



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 17 to 19, 2005 Council Meeting

• **Portable sign control**

Council approved a new By-law to regulate the design and display of temporary signs. The new permit process with strict guidelines is designed to manage and reduce self-standing A-frame signs and mobile signs on sidewalks, boulevards and private property. Under the new regulations all businesses that install, lease or rent temporary signs must be licensed. The new standards will increase public safety and reduce street-side clutter.

• **Internet hotspot pilot project**

Council approved plans to undertake a test project that will provide a 'wireless hotspot' on Nathan Phillips Square. The hotspot will provide Torontonians with wireless access to the Internet. The pilot project will be conducted on the square commencing this summer.

• **Permits at recreation facilities**

Council approved city-wide harmonized rates for the use of the City's recreation centers, gymnasiums, indoor arena floors etc., as well as for children's use of sports fields. The new rates take effect in January 2006. Most children, youth and seniors will still be able to use recreation facilities for free or at a nominal cost.

• **Garbage disposal contract**

Council decided to renew the City's contract with Wilson Logistics Inc. and Republic Services Inc. for hauling and disposing of Toronto's residual solid waste. The garbage has been trucked to Republic's landfill site in Michigan since January 2003. That arrangement will continue to the end of 2008 under the renewed three-year contract.

• **Guidelines for 2006 budget process**

Council approved guidelines for the preparation of the City's 2006 operating budget and 2006-2010 plan for the capital budget. The guidelines include interim measures required to balance the operating budget. One such step entails using Toronto Hydro as a source of revenues.

• **Regulation of taxicabs and limousines**

Council approved a series of regulations to manage taxi and limousine operations in Toronto. The City will establish a new category of business licence for livery services (luxury limousines) among other measures to improve the standards for limousine operations and to deter direct competition with regular taxis for business.

April 12 to 14, 2005 Council Meeting

• **Identification of City's service districts**

I am please to advise that Council adopted my motion to rename the City's four geographical service districts (currently North, South, East and West) to correspond with the names of the four community councils. As a result, the service districts will be now called Etobicoke York District, North York District, Scarborough District, and Toronto and East York District.

• **Senior staff appointments**

Council appointed three people to the new positions of Deputy City Manager and Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer in a restructured City administration. Fareed Amin and Sue Corke, the two Deputy City Managers, leave positions as Deputy Ministers in the Ontario government in order to join the City. Joseph Pennachetti, the Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer, was already with the City of Toronto in the former position of Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. The restructuring, which took effect April 15, is designed to give the City administration greater public accountability and more flexibility in responding to the changing needs of the city.

• **City's long-term fiscal plan**

Council approved a Long-Term Fiscal Plan designed to guide the City in achieving sustainability through new revenue sources provided by the federal and provincial governments. The fiscal principles and policies will be incorporated into the City's annual budget guidelines.

• **Telecommunications review**

Council decided that the City will undertake a comprehensive review of its use of telecommunications services and technology such as cellular phones, pagers, land lines and internet connectivity. The review, which will identify any opportunities for cost savings is tied in with an effort to improve the City's management of telecommunications contracts.

• **Dispute resolution for By-law enforcement**

Council endorsed a comprehensive By-law compliance program that will introduce a process to resolve disputes in the City's enforcement of By-laws, particularly those involving property standards. The new process is expected to streamline the resolution of such disputes.

• **Poetry in the street project**

The City of Toronto will introduce a Poetry in the Street program as a tribute to Toronto's poets and the broader literary community. Council approved plans for a program that involves inscribing poems written by accomplished Toronto poets into sidewalks at various locations across the city.

Council endorses bid to host 2015 World Expo

Toronto City Council has approved a plan for further exploration and public consultation to determine whether to bid for the 2015 World's Fair.

Toronto has tremendous strengths and we need to find major ways to celebrate those strengths. The World's Fair in Toronto has the potential to create legacies on the waterfront, at the Downsview sites and garner social, cultural, economic and tourism benefits for the City.

In Summer 2004, the Council established a Steering Committee to investigate the viability of Toronto as a potential host for a 2015 World Expo. The committee consists of representatives from the City of Toronto, the federal and provincial government, labour agencies, social advocates, the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation and individuals with experience from former World Expo competitions. I am pleased to be part of this committee.

The estimated cost of Phase 1 (pre-bid) is \$2.1 million, with a portion funded by the City of Toronto and the balance coming from the private sector and the provincial government. The next steps include the implementation of a comprehensive public consultation process. Toronto City Council will then review the master plan in January 2006 to determine whether to proceed with a formal bid.

If you would like further information regarding the Expo bid, please contact my office or the website:

www.city.toronto.on.ca/toronto_international/world_expo.htm



WARD AND CITY EVENTS



Stonegate Festival

Saturday, July 9/05
11 am - 3 pm
Stonegate Plaza
150 Berry Road, Etobicoke

Join Us!

Lots of Fun For The Whole Family
Carnival Games
Midway Rides
Children's Activity Tent
(Children's activity tent sponsored by Stonegate Beer Distribution)
Music & Family Entertainment
(Albanian Dancers, Magician)
And Enjoy The:
Garage Sale
Raffle Prizes, Giveaways & 50/50 Draw
Bake Sale & Bingo
Lots of Food and Refreshments
BBQ
(BBQ sponsored by Etobicoke Beer Distribution)

Proudly Supported By:

ENBRIDGE
Etobicoke Gas Distribution
Stonegate Action Group

TORONTO
City of Toronto Parks and Recreation
City Councillor Peter Pilcyn
Etobicoke Capital Partners (Stonegate Plaza)

GET INVOLVED in the REVITALIZATION of NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE!

DESIGN COMPETITION

For almost 40 years, Nathan Phillips Square has been the City of Toronto's premier square and event venue. Today, it remains Toronto's largest and most used public space.


An international competition this Fall will invite architects, landscape architects, artists, planners, engineers and other professionals to submit design proposals to revitalize the Square's existing facilities in order to enable the delivery of a greater number and variety of events.

Torontonians will have the opportunity to learn more about Nathan Phillips Square and to creatively contribute ideas for its revitalization. Concepts and ideas brought forward during these consultations will contribute to forming the design competition's terms of reference. The public consultations will conclude with a town hall meeting.

CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS!


For more information visit our Web site at <http://toronto.ca/npsquarecompetition/>
e-mail npscomp@toronto.ca
fax 416-392-4828 or write:

Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition
City of Toronto
Facilities and Real Estate Division
2nd Floor, Metro Hall
Toronto ON M5V 3C6



JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD at ETOBICOKE'S CENTENNIAL PARK

Thursday:
5.00 p.m - 11.00 p.m
Friday and Saturday:
Noon - 11.00 p.m
Sunday:
11.00 a.m-11.00 p.m



Brought to you by **BULIS-EYE**



The Islington Mosaic is a heritage murals project celebrating Islington's shared community history and it is a partnership between the Village of Islington BIA, the Heritage Etobicoke Foundation and Toronto Economic Development.

Project organizers would like your input to help decide what should go into a mural being planned for the west wall of 4972 Dundas Street West.

They would like to know what you find interesting and unique about old Islington. If you have fond memories of the area, they want to hear them. If you have old photos, maps or memorabilia, they want to see them.

Mural related events will take place throughout the Summer.

Phone or provide input to: **416-767-7985**
www.villageofislington.com

 **TORONTO CITY HALL**
100 Queen Street West • Suite C51
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
tel: 416-392-4040
fax: 416-392-4127
councillor_milczyn@toronto.ca
www.petermilczyn.com








Peter Milczyn



Dear Residents of Etobicoke-Lakeshore,

My winter Ward 5 newsletter promised you an update which focuses on development in Etobicoke-Lakeshore. This newsletter includes an overview of ongoing projects in our ward, but also has information on upcoming summer events, news on city-wide initiatives and Council highlights, and a summary of the approved 2005 City of Toronto budget.

Development questions to my office range from simple enquiries regarding residential building permits and applications to the Committee of Adjustment for minor variances, to larger District or Avenues studies and applications pertaining to residential condo or commercial development proposals. I strongly encourage community input in the planning process and welcome your participation at community meetings. If there is a development in your neighbourhood you will receive notice of public meetings. Please contact my office if you require updates or details regarding the public process for any projects or developments.

Take the time to read the articles in this update and contact me with your comments or questions. My next newsletter will be circulated to you in early Fall. I welcome your ideas for articles and am happy to promote community events in my newsletters or on my website.

May you have a safe and happy summer!

IN THIS UPDATE

▶ 2005 Budget Highlights

▶ Development in Ward 5

▶ Roof Top Patio By-law

▶ Council Highlights

▶ World Expo 2015 Bid

▶ Summer Events

▶ Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition

2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The impact of the provincial funding cap on cost-shared programs, and increased provincial program costs that the City must contribute to, places an unsustainable financial burden on the City. In 2005, Toronto was faced with an estimated \$72.3 million shortfall.

On March 1, 2005 Council approved the \$7.1 billion operating and \$1.0 billion capital budgets.

The City utilized a number of one-time revenue sources to balance the operating budget, including the selling of the lands at the Ontario Science Centre and selling City-owned power poles to Toronto Hydro. Neither of these transactions is expected to

cost the City by way of lost future revenues.

Key highlights of this year's budget are:

- \$5.7 million investment in new buses and TTC services
- \$12 million in new money for Clean and Beautiful City programs (new beautification initiatives, increase litter picking and improvements to the city's urban forest)
- 3% increase in residential property taxes
- 1.5 % increase in business property taxes
- TTC metropasses have been frozen (although TTC tickets, tokens and cash fares will see an increase)

I firmly believe that the City must continue to work with the provincial and federal

governments to secure new revenue sources. Yet we must prove to Torontonians that Council is managing your tax dollars with the utmost efficiency and internal productivity levels. Through my work as Chair of e-City (implementing the 3-1-1 initiative), on the Planning and Transportation Committee, and on the Budget Advisory Committee, I will continue to press City Council to implement much needed improvements that will increase productivity and efficiency and improve services to the residents of Toronto.

If you have further questions about the budget process or have comments regarding budget allocation, please contact my office or refer to the City's website www.toronto.ca/budget2005/index.htm



TORONTO CITY HALL
100 Queen Street West
Suite C51
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

tel: 416-392-4040
fax: 416-392-4127
councillor_milczyn@toronto.ca
www.petermilczyn.com



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

1 Dundas Street West Avenues Study

The current 50 year old zoning By-laws in Etobicoke-Lakeshore don't provide the adequate direction and controls required to regulate modern development. As demographics, landscapes, functions and uses of communities change, so must the zoning regulations. As part of the new Official Plan, City staff have undertaken a beneficial study to examine and determine how Dundas Street West, between Royal York Road and the Humber River, will continue to be a vibrant and appealing place to live, shop and do business. I fully support this study and believe that this will assist in better managing future development.

The Dundas Avenues Study is currently in the information gathering stage. There have been three meetings to date. Public consultation and community input will continue for the balance of the year.

The information and comments gathered from residents during the consultation process will be compiled with the reports submitted from the planning consultants. This staff report will contain recommendations and guidelines for future design and development in the Dundas Avenue area. This proactive study, which has been successfully undertaken on other Avenues in the City of Toronto, helps to achieve a balanced and forward thinking perspective that will ultimately shape attractive and functional streets for all, for decades to come.

2 5555 Dundas Street West (Honeydale Mall)

3 5559 Dundas West (A&P site)

An application has been received seeking amendments to the Official Plan and Etobicoke Zoning code for a proposed mixed use development at 5555 Dundas Street West. A preliminary report will be submitted to Etobicoke York Community Council and there will be ample opportunity for further input from the Ward on this development. While there is no specific development application received at this time for the A&P site, City Planning has received an application to amend the Official Plan to re-designate this site from Industrial to Mixed Use. A community consultation meeting is anticipated for late Summer or early Fall 2005. I do not support these applications as they drastically deviates from the intended commercial use and zoning.

4 5145 Dundas Street West (Food Basics site)

A site plan application is in process for the first phase of development; a 21-storey building containing 278 dwelling units with commercial uses at grade along Dundas Street West. Unfortunately the developer was unable to convince any of the large grocery chains to locate here.

5 5365 Dundas Street West Road (Canadian Tire site)

The Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments for a development proposal containing 4 high-rise buildings and a mid-rise building, totaling 1,360 dwelling units and 2,660 square metres of

commercial space, was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in February 2005.

6 1, 3 and 5 Michael Power Place

This project is currently in the final phase of development. It contains three condo buildings on the former Michael Power /St. Joseph's site. The last phase of this project was granted site plan approval in April 2005 and includes the 6th, 7th and 8th buildings, having a combined total of 714 dwelling units.

★ Kingsway Park Overbuilding Zoning Review

Planning staff are undertaking a study to examine the potential for revision to the zoning By-law in Kingsway Park. By-law areas that will be reviewed include detached and attached garages, lot additions and maximum lot size. I will host a neighbourhood consultation meeting this Fall when staff reports are available.

7 1 Bell Manor Drive

An eight-unit townhouse development has been approved at this location.

8 105 Six Points

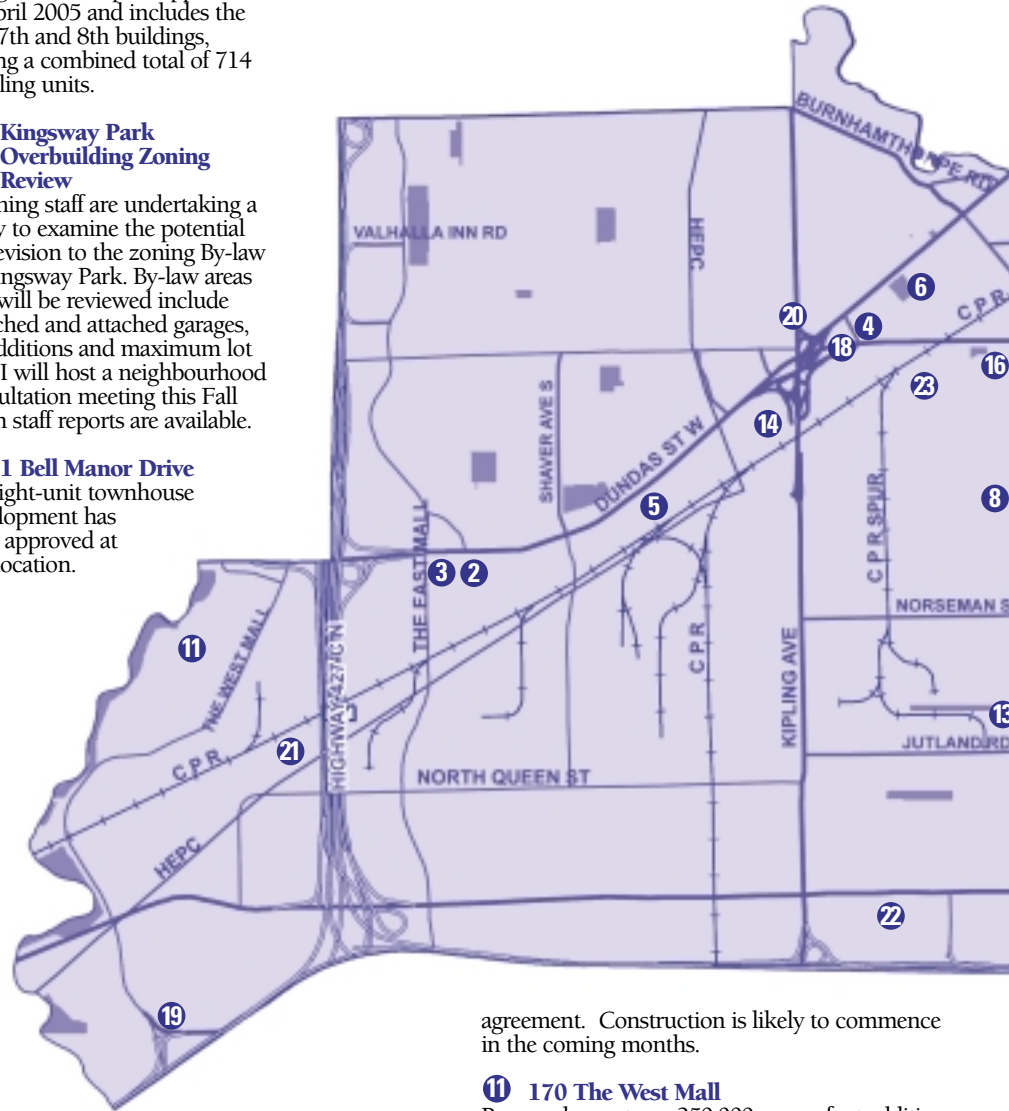
Development of a two-storey office building.

9 82 Daniels

This redevelopment proposal includes six single-family dwellings and a heritage house. This is a very unique infill project for Ward 5, and I am continuing to work with adjacent property owners to address their concerns. The re-zoning was approved in March 2005, subject to conditions. It is currently undergoing review for site plan control and a heritage easement agreement. Construction is expected to commence later this year.

10 515 Royal York

A redevelopment proposal at this location contains six semi-detached dwelling units, four townhouse units and the retention of the heritage building (Royal Canadian Legion). Rezoning was approved in February 2005. The application is currently undergoing review for site plan control and a heritage easement



agreement. Construction is likely to commence in the coming months.

11 170 The West Mall

Proposed one-storey 250,000 square foot addition to the A&P food warehouse has been applied for. Site plan was approved by Etobicoke York Community Council in December 2004. Planning Staff are awaiting revisions to be submitted prior to granting final approval.

12 975 The Queensway (former Canadian Tire site)

The Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments for a development proposal containing 74 townhouse units was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on February 4, 2005. The OMB order on the site plan and conditions of site plan approval was issued on March 21, 2005.

**13 1020 Islington Avenue
(Hy and Zels site)**

An application has been received for two restaurant pad buildings at this location. Staff is currently reviewing this application for site plan approval.

16 3391 Bloor Street West

The Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments for a development proposal containing a 6 storey building with an 11 storey corner feature (including a commercial component) was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in July 2004. The OMB granted site plan approval in February 2005.

22 1061 The Queensway

You may remember this site as the old G.H. Wood property on the south side of The Queensway, between St. Lawrence Avenue and Zorra Street.

This 17.2 acre property was recently purchased by Sobeys. They have entered discussions with the City and intend to build a new full-size grocery store, some additional small-scale retail stores along with a residential component on the balance of the property. Sobeys has indicated that they plan to keep the grocery store at Kipling Queensway Mall open, but as a discount grocery store.

The zoning By-law allows for buildings of 9 storeys along The Queensway and up to 18 storeys closer to the QEW. The Queensway Avenue Study, which was approved in 2003, also contemplated this type of mixed-use development.

A community meeting to provide you with information about the proposal and the opportunity to comment on the plans submitted, will be arranged in early Fall.

23 2 Fieldway Road

The former Bell building was recently purchased for conversion to residential condominiums with underground parking. The developer hosted a community open house in the Spring to show their preliminary plans and obtain comments and feedback from the neighbourhood. I will keep the residents in the area advised of any future meetings hosted by the City or the Developer regarding this project. An application has not yet been received.

• Etobicoke Centre Community Improvement Plan

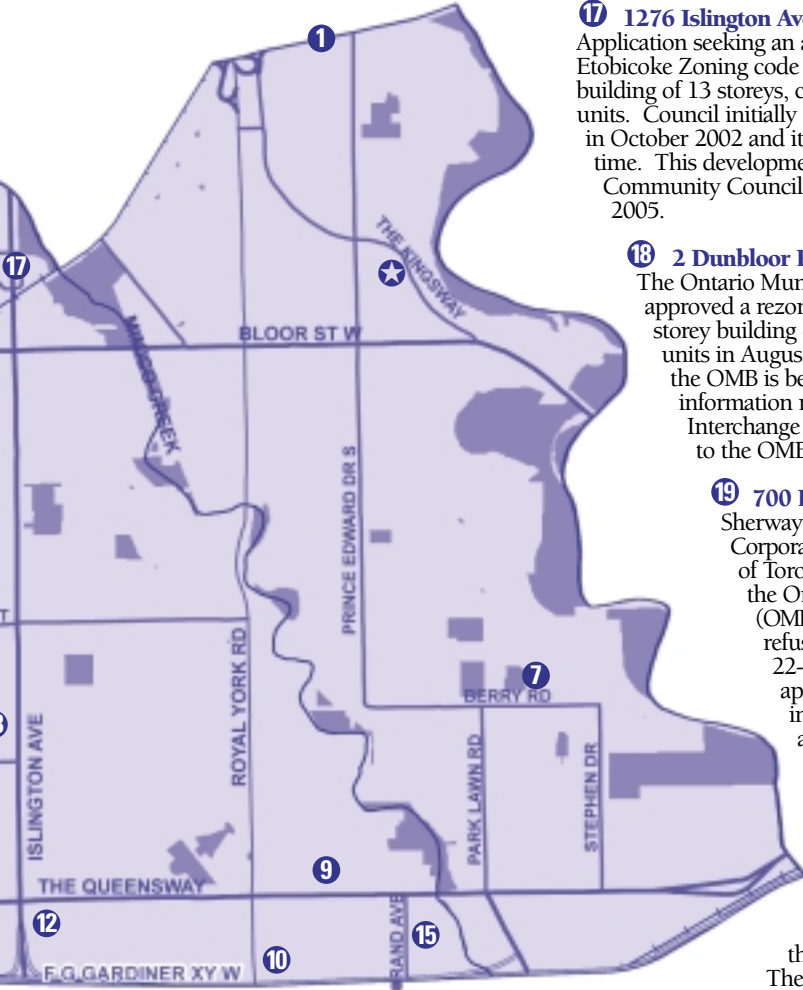
In April 2005 Council endorsed the Terms of Reference for the Etobicoke Centre Community Improvement Plan (CIP). Currently staff are engaging the various City departments and agencies to develop the plan. Additional consultation with the local Steering Committee and the community will be held in the Fall.

• West District Study, Kipling-Islington Bus Study, Six Points Interchange, Westwood Theatre site

These are a combination of comprehensive ongoing studies in Ward 5 that must be independently completed prior to City Council making any decisions. Each continues to be reviewed and I plan to participate in their ongoing evolution. Community input and involvement is critical to each of these studies.

Resulting from prior community consultation, various options for the reconfiguration of the Six Points interchange are being reviewed. I hope to receive a report with Staff's recommendations and preferred reconfigure option by the end of the year. I will have a community meeting once this update is received from staff.

The TTC is also continuing with their studies on the improvements to the Kipling and Islington TTC sites, and will also be submitting a report before the end of the year.



17 1276 Islington Avenue

Application seeking an amendment to the Etobicoke Zoning code for second high-rise building of 13 storeys, containing 118 dwelling units. Council initially considered the application in October 2002 and it was deferred at that time. This development was approved by Community Council and Council in May 2005.

18 2 Dunbloor Road

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approved a rezoning application for a 26 storey building containing 356 dwelling units in August 2004. The decision of the OMB is being withheld until further information respecting the Six Points Interchange Study has been provided to the OMB.

19 700 Evans Avenue

Sherway Gate Development Corporation appealed the decision of Toronto City Council to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). In March 2005, Council refused their application on a 22-17 vote, which included approximately \$1,000,000 in community benefits. The application proposed 990 dwelling units, in four separate condominium apartment buildings ranging in height from 19 to 32 storeys, adjacent to Sherway Gardens. The OMB hearing was held during the week of May 16, 2005.

Their decision, rendered last month, upheld the City's Official Plan and the Sherway Secondary Plan and approved the development.

20 977-981 Kipling Avenue

In August 2004 the Ontario Municipal Board approved in principle the Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments to permit a townhouse development, without a specific unit count. The decision of the OMB is subject to the developer, St. Andrew's Lane Inc., preparing and entering into a site plan agreement with the City for the proposed townhouse development.

21 98 Index Road

Pleasant View Holdings has appealed the decision of Council to the OMB to permit a development consisting of retail units having a gross floor area of 13,564 square metres. No hearing date has been set at this time.

**14 10 St. Albans Road
(Tridel site)**

The second phase of this development is currently seeking site plan approval for two residential condominium towers, consisting of 29 storeys and 26 storeys (totalling 686 dwelling units). It is anticipated it will be granted approval by City Planning this month.

15 266 Dalesford Road

Application seeking an amendment to the Etobicoke Zoning code for a proposed 3-unit townhouse development. A community meeting was held in March 2005. Final public meeting to approve rezoning to allow townhouse units occurred on May 31, 2005 at Community Council. In light of the community's concerns, the end unit was lowered in height to increase sightlines for abutting homeowners.

On June 16, 2004 the TTC approved, in principle, the concept for the relocation of Mississauga Transit (MT) from Islington to Kipling station including the reconfiguration of TTC commuter parking and passenger pick up and drop off facilities at Kipling Station. In addition, the Commission approved that in consultation with the City of Toronto, City of Mississauga and MT, to continue to develop concepts for the redevelopment of the Islington Bus Terminal lands.

TTC plans to continue to participate in the Six Points Interchange Study and West District Design Initiative being led by City of Toronto staff; and has reiterated their possible interest in a portion of the Westwood Theatre property for commuter parking.

ROOF TOP PATIO STUDY

Zoning By-laws must be periodically reviewed and updated to reflect the evolving needs and concerns of the community. Roof top patios are a key example of an area where review was necessary. Prior to my motion to implement an interim control By-law on Bloor Street in May 2004, there were no restrictions whatsoever in the former Etobicoke with respect to a restaurants' ability to erect a roof top patio. The absence of restrictions left residents in the immediate vicinity of Bloor Street 'unprotected' in a number of ways.

An advanced approach that addresses minimum setbacks from residential properties, patio size, noise and acoustical restrictions, and inclusion of performance standards were extensively reviewed and ultimately became part of the new zoning By-law that was approved by Council last month. The study area on Bloor Street extends from Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Road/Thompson Avenue. The new By-law currently applies to this area only. I have requested that Staff continue this study and report on extending the By-law to include all parts of the former Etobicoke.

A few area residents have appealed the new By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). I will keep Ward 5 apprised of the OMB decision and on the broader study when it is reported to Community Council.

KINGSWAY BIA SUMMER EVENTS

Taste of the Kingsway Festival
September 9th and 10th
Friday 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For the 8th consecutive year, the BIA is proud to present the Taste of the Kingsway Festival on Bloor Street (from Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Road).

Please attend this food and entertainment extravaganza.

Montgomery's Inn Strawberry

Tea
July 1
1 - 4:30 p.m.

Bread Fresh baked brown or white...\$2.00	Menu Fancy Sodelech Plate...\$4.00
Silent Auction Get your Canada Day gifts here!	Fresh Strawberries, Whipped Cream and Shortcake...\$4.00
Proceeds to restore our 1800 bake oven.	Cup of Tea...\$2.00

4707 Dundas Street West 416.394.8123

HUMBER BAY TREATMENT PLANT

The Humber Treatment Plant is one of four sewage treatment plants operated by Toronto Works Department. A Neighbourhood Liaison Committee has been formed to provide interested residents and businesses the opportunity to discuss plant issues with City Works staff. The Committee discusses all issues relating to community consultation, odour concerns and general plant operations.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Join your local treatment plant's Neighbourhood Liaison Committee (NLC). Being an NLC member means giving input on issues related to the plant which could affect the community, such as proposed changes to the plant or site. The NLC meets when needed and local residents can attend any time...so come on down!

If you would like to join the Humber Treatment Plant Neighbourhood Liaison Committee (NLC) or be removed from the mailing list, contact:
Nancy Martins
Public Consultation Unit, City of Toronto
55 John St., 19th Floor, Toronto ON M5V 3C6
Tel: 416-392-4390 Fax: 416-392-2974 TTY: 416-397-0831
Email: nmartin@toronto.ca



2005 Watch Your Speed Program

TRAILER LOCATIONS IN WARD 5

- Week of August 8
Mervyn Avenue
- Week of September 19
Fieldway road
- Week of October 31
Mattice Avenue

TO REPORT ODOUR PROBLEMS:

416-392-2380 (during business hours)
416-392-2389 (24 hour voicemail)