with the province's Safe Drinking Water Act, the City's new bylaw is enforcing mandatory installation of backflow prevention devices for industrial, commercial and institutional properties and multi-residential properties (five or more units) to prevent chemicals, pollutants, toxic substances, bacteria, pathogens, and non-potable water from entering the city's water supply.

Owner/operators of these types of buildings are legally required to install backflow prevention devices on all connections coming off the City's water distribution line. This is in addition to any other backflow prevention devices installed on individual units within a building.

One of the targets of the new bylaw is eliminating the backflow of potential contaminants into the water supply system. Backflow is the undesired reversal of water flow against normal direction. There are two causes of backflow: backpressure and backsiphonage. Backpressure occurs when the pressure in a private water system is greater than the pressure in the City's water distribution system. If this happens, water from a private water system can force its way into the water distribution system. Backsiphonage occurs when there are dips in pressure in the water distribution system. Common causes for backsiphonage are watermain breaks and water use for firefighting.

Property owners are responsible for hiring certified installers and following the device testing schedule. Prior to beginning installation of backflow prevention devices, a Toronto Building permit must be obtained. For installer requirements: http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_851.pdf

For more information about the Toronto Water Supply Bylaw or to download a copy, visit:

http://www.toronto.ca/water/protecting_quality/backflow_prevention/index.htm

or call our voice mail system **416-394-8888**

or [e-mail:backflow@toronto.ca](mailto:backflow@toronto.ca)

8th Annual Gift Basket Drive for Women's Shelters

This year marks the 8th Annual Gift Basket drive for Women's Shelters. Last holiday season 1,675 gift baskets were delivered to over 30 different shelters throughout Etobicoke, Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, North York, East York and Scarborough. This means that 1,675 women in need received a special gift during the holiday season.

WHAT TO DONATE FOR BASKETS?

They are looking for unused, unopened toiletries, cosmetics, giftware, bath & beauty products or other items appropriate for a gift basket. Donated items are then beautifully wrapped in gift baskets and delivered during the holiday season. Baskets, cellophane, ribbon and basket stuffing are also in need. If you or the company that you work for is able to make a donation or you wish to volunteer your time to create these wonderful gift baskets please contact me or Jodi at the below mentioned email or telephone number.

This year we hope to surpass last year's numbers and our goal this year is 2,000 gift baskets. A gift is a luxury that many of us take for granted during the holiday season but means so much to these women.

To confirm your participation, or to answer any questions you may have regarding this drive, please contact Shelley Porritt or Jodi Binning at H.G. Porritt Real Estate Inc.

416-259-9639 or visit: annualgiftbasketdrive@live.com

Council Highlights - City Council meeting of September 24 and 25, 2008

Council gives green light to Mayor's Tower Renewal

The City is moving forward with the 'Mayor's Tower Renewal' initiative designed to make the city's aging apartment towers greener (energy efficient) and to use this as a catalyst for development to help revitalize communities. The project provides incentives to building owners to make their buildings more energy efficient. For example, wrapping an apartment building with a layer of insulation (a bit like putting on a winter coat) could reduce energy use by 50 per cent or greater, ultimately reducing energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Program participation could allow building owners to add to the buildings on their site, such as commercial or retail space and features that better serve community needs. Revenues generated by that additional space could provide the funds to support the energy efficiency measures. This program would also provide an opportunity for buildings to upgrade their green space and provide improved neighbourhood gathering spaces. Buildings/properties would be able to: live a greener existence by using energy-generating measures, like installing wind or solar power sources; develop green roofs and community gardens; and enact site water conservation measures and better on-site management of waste. Tower renewal would lead to the creation of local green jobs. Four pilot sites have been selected for the project. Additional details are available at <http://www.towerrenewal.ca/>

Joseph Pennachetti confirmed as the new City Manager

Council approved the Mayor's recommendation and appointed Mr. Pennachetti as the new City Manager effective Oct. 6, 2008. The City's Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager replaced Shirley Hoy, who served the City in this capacity for seven years. Mr. Pennachetti joined the City in 2002 and provides 32 years of experience in municipal government, including prior experience as the treasurer and commissioner of finance for Peel and York regions. He holds both a Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business Administration and is a Certified General Accountant. The City's current Treasurer, Cam Weldon, will assume the role of Acting Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager until an executive search for a full-time replacement is concluded.

City to celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2009

Plans to celebrate the city's 175th anniversary, including a major event on Nathan Phillips Square, were approved by Council. The City of Toronto was incorporated on March 6, 1834 and the event on the square will be marked on that same day in 2009. The public celebration will enhance civic pride and raise awareness about city history. The activities will include the creation of a special Toronto song, a book published by the Toronto Archives on city history, and Toronto in Words and Images - an exhibit at the Market Gallery (in the St. Lawrence Market) that marries art with Toronto literature.

City to invest federal funds in youth gang prevention work

Council directed that \$4,932,954 from the Government of Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund be used to support a new pilot program for youth gang prevention. The funding is for a four-year period ending in 2012 to put in place an anti-gang strategy. Building on the City's Community Safety Plan, the new strategy will enhance the City mandate to improve safety and will support work with parents, schools and the community, to provide intervention strategies for neighbourhood youth, increasing the ability of communities to decrease the risk factors that lead youth to join gangs.

Fort York to be revitalized for bicentennial celebration

Council approved plans for the City's Bicentennial Commemoration of the War of 1812 and the transformation of Toronto as an urban centre. The celebrations will be spread throughout 2012 and 2013, and serve as a catalyst to revitalize this national historic site. Fort York is the only authentic fort from the war in Canada, and was the first site of a provincial parliament building. Some of the plans include work to secure funding support for the revitalization from the federal and provincial governments, as well as the private sector through fund-raising. Included in the plans are: a new visitor information centre, a new pedestrian/cycling bridge from Stanley Park over the rail lands to the fort and waterfront, full restoration of the fort buildings and the addition of new exhibits, a heritage trail established noting sites of significance in Toronto during the war, and nomination of the fort as a UNESCO heritage site. The site revitalization will increase the fort's profile as a major tourist destination.

Fiona Crean appointed Toronto's first Ombudsperson

Council unanimously approved Fiona Crean as the City's Ombudsperson, a position required under the City of Toronto Act, 2006. The Toronto Ombudsperson will receive, resolve and investigate public complaints related to the delivery of City services and programs. The service will be accessible to all Torontonians. Ms. Crean starts her work for the City on November 17, 2008 and has extensive Ombudsman experience. She served as the first Ombudsman and Director of Human Rights at York University. Prior to that, she served as Executive Director of the Ontario Ombudsman's Office where she was responsible for investigating and resolving complaints regarding the administration of government. She also served as interim Ombudsman for Ontario. Ms. Crean developed the first employment equity program for the former City of Toronto and worked for a number of years at the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The appointment of the Toronto Ombudsperson rounds out the City's accountability framework and continues the City's leadership in promoting accountability and open government. The City's other accountability positions include the Auditor General, the Integrity Commissioner and the Lobbyist Registrar. All of the accountability positions are independent of the City administration and report to City Council.

Next Toronto City Council Meeting

Toronto City Council

October 29th and 30th, 2008

Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Council Chamber

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2008/agendas/cc.htm>

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