

October 9 2008 Ward e-Update

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

Dear Residents;

I hope that everyone had a great summer and that this Thanksgiving holiday is enjoyed by all. If this *e*-update does not cover a specific Ward or City issue that is important to you, please email me and I will provide you the information you need, and include in the next *e*-update.

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# WARD 5 NEWS & EVENTS

## Update - Roll Out of the New Blue Recycling and Garbage Bins

### BLUE RECYCLING BINS:

The Blue Bins have been delivered to most residents. The City has identified a small number of locations that were missed during the initial rollout and arrangements are in place to deliver these bins before November 1, 2008.

### **To Exchange or obtain Additional Blue Bins:**

The City is currently in the process of cleaning up the backlog of exchanges already requested, and these exchanges/additional bins will be completed by November 1, 2008. If you wish to exchange the bin you have (one free exchange is allowed – following that charges will apply), please call **Target 70 @ 416-338-2010**.

### NEW GARBAGE BINS:

I have been advised that the rollout of the Garbage Bins for your District will be completed in Ward 5 by November 1, 2008 for residents who ordered the **Small, Large, or Extra Large size Garbage Bins only**.

### NOTE:

Due to overwhelming demand for medium sized bins across the Toronto, the City's bin supplier is not able to produce sufficient quantities to meet the demand for the **Medium-size bin** to permit delivery by November 1, 2008. This impacts about 21,000 homes in Etobicoke.

Arrangements have been made for these 21,000 customers to receive temporary **bag tags** to use until their Garbage Bins are delivered. It is anticipated that the medium sized Garbage Bins will be delivered by November 30, 2008. The temporary garbage bag tags (**pink in colour**) will be mailed via Canada Post to residents during the week of October 20, 2008.

The new Solid Waste fees (on your utility bill) will begin for all single-family homes on November 1, 2008. Those who receive their Garbage Bins after this date will not be financially advantaged or disadvantaged in any way.

## Update – Bagged Yard Waste Collection

My office has received a number of calls asking why Bagged Yard Collection (or in open rigid containers) is not being done on a weekly basis this year. Earlier this year in reports to Public Works and Infrastructure and Toronto City Council, Waste Management Staff recommended the change to bi-weekly collection to increase efficiencies and service delivery. In prior years, when Staff picked up yard waste weekly, Departmental trucks were divided and had to be split between two collection 'areas'; often not completing the routes in either area efficiently. This ultimately generated a lot of complaints from people (calling in missed collections for their street/bags left roadside for a week).

As part of the change, Staff have also extended the collection through to early December to allow for an additional collection opportunities. Please look at your calendar for the weeks where curbside bagged (or in rigid open containers) yard waste collection is available

Bi-weekly collection now allows for departmental staff to deploy all leaf collection trucks to one area each week, and completing 100% of the bagged collection for that area.

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

**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
**Time:** 7:30 to 9:00 pm  
**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."

### **West Kingsway Ratepayers Association (WKRA) - Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
**Time:** Social Time 7:15 pm meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 210, 110 Jutland Avenue  
**For more info:** Please email Bill Reynolds at [thewkra@yahoo.ca](mailto:thewkra@yahoo.ca)

"We are pleased to announce that our Ward 5 Councillor, Peter Milczyn, will be attending and providing information regarding Etobicoke-York, Ward 5 and the WKRA area.

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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 for more info at [www.ecifirefly.com](http://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:** Or to register your team information please visit [www.dlhospice.org](http://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.

### **Central Arena Roof Update**

### **Earlington Avenue & Thorndale Road Reconstruction update**

Thorndale Road is scheduled to be paved this week (pending weather) and Earlington Avenue construction and paving should be complete by the week of October 24th.

I have been advised by the Senior Project Engineer, that all work will be complete in early November.

### **Update on the Proposed Retirement Residence at 2800 Bloor Street West (corner of Bloor Street West and The Kingsway)**

Earlier this year, after Planning Staff's Preliminary Report went to Community Council this spring (requesting there be community consultation) an open house to display the Forum Developments Inc. plans, and discuss the scope of the application, was hosted by Planning Staff at the Etobicoke Civic Centre. A Charette with the local community was then arranged and hosted by the Planning Department. Local residents and groups were invited to participate in the Charette. At the morning workshop, about 20 residents, Planners, Architects, Urban Design Staff, the Applicants and myself worked together to comprise a list of concerns, suggest changes that could be made and work together on this application.

Forum Developments has been working over the summer with their architects to make revisions. They are currently in discussion with Planning Staff to review them. Once they have revised plans prepared to submit (and present to the community), a meeting will be hosted with the Charette Working Group, followed by a broader neighbourhood meeting to review the previous submission and changes now being proposed.

After that, Planning Staff will prepare their Final Report to Community Council, where approval of the project will be debated. Your input at the Community Meeting or at Etobicoke York Community Council are most welcome.

At this point the next community meeting for this Application has NOT been scheduled. Plenty of notice will be given, once scheduled. Please watch for future e-updates **and** a flyer which will be circulated to the surrounding area once this meeting is finalized.

If you would like to read the Preliminary Report to Community Council for this application, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ev/bgrd/backgroundfile-10329.pdf>

### **Update on the Old Mill Condominium – 21 Old Mill Road**

This condominium project was approved by Toronto City Council earlier in the year, but at City Council, I requested the approval of an additional community meeting to address site plan and TRCA concerns raised by the Community.

In my previous e-updates and emails, I have advised and anticipated that the next community meeting on this condominium application would be hosted this Fall. I haven't updated you on this project as there hasn't been any new news provided to my office.

I have spoken this week to the Senior Planner with the City of Toronto (handling this application) and have been advised that their department, in cooperation with other City Departments and the TRCA, are working through various aspects of the site plan for this project with the Applicant.

Once their review is completed and a comprehensive presentation / update can be provided to the community, I will host a public meeting (with the Applicant, Planning Staff and the TRCA) to allow all interested parties the opportunity to review the details of this project, prior to site plan approval.

At this point, there is a chance the meeting might be held in early December, but more likely will be held early in the new year. Once scheduled, I will promote via e-updates as well as circulate a notice to the surrounding area.

In the meantime, please call my office if you have questions that have not been answered. Your ongoing input is most welcome.

### **Update on Westwood Theatre Site / Islington Station**

#### **Islington Subway Station**

TTC are finalizing the designs for the construction of the new entrances and TTC bus facilities in the north-east corner of the property. Construction will begin later this year and culminate in demolition of the current bus terminal in late 2010 or early 2011.

The City will be placing the portions of the property fronting on Bloor Street on the open market this fall seeking offers for a major office development. There are almost 4.5 acres available for sale.

#### **Kipling Subway Station**

TTC will begin construction of a new pedestrian subway entrance on the east side of Kipling under the Kipling bridge later this year. GO Transit are finalising designs for the new Kipling Inter-regional Terminal which will facilitate the shift of Mississauga Transit away from Islington station to Kipling station. The project should be finished in late 2010. Several new pedestrian entrances will be built and most bus traffic will be shifted to Dundas Street.

#### **Westwood Theatre Lands**

The City has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province for the sale of a portion of the Westwood Theatre site (the eastern part closest to the Police Station).

The Province would like to build a Provincial Courthouse to serve the western end of the city. The Province will acquire approx. 4 acres of the entire 16 acre site. As part of this agreement the Province is undertaking, at its expense, the preliminary detailed design work for the precise alignment of the road network and services.

This approach is in keeping with the City's plan that the entire development of the infrastructure of the area will be self financing from the proceeds of the land sale. I plan to meet with the Ontario Realty Corporation to discuss the province's interest in the Westwood Lands and discuss how we can work together to enhance their partnership with the City and achieve collective objectives.

At the same time the YMCA is proceeding with their plans, and is participating in this process to determine the precise dimensions of the parcel that they will buy from the City. This phase of the work should be completed early in 2009, and at that point the real estate transactions should commence.

As plans become available, I will ensure that there is community consultation meetings organized. Any comments/input is most welcome.

## **ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

### **NEXT MEETING OF EYCC (Etobicoke York Community Council)**

**Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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>

**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](http://www.toronto.ca/committees/council_profiles/torontowest.htm)

## **CITY COUNCIL NEWS & TORONTO EVENTS**

### **Toronto Walking Festival – October 2008**

You can find out more about walking events in Toronto by clicking on the Walking Festival Calendar. You can browse the various events and activities and make plans to participate in an event in your area. Click [www.toronto.ca/walking](http://www.toronto.ca/walking) to view the calendar.

The City of Toronto is encouraging residents to get out and walk. That's the idea behind the Toronto Walking Festival. It's a program aimed at promoting walking in our community by highlighting walking activities all across the City.

Walking has some obvious health benefits for you and your family. Walking helps improve your overall level of fitness and gives you more energy. Plus, the more we walk, the better it is for our environment. Taking fewer trips by car means less harmful emissions go into our environment which helps improve the quality of the air we breathe.

There are a lot of great reasons to travel by foot. So, get out and walk. You'll be glad you did.

## **Ontario Urban Forest Council (OUFC) - Fall Educational Workshop**

**Date:** October 16, 2008  
**Place:** Toronto Botanical Garden, Toronto  
**For more info:** Further Information: [www.oufc.org](http://www.oufc.org)

### **THE URBAN FOREST - A PLACE TO EVOLVE**

This full-day seminar is being organized by Ontario Urban Forest Council. Urban forest practitioners and researchers share their perspectives on changes in our urban ecosystems, past present and future. How development is changing what lives in our urban forest, and how we are accommodating changes to forest species. An array of forest species will be discussed including trees, wildlife, invasive species and others. How we can best plan for the future with changes to water management, seed collection, and green corridors.

### **TTC News - Arbitrated Settlement Imposes Three-Year Deal**

On April 25, 2008 the TTC's unions failed to ratify a tentative agreement that was reached with TTC management on April 20. At midnight, April 26, 2008 all TTC service ceased as its unions began a legal strike. On Sunday, April 27, the Ontario Legislature convened an emergency session and passed back-to-work legislation, ending the 1½-day strike. The legislation also ordered binding arbitration to resolve the dispute.

The Province then appointed arbitrator Kevin Burkett to draft a binding settlement between the TTC and its three unions. That decision was released this week after several months of deliberation and meetings with TTC management and its unions.

The award matches what was agreed to on April 20, except for a \$0.10 per hour increase for skilled trades workers. The three-year deal will see wage increases of 3% per year when the contract expires March 31, 2011. The cost of the imposed settlement is \$164 million over the life of the contract. The settlement is retroactive to April 1, 2008. The settlement also ensures WSIB top-up of 100% for those workers critically injured or suffer trauma. This was an issue during negotiations and the TTC agreed to 100% top-up in the tentative agreement it had reached with the unions.

The TTC's 2008 and 2009 operating budgets will not be impacted by the increased labour costs, as it will draw from City of Toronto reserves.

### **African-Canadian Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program**

Heritage Skills Development Centre (HSDC) is pleased to announce the launch of the African-Canadian Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program. The program will consist of workshops offered to nurture and teach participants important skills, such as Developing Marketing Plans, Time Management, Communication Skills, Networking for Success, Basic Accounting/Bookkeeping, Business Planning, Business Financing, Computer Applications, and much more.

There will be information sessions on the following dates:

***Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:00am-12:00pm at Scarborough Civic Centre (Enterprise Toronto),  
Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:00am-12:00pm at HSDC's offices at 400 McCowan Road, Ground Floor.  
Wednesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 from 10:00am-12:00pm at Scarborough Civic Centre (Enterprise Toronto).***

For more information, please contact Cyandra Carvalho or Charity Lebeanya by phone at (416) 345-1613 or by email: [heritageyounsters@yahoo.ca](mailto:heritageyounsters@yahoo.ca)

The program will start on November 3, 2008 and end on February 20, 2009. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 25, and have the legal right to work in Canada. The program is sponsored by The Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, while training space is provided by Enterprise Toronto (Scarborough) and

Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) Unit 26.

HSDC is a non-profit organization, established in 1993 with a mission to promote the social, cultural, and economic self-sufficiency and well being of immigrant women and youth, so that they and their families can enjoy and contribute to the opportunities that Canada offers.

### **Video Challenge for Students across Toronto - Launch of GreenSceneZToronto**

The City of Toronto's Environment Office is pleased to announce the launch of **GreenSceneZToronto**, a video challenge designed to give Toronto's youth an opportunity to express their passion for the environment and help inspire Torontonians to live green. **GreenSceneZToronto** is an initiative of Live Green Toronto which is designed to engage and inspire all Torontonians in taking action to reduce energy use and the greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change. The City's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan targets an 80 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050.

**Youth in grades 7 through 12 at Toronto schools are invited to submit their idea for a 30-second 'live green' video on a storyboard; no previous video or filmmaking experience is required.**

**Six winning teams will have the opportunity to work with professional filmmakers at Planet in Focus to turn their great green message into a 30-second video.**

Winning videos will premiere at the 2009 Green Toronto Awards and be featured on the Live Green Toronto website at [www.toronto.ca/livegreen/gscenez\\_index](http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/gscenez_index) for all of Toronto to see.

**The deadline to enter is December 15, 2008**, and details and entry forms are available at [livegreentoronto.ca](http://livegreentoronto.ca). Winners must be available to attend a video production camp during March Break, from March 16 - 20, 2009.

**For More Information**, please contact Nancy Ruscica of the Toronto Environment Office at **416-392-2984**.

### **NEXT TORONTO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Toronto City Council  
October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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