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Testing out all the new playground equipment with local residents at Bell Manor Park - June 23



My thanks to Enbridge for their ongoing commitment to community services. We all enjoyed serving the hundreds of residents who joined us to celebrate the opening of Bell Manor Park

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED

Don't forget to register to receive
monthly Ward 5 e-updates

Each month receive Ward 5 news...information on local events...Toronto City Council highlights...community meeting notices...and more !

**Email me today at councillor_milczyn@toronto.ca
and indicate you would like to be added to the group list**

(Please include name and address. All personal information is kept confidential)

Getting things done in Etobicoke - Lakeshore

TORONTO SUMMER EVENTS

Summerlicious

Prix Fixe Restaurant Promotion
Take advantage of prix fixe offers at 130 of Toronto's finest restaurants!
The prix fixe menus are available at lunch and dinner at unbelievable price points!
www.toronto.ca/special_events/summerlicious
Summerlicious kicks off on July 6th and runs until July 22nd

Toronto Grand Prix

July 6, 7 and 8th

Fresh Wednesdays

Live Music and Fresh Farmers' Market **FREE!**
July 11th - August 22nd
Wednesday is a great day to visit Nathan Phillips Square during the summer months!
Fresh Wednesdays feature the Farmers'

Market offering an incredible selection of fresh flowers, fruits, vegetables, baked goods and more from Ontario farmers. The market is complemented by the addition of live music.

Tasty Thursdays

Noon Hour Concerts and Delicious Food **FREE!**
July 12th - August 23rd
Tasty Thursdays is an entertainment series in the heart of the city that combines delicious food at great prices and free noon-hour concerts. Each week a selection of Toronto restaurants will serve up international cuisine at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall. The menu ranges from BBQ to noodles and stir fry to fresh salads. This series also features six weeks of diverse concerts by well-known Toronto musicians.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche

An All-Night Contemporary Art Thing
Saturday, September 29th 7:03 pm to sunrise
For one sleepless night Toronto will be transformed by artists. The familiar will be discarded and Toronto will become the artistic play ground for a series of exhilarating contemporary art experiences. A complete website is under construction while event details are being confirmed.

The EX

Marks the Spot for FUN! www.TheEx.com
Canadian National Exhibition runs from August 17th - September 3rd

For information on any City events please check out Toronto's website at: www.toronto.ca/special_events or phone 416-395-0490

WARD 5 SUMMER EVENTS

Councillor Milczyn's Environment Day

September 8th 10am - 2pm
Etobicoke Civic Centre (behind 2 Civic Center Court)

Taste of the Kingsway

For the 10th consecutive year, The Kingsway BIA is proud to present: "The 2007 Taste of The Kingsway Festival" September 7th and 8th

This Annual Fall Festival, held along Bloor Street West (from Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Road), is a food and entertainment extravaganza with plenty of fun activities for everyone. With over 30 Kingsway Restaurants serving delicious samples of International Cuisines, they are also having:

- A Beer and Wine Garden
- Fashion Show
- A fabulous Dog Show
- Auto Show
- Dancing Heads (karaoke for the entire soul)
- Harvest Market, Artisans and Crafters Pavilions
- Clowns, Face Painters
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Misting Tent
- Merchant Demonstrations
- Community Exhibits
- The Grandest of Stages with featured performers
- Midway and so much more...



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAYS

What can you do at the 2007 Community Environment Day?

<p>Purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apartment Recycling Box (\$4) • Recycling Box (\$6) • Backyard Composter (\$15) • Yard Waste Bin (\$7) • Green Bin (\$18) • Kitchen Composter (\$5) • Indoor Water Efficiency Kit (\$15) • Rain Barrel (\$70) <p>Pick up for FREE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling boxes (with proof of new residency in the last 90 days or in exchange for a storage box) • Leaf compost • Rain gauges 	<p>Donate for reuse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art supplies (e.g. pencils, markers, crayons) • Battered • Clippings • CDs and cassettes • Children's books • Corks and cork boards • Costume jewelry including brooks/old watches • Dress-up clothing (e.g. costumes, party dresses, uniforms) • Fabric pieces, yarn • Keys • Sporting goods (e.g. skates, hockey helmets and jerseys) <p>Drop off for recycling or proper disposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Phones • Computers and other electronics • Household Hazardous Waste (cleaning supplies and solvents, motor oil, paint, batteries, old/unused medication, mercury thermometers/thermostats, pesticides, etc.) • Inkjet and Laser Printer Cartridges • Plastic shopping bags* • Polystyrene * • Used tires (off the rim, limit of 5) <p><small>*Note: no other plastic items accepted.</small></p> <p>More items to donate for reuse: <small>(please keep separate from others)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Medical equipment in good condition (e.g. eyeglasses, wheelchairs and walking aids, hearing aids) • Non-perishable foods • Small household items (e.g. dishes, ornaments) • Textiles in good condition (e.g. clothing, linens) <p><small>Please note that all donated items are for Goodwill only.</small></p>
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Summer 2007



DEAR RESIDENTS OF ETOBICOKE-LAKESHORE,

Please take time to read your Ward 5 Summer Newsletter. There have been many changes at City Hall since the Fall election. Thank you to all who take the time to email, call or write me and keep me informed of your concerns and questions. All comments, whether positive or negative, are appreciated.

Over the coming term, I plan to implement many of the local improvements which I envision for our community, or have them well on their way to completion. As I have communicated to you over my past two terms as your local City Councillor, I do have a vision for Etobicoke. I continue to fight to ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely, to cut taxes at City Hall while not compromising services and to reduce the spending at City hall as reductions are within reach. Unfortunately, my vote is just one on City Council and currently the majority of Council members do not share this position. I voted against the new garbage. I did not support the Councillors salary raise. I do not support most of the newly proposed revenue tools or taxes. I stand behind my voting record.

In this coming term, I will be active as Vice-Chair of the Planning and Growth Standing Committee and a Commissioner of the TTC. The following is a list of the other Boards and Committees that I am a member of. If you have questions about any of these Committees or Boards, please forward them to me.

- Etobicoke York Community Council
- Art Gallery of Ontario, Board of Trustees
- Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel
- Heritage Etobicoke Foundation
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- 3-1-1 Council Staff Working Group & Toronto's e-City Committee
- Kingsway (The) Business Improvement Area Board of Management
- Village of Islington Business Improvement Area, Board of Management
- Montgomery's Inn Museum Management Board

I encourage you to stay in touch with me and provide your feedback on what you see happening in Etobicoke and in the City. Please sign up to receive my monthly e-updates if you have email. If you do not have email, take the time to call my office and request that a printed copy be mailed to you each month.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday season with your friends and family.



I was very proud to participate in the Dorothy Ley Hospice Palliative Care Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 12

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LAMBTON KINGSWAY OUTDOOR ICE PAD

I am happy to advise that I have been able to secure the necessary funds for the Lambton Kingsway rink capital project, and rebuild this community ice pad this year. I look forward to the re-opening of the rink this winter. Unfortunately due to a mechanical breakdown of the equipment, Parks was forced to close the rink for the 2006 season. Parks and Recreation had projected in their long term planning a full rebuild of this rink in 2008, but the mechanical problems last winter put the wheels in motion to get this work advanced. The estimated cost of the work to be completed is \$450,000.00.

2007 PRELIMINARY TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

Each year I meet with the Director of Transportation Services to discuss which streets in Ward 5 require resurfacing, new sidewalks etc., and have attempted to get many of them on the short-term or long-term capital improvement plans. This year's preliminary report on streets in Ward 5, on the 2007 plan, are:

- Berry Road Reconstruction (Park Lawn to Prince Edward Drive)
- Craik Road Resurfacing (Strath Avenue to The Kingsway)
- Hyland Avenue Resurfacing (Strath Avenue to The Kingsway)
- McClinchy Avenue Resurfacing (Hyland Avenue to Government Road)
- Mellor Road Resurfacing (Strath Avenue to The Kingsway)
- Strath Avenue Resurfacing (Government Road to Prince Edward Drive North)
- Stephen Drive Resurfacing and/or Reconstruction (The Queensway to North end of street)
- Royal York Road Major Road Reconstruction (Norseman Street to Mimico Creek)
- The Kingsway new Sidewalks (Wendover to Prince Edward and Usher to Government)

Many other Ward 5 streets are currently on the five-year capital plan, and I will continue to monitor their advancement as well as respond to the needs of the community as new requests come into my office. I am aware that some streets experience deterioration when construction occurs in your neighbourhood (as there is an increase in construction vehicle volume), and I will monitor those streets and do my best to have these streets added to the capital improvement list. I have already been informed by Works and Water and Wastewater, that a project to

reconstruct road/watermain work is planned for Thorndale Avenue and Earlington Avenue in Spring 2008.

ROYAL YORK ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM NORSEMAN STREET to FRANKWOOD ROAD Monday, June 4, 2007 to Monday, July 30, 2007

Construction work for the Reconstruction of Royal York Road – Phase 7 from Delroy Drive to Norseman Street is well underway with watermain, storm and sanitary sewer installation taking place on Royal York Road. In order to properly carry out road reconstruction work for Royal York Road in a safe, quick and efficient manner, the Technical Services and Transportation Services Divisions of the City of Toronto as the Road Authority plan to temporarily close Royal York Road to southbound traffic from Norseman Street to Frankwood Road for a minimum eight week period starting Monday, June 4, 2007. The traffic restriction is necessary to safely construct the new sanitary sewer and services, new watermain and services, new storm sewer, roadway and catchbasins in an efficient manner and to provide protection for all pedestrians, vehicles and construction crews. If work proceeds well, the road will be reopened to normal traffic before 8 weeks time. If inclement weather delays construction work, the closure may be longer.

TEMPORARY TTC BUS DIVERSION

76 ROYAL YORK SOUTH and 15 EVANS BUS ROUTES June 4 to August 2007

Transportation Services is continuing with its storm sewer and roadway reconstruction project of Royal York Road. Work is presently being conducted south of Bloor Street between Norseman Street and Delroy Drive.

To expedite the completion of this contract, beginning on Monday, June 4, 2007, work within this section of Royal York Road required the closure of the southbound lane of traffic. As a result of this lane closure, southbound TTC buses are being diverted around the construction zone as noted below. Northbound buses on Royal York Road will maintain regular routing.

City staff advises that southbound bus service can resume regular routing in August 2007 or as soon as the road allowance is suitable for bus operation.

During the massive project to reconstruct Royal York Road from the Gardiner Expressway to

Dundas Street West, the City has had to close Royal York Road in one direction on a few other instances. In previous closures, TTC diversion routes were implemented onto Thompson Avenue, Glenroy Avenue and The Kingsway. In each of these cases, I thank the residents on these streets for their cooperation and understanding. I assure you that the City and the TTC take safety of road users and pedestrians seriously during diversions and monitor the routes carefully.

SOUTHBOUND TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES:

TTC #76 ROYAL YORK SOUTH and #15 EVANS routes are being diverted via:

- **Norseman Street:** one way westbound from Royal York Road to Chartwell Road
- **Chartwell Road:** one way southbound from Norseman Street to Edgcroft Road
- **Edgcroft Road:** one way eastbound from Chartwell Road to Bentley Drive
- **Bentley Drive:** one way southbound from Edgcroft Road to Uno Drive
- **Uno Drive:** one way east/south from Bentley Drive to Frankwood Road
- **Frankwood Road:** one way eastbound from Uno Drive to Royal York Road

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

Construction enquires can be made by contacting City of Toronto - Transportation Services at (416) 392-8285

WARD COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS 1 VALHALLA INN ROAD CONDOMINIUM PROPOSAL

A Community Consultation meeting was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 in order to give local residents a chance to view the condominium proposal for this location and provide input on the application submitted to the City Planning Department for 1 Valhalla Inn Road. The property in question is located in the northwest area of the Ward, bounded by Valhalla Inn Road, Gibbs Road, The East Mall and Highway No. 427. The property is currently occupied by the Valhalla Inn hotel. The development proposal is to permit three residential apartment condominium buildings having 985 dwelling units. The building heights proposed are: one 22-storey building (northeast area of the site), one 25-storey building (northwest area of the site) and one 29-storey building (southwest area of the site). The buildings will have podiums/bases ranging from 3 to 9 storeys. I have concerns with this proposal, and at the very least it has to be reduced.



HOME SMITH PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

On June 19, 2007 I held a meeting with area residents to discuss the entrance gates and road refurbishing plans in Home Smith Park (south of Dundas St. West and west of the Humber River). This meeting was advertised by a door to door flyer delivered a few weeks prior to area west of the Humber towards Prince Edward Drive.

City Staff have allocated \$350,000 in the 2007 Capital Budget for the refurbishing of the roadway through Home Smith Park. Some area residents have contacted my office over the past year, requesting that the road be closed to vehicular traffic. Knowing this, I requested that Staff put this project on hold to allow me time to meet with residents and review how to provide the best access to the park, for all users.

About a dozen residents attended the meeting and the consensus of the group was that the road should remain open and improvements should proceed. City staff will now be instructed to proceed with their capital improvements. Residents did identify a few other 'improvements', which I am currently pursuing. They are:

1. Garbage cans should have larger openings to accommodate waste – reduce the problem of garbage being piled beside bins
2. Trees should be pruned to increase light to the park
3. Improved signage to indicate one way road
4. Road needs to be 'named' and signed for clarity – Parks Department currently refer to it as Humber Valley Boulevard

Thank you to all residents who provided input on this local matter.

4187 DUNDAS STREET WEST DUNPAR APPEAL TO OMB

The development proposal at this location on the southeast corner of Prince Edward Drive and Dundas Street West, for a 10-Storey condominium, was appealed directly to the OMB by the developer in January. Etobicoke York Community Council had agreed to 'settle' for an eight storey building (seven storeys of living with an eighth floor amenity floor) when the Staff report on this development proposal was before them seeking direction on how to proceed at the OMB. I was able to debate this further at Toronto City Council and overturned this settlement. The development proposed will be fought at the OMB.

I, along with the residents' association KRAPP (Kingsway Residents Against Poor Planning), their membership, and the City Planning Department feel that the Bylaws recently adopted as part of the Dundas Avenues Study should be upheld. The Study approved and endorses a five story height limit (six floors of living space if community benefits are received). Since the Dundas Avenues Study was only approved last fall, I believe that the wishes of the community and those that participated in this study should be fought for at the OMB.

The following three dates have been scheduled at the OMB. The mediation session occurred in June, and no decision was made or agreed upon by the parties. I will keep residents in this area informed as this matter proceeds and we move towards the hearing date later this year.

- June 14/07 - OMB mediation
- July 24 and 25/07 - OMB Motions regarding procedural matters
- November 26 to December 7/07 - OMB hearing

WESTWOOD THEATRE LANDS and SIX POINTS INTERCHANGE

One of the key local initiatives that I have been working on over the last few years has been the proper use of City owned lands in the Islington and Six Points areas. The City owns 23 acres of land that currently provide no real community benefits, no amenities, no jobs, and no assessment revenue. With the catalyst of attracting private investment, the City will move forward on implementing a Vision for this community.

The key initiatives already approved in the area are:

- Declaration as 'surplus' of the Islington Subway Station property, allowing for redevelopment of the site including a new public square at the north-west corner of Bloor and Islington
- Sale of approx. 1.5 acres of land to SNC-Lavalin for the construction of a new office building of up to 350,000 square feet at Islington Subway
- Relocation of all Mississauga Transit busses from Islington to Kipling Station by 2010, with elimination of Mississauga bus routes on portions of Bloor and Burnhamthorpe
- New pedestrian entrances to Kipling Subway Station

Undertakings that I continue to work on:

- Development concept for the Westwood Theatre lands, including a large park and community facility
- Continued negotiations with the YMCA of Greater Toronto on their proposal to construct a new major recreational facility on the Westwood site
- Changes to the Six Points interchange to make it more pedestrian friendly, and to improve vehicular accessibility and streetscape enhancements that will work with the proposed improvements to Westwood Theatre
- Implementation of a property tax incentive system to encourage office and large scale commercial development in the Etobicoke City Centre
- I continue to meet with grocery store operators in an attempt to secure a new store in the area by promoting tax incentives and the potential availability of City land for this purpose.

There will be one more community meeting, scheduled likely in late September, to gather additional comments and update the Ward.

Please watch for future e-updates from my office, or Community Notices, which will advise you of the meeting date, time and location.

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please note that ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL DOES NOT MEET BETWEEN THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED ON

June 26 and September 3, 2007

Agendas and Staff Reports are circulated to my office the week prior to the meeting. Once received, I am happy to forward any Staff Reports which interest you or provide additional information on agenda items. If you wish to be kept informed on particular developments or City applications, please make sure you register with the Clerks office indicating your interest in a specific item, application or issue. They will then advise you of when reports on that Item are being included on a Community Council agenda.

If you sign up to receive my monthly e-updates, I do send out summaries of key agenda items being debated at Community Council.

If you would like more information on how to register to be a deputant, or to submit a written deputation for an Agenda item, please contact the Etobicoke York Community Council: Ms. Glenda Jagai, Committee Administrator City Clerk's Office, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, ON, M9C 2Y2 • 416-394-8101 • tcc@toronto.ca

RAPID TRANSIT PLAN TO BENEFIT ETOBICOKE

On June 15, I attended the Provincial Government's press conference to announce a \$17.5 billion rapid transit action plan for the Greater Toronto area. Starting in 2008, 902 kilometres of new or improved rapid transit will be built, with completion by 2020. This work includes:

- Dundas Street West Light Rail Transit from Kipling station to Hurontario Street
- The extension of the Yonge Street subway line to Highway 7
- Increasing speed and reducing emissions by electrifying the GO Lakeshore line and expanding capacity on all GO lines
- Toronto's Transit City vision for light rail across the City
- Expanded express bus service across Highway 407

I have been pushing for a TTC extension of the Bloor line westward to the East Mall and Mississauga for some time. The end result of this new plan is reduced gridlock, reduced congestion and noise from the MT (Mississauga Transit) busses, and improvements to our environment. My priority has been to advance the cause of subway extension westwards. The proposed LRT link to Mississauga might achieve many of the same goals at a fraction of the cost.



DOG AND CAT LICENCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Dog and cat owners can now license their pets from home, following the successful launch of e-pet, the fourth in a series of City services to be offered online. E-pet helps pet owners comply with Toronto's pet licensing bylaw, which states all dogs and cats in the City must be licensed annually with Toronto Animal Services. The money received from pet licenses allows Toronto Animal Services to return lost pets; rescue, feed, sterilize and shelter stray animals; teach children about animal safety; and keep our neighbourhoods safe for people and pets. To get a new license for your cat or dog, or to renew an existing license, please visit www.toronto.ca/epet, or call 416-338-PETS (7387)

ONE-STOP ACCESS TO A RANGE OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES!

Through a partnership between Service Canada, ServiceOntario, and the City, residents now have access to a range of government services and information offered by all three levels of governments. Employment insurance, pension benefits, birth registrations and marriage licenses or information on various government programs are all available at this 'one-stop' service stop located in the main lobby at Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

INSPECTORS HELP LANDLORDS PROTECT THE VULNERABLE FROM EXTREME HEAT

Toronto Public Health inspectors will go door-to-door this summer to visit apartment buildings with high populations of seniors to help landlords understand the effects of extreme heat on vulnerable people. The inspectors will provide property managers and landlords with information on developing plans to protect residents who are at risk during Heat Alerts and Extreme Heat Alerts called by the Medical Officer of Health. This initiative is part of the City of Toronto Hot Weather Response Plan.

For information on the Response Plan please view Toronto's webpage link: www.toronto.ca/health/beatheat

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

The City of Toronto is improving the development application review process for property owners, developers and builders. The goal: to make it faster and easier for applicants. A staff team is focusing on improving and harmonizing the various processes and policies involved amongst the City divisions

relating to applications, engineering reviews and building permits. Some improvements, to date, include revamping the City's "Developing - Toronto" webpage and an online fee calculator that provides applicants with an estimate of all the fees upfront rather than at the various stages of the process.

Please Visit: www.toronto.ca/developing-toronto

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT (C OF A)

The C of A is an 'arms length governmental body' that reviews and makes decisions on local applications to the City for minor variances. Toronto City Council has appointed a Committee of Adjustment consisting of local citizen members for each of the four community council areas. They regularly hold public hearings to consider local applications for minor variances, permission and consents.

It is my policy to not get involved in the decision process, but have occasionally when I feel that collectively the variances are NOT minor in nature. Residents residing within 60m of the applicant's property are notified of the application and can attend or write directly to the C of A, stating their support or opposition. If you wish for me to be kept informed of your concerns on C of A applications, please cc me on your correspondence to the C of A.

Decisions of the C of A can be appealed to the OMB by the applicant, or by residents opposing the decision. For more information on the Etobicoke-York Committee of Adjustment please see the following City link: www.toronto.ca/planning/comm_adj

WASTE DIVERSION / GARBAGE COLLECTION LEVY

The Mayor's plan for waste diversion is a good plan to reduce waste to landfill, however the financial aspects of it in my view were such that I voted against its implementation. While the plan is promoted as a User-Pay plan in reality there would be no tax-reduction. There would be an increase in collection costs, a penalty for those that throw out more than 1.5 bags of garbage every two weeks, and half of all property owners would be subsidizing the garbage pick-up of the other half of the city (regardless of how little garbage they personally would put out).

City Council approved the Plan anyway at its meeting on June 20/07. It will begin to be implemented on or about July 1, 2008 with Etobicoke likely being the first part of the City with the new bins. There may yet be an opportunity to fix the financial unfairness of the scheme although I believe that unlikely.

For more information on the 70% diversion goals and how it will effect you as a taxpayer, please reference the following weblink: www.toronto.ca/garbage/seventy/index

LOBBYIST REGISTRY AT CITY HALL

Council debated and voted on implementing a Lobbyist Registry at City Hall at their February 5, 6th Council meeting. As a member of the working group that drafted the guidelines, I support this registry although I do feel that tighter guidelines should be pursued in the future with respect to unions. The report approved by the Executive Committee in January, and its recommendations, will ensure there is public disclosure of lobbying activity and establish standards of conduct for lobbyists.

I believe that a registry is important to the integrity of City government decision-making. All persons meeting with me for purposes of doing business with the City currently must sign-in and register when arriving for their meeting. Details of Council's decision on this item will be posted on the following link after the next meeting of Council: www.toronto.ca/lobbying/index

NOMINATE DESERVING ETOBICOKE VOLUNTEERS

Nominations for the 2007 Annual Community Service Volunteer Awards in Toronto are now open. The nomination deadline is August 31. The City of Toronto wants to show their appreciation for local residents who are making a noteworthy contribution to local communities through their work as volunteers.

Anyone can nominate a friend or colleague, who lives in Toronto, for recognition at an awards ceremony that will be held at City Hall later this year. Volunteers play a vital role in local communities' well-being and in Toronto's overall quality of life. They also help to motivate and provide leadership for other volunteers.

Making a nomination simply involves describing how a resident's volunteer work has benefited the community. The nomination form, information about eligibility, and criteria for the 2007 Community Service Volunteer Awards are available on the City's website at: www.toronto.ca/volunteer_awards

The nomination form is also included in brochures that are available at libraries, civic centres and community centres throughout the City.

Don't waste time – nominate someone from Ward 5 now!